



VOLUNTEERING AS A MEANS OF EDUCATION

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Abstract. What we consider an effective means of teaching values is volunteering. These values are to be thought to the children of all ages within their family and within the classes they attend in school. This is an extra-school activity that we use to reach specific educational objectives with our students. Since volunteering is based on performing various activities by one's own choice and without expecting benefits, especially material ones, our students are shown how small gestures from their part can mean the world to the needy. Thus, they learn active social involvement, responsibility, empathy and humanity. Moreover, communication in all instances and decision-making are two very important transversal competences that the modern business world is looking for in an employee. According to Ms Davidescu, who developed a research on volunteering, it is highly important, and necessary, to prepare the youth for this activity on a multitude of levels/ plans, including information, development of competence and raising awareness in order to stimulate empathy. Thus, volunteering has become a domain in itself and an educational goal at the same time. It is required by the modern approaches to citizenship and personal development as a result/consequence of globalization. The aim is mutual understanding and support for everyone's welfare and wellbeing.

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