



Northwest Territories Executive Council

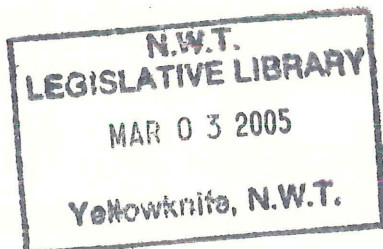
## Government of the Northwest Territories Declaration on Volunteering

**The Government of the Northwest Territories:**

- Recognizes that helping others is a shared tradition of northerners regardless of their cultural background.
- Values, respects and appreciates the contribution of all volunteers and voluntary organizations to improving social, economic, cultural and environmental conditions in the NWT; advocating for marginalized or under-represented individuals, groups and causes; and providing services to meet local needs.
- Acknowledges the contributions of volunteers and voluntary organizations to the quality of life in the NWT through their role in encouraging citizen participation and advocating for social justice.
- Recognizes the importance of open, informed and sustained dialogue with the NWT voluntary sector in all its diversity.

**Therefore, the Government of the Northwest Territories through this Volunteer Declaration commits to working with volunteers and voluntary organizations in the NWT to:**

1. Honour and support NWT volunteers and voluntary organizations.
2. Engage in open, informed and sustained dialogue.
3. Work with organizations that represent the diversity of the voluntary sector, population and geographic regions of the NWT, to implement programs that support the voluntary sector such as the NWT Volunteer Support Initiative (VSI).
4. Support implementation of the VSI.
5. Establish linkages with other levels of government and the business sector to facilitate and support the work of volunteers and voluntary organizations.
6. Identify a GNWT Minister responsible for addressing voluntary sector issues and accounting for the NWT VSI.



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