

International Volunteer Day 2024, Theme, History, Importance

June 10, 2025 • vajiramandravi.com



International Volunteer Day 2024 also known as IVD, celebrated on 5th December marks the 38th Anniversary. This day was introduced by the United Nations to recognise the invaluable contributions for Economic and Social Development globally. International Volunteer Day 2024 is the day to appreciate the transformative effects of volunteerism in resolving the global challenges and establish sustainability at local, national, and international levels.

International Volunteer Day 2024

Volunteers are the backbone of a developing nation, International Volunteer Day 2024 is celebrated globally on 5th December each year, a global celebration of contribution and dedication of the volunteers worldwide. For this year, International Volunteer Day 2024 Theme is "Recognize volunteers' contributions to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals". This day was established by the United Nations General Assembly in 1985.

International Volunteer Day 2024 Theme

The International Volunteer Day 2024 Theme is “Recognise Volunteers’ Contributions to Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals”. This theme highlights the important role that volunteers play in helping to achieve the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Below we have mentioned the International Volunteer Day Theme for previous 10 years:

International Volunteer Day 2024 Theme		
S.no	Year	Theme
1	2024	Recognize volunteers’ contributions to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals
2	2023	The power of collective action: if everyone did.
3	2022	Solidarity through volunteering.
4	2021	Volunteer now for our common future.
5	2020	Together we can through volunteering.
6	2019	Volunteer for an inclusive future.
7	2018	Volunteers build resilient communities.
8	2017	Volunteers act first. Here. Everywhere.
9	2016	Global applause – give volunteers a hand.
10	2015	Your world is changing. Are you? Volunteer!
11	2014	Make change happen, volunteer!

International Volunteer Day 2024 History

International Volunteer Day 2024 has its roots in the United Nations, which has a long history of promoting volunteerism:

1. **1985:** The UN General Assembly adopts resolution 40/212, which is established as International Volunteer Day 2024 on December 5 for Economic and Social Development.
2. **1990s:** The United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme is established to support and promote volunteerism globally.
3. **2001:** The International Year of Volunteers was launched by the UN to raise awareness about the importance of Volunteerism.
4. **2002:** The UN General Assembly adopts resolution 57/106, which designates December 5th as International Volunteer Day (IVD) and encourages governments, organizations, and individuals to observe the day.
5. **2010s:** IVD becomes an annual event, celebrated on December 5th, to recognize the contributions of volunteers worldwide.

International Volunteer Day 2024 Impact

International Volunteer Day (IVD) is celebrated on December 5th each year to recognize the contributions of volunteers worldwide. The day is an opportunity to raise awareness about the importance of volunteerism. Below mentioned are the International Volunteer Day 2024 Impacts:

1. Raises awareness about the importance of volunteerism
2. Promotes social inclusion and diversity
3. Contributes to economic growth and development
4. Supports environmental sustainability and conservation
5. Provide networking opportunities and build connections

Check more about: [World Soil Day 2024](#)

International Volunteer Day 2024 Secretary-General Message

The International Volunteer Day 2024 Secretary-General Message for Economic and Social of Development 5 December 2024:

“The task of building a better world belongs to all people. On International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development, we honour the women and men who devote their time, energy and skills to make our world a healthier, more peaceful and humane place for all.

Whether responding to natural disasters, supporting communities in conflict or working to eradicate poverty, the selflessness and courage of volunteers shine through. And we are reminded that even the smallest acts have the power to change lives.

Our own United Nations Volunteers work to advance peace, justice and equality in 169 countries across the globe. Volunteers embody the best of humanity. On this important day, let’s draw inspiration from their example, and resolve to do our part to help shape a better world for all.”

Ways to Celebrate International Volunteer Day 2024

1. **Go for volunteering:** Look for opportunities to volunteer in your local community. You can look up for organizations or events that need volunteers.

2. **Share your story:** If you're a volunteer, share your experiences and the impact you've made on social media using hashtags trending today.
 3. **Thank a volunteer:** Express gratitude to volunteers who have made a difference in your life or community.
 4. **Donate to a cause:** Consider donating to organizations that rely on volunteers to deliver their services.
-

Source: <https://vajiramandravi.com/current-affairs/international-volunteer-day-2024/>

© Vajiram & Ravi. For personal use only.