

**International conference**  
**“Volunteerism – Avenue for Social Transformation”**

**United Nations Office at Geneva**  
Palais des Nations  
Room XII

Wednesday June 20

**10.00 – 10.45 – Opening Ceremony.**

Welcoming speeches of guests of honour:

- Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, *Under-Secretary-General, Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva*
- Olga V. Zubkova, *Chairman of the Conference organizing committee / Chairman of the Perm Center of Volunteerism*
- Datuk Ab. Rahim bin Md. Noor, *Secretary General of Ministry of Higher Education Malaysia (tbc)*
- Tatiana I. Margolina, *Ombudsman in the Perm region, Russia*

Moderated by David A. Chikvaidze, *Chairman of the UNOG Cultural Committee / Chief Librarian at United Nation*

**10.45 – 11.00 – Coffee break.**

**11.00 – 12.00 – Plenary, session 1. “Variety of voluntary practices”.**

Global Volunteerism across Disciplines as a Catalyst for Youth Development – *Michael Teoh, Co-Founder of Thriving Talents - Malaysia, Malaysia*

Volunteering - service as a personal life strategy – *Pavel Besspalenko, director, Department of Youth Affairs of Belgorod Region, Russia*

The development of motivation and self-interest - the basis of volunteerism – *Tatiana Margolina, Ombudsman in the Perm region, Russia*

Empowering young people through volunteer work : participation, dynamics and non-formal education – *Vladimir Schwager, Co-President of the Swiss National Youth Council, Switzerland*

**12.00 – 13.00 – Panel discussion.**

**13.00 – 14.00 – Lunch.**

**14.00 – 15.30 – Plenary, session 2. “Infrastructure of volunteerism in the modern world”..**

The role of volunteer centres in social transformation – *Gabriella Civico, Director of the European Volunteer Centre (CEV), Belgium*

Human resources services of Volunteers development, Lipetsk region – *Olga Goloschapova, Devision head of Ombudsman machinery in Lipetsk region, Russia*

Voluntary and youth involvement in modeling municipality policy in Latvia – *Eridiana Oļehnoviča, Senior researcher/Project manager, Alise Griķe, Project manager, Viktorija Kozlovskā, Master student, Daugavpils University, Latvia*

The role of Volunteer involving Organizations in Society – *Jean Bastide, President of France Benevolat, France*

Geneva - birthplace of major humanitarian organizations. Development of fertile crossbreeding with voluntary services – *Lola Sasson, President of Geneva center of volunteerism, Switzerland*

**15.30 – 16.30 – Panel discussion.**

Thursday June 21

**10.00 – 11.30 – Plenary, session 3. “Volunteerism in educational process”.**

Volunteerism as a factor for the development of youth social activity at educational institutions - *Anton Ryazanov, Trainer, Municipal educational establishment of independent supplementary education “Children and Youth Center of October district” the city of Kirov, Russia*

Linking knowledge with needs through a global hands-on educational approach – *Nazir Sunderji, Senior Advisor, ICVolunteers, Switzerland*

Training of students of the Department of Social Pedagogy to involve youth in volunteerism – *Lubov Metlyakova, Deputy dean of the Department of Social Pedagogy of Perm State Pedagogical University, Russia*

Empowering student volunteerism: Malaysian case study – *Datuk Abdul Rahim Md. Noor, The hon. Secretary general of the Ministry of higher education of Malaysia, Malaysia*

Youth volunteer fire group – technology, experience and development prospects – *Alexey Kuzmin, Director, Regional centre of the youth policy, Russia*

**11.30 – 11.45 – Coffee break**

**11.45 – 12.45 – Panel discussion.**

**12.45 – 14.00 – Lunch.**

**14.00 – 15.00 – Plenary, session 4. “Drawing into volunteerism, as a mechanism of socialization and vocational guidance”.**

Inclusive volunteering - pathway to social inclusion - *Lejla Šehić Relić, Executive director of Volunteer Centre Osijek, Croatia*

Creation and realization of bank of possibilities of rural youth - *Olga Samsonenko, Director, Department on Youth Affairs of Novosibirsk district of Novosibirsk region, Russia*

Technologies of socialization of young disabled through volunteerism – *Varvara Alikina, Alexandra Zaslavskaya, Volunteers of Perm Center of Volunteerism Development, Russia*

Volunteerism and social partnership - aid for children in difficult life situation: experience of Victoria Children Foundation - *Maria Pomogaeva, Programme manager, Victoria Children Foundation, Russia*

**15.00 – 16.30 – Panel discussion.**