



National Foundation
for Communal Harmony

VOLUNTEERS FOR PEACE & HARMONY (V for Peace-n-Harmony)

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India is known for its diverse culture, languages and religions. No other country perhaps can claim to have such a multifarious range of religions, faiths, languages and ethnicity. Communities adhering to different faiths generally live in peace and harmony from time immemorial.

At times, the peace and harmony gets disturbed due to misunderstandings, myths, stereotypes or prejudices amongst different communities. To remove such misunderstandings by undertaking various extension activities for promoting peace and harmony, the National Foundation for Communal Harmony (NFCH) was set up in 1992 as an autonomous body with the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India. NFCH also provides financial assistance to children affected by communal, caste, ethnic or terrorist violence.

To join the noble cause being pursued by NFCH, a number of people have approached the Foundation to work as volunteers. To provide a platform to all such volunteers and increase the outreach of the Foundation, a network of Volunteers for Peace & Harmony (V for Peace-n-Harmony), has been established.

Inspiration to set up a network of Volunteers emanated mainly from the Gandhian concept of '*Shanti Sena*' – peace brigade - that played a significant role in creating the atmosphere of peace and harmony.

The launch of V for Peace-n-Harmony in 2011 coincides with the 10th anniversary of International Year of Volunteers (IYV) being celebrated by the United Nations.

Objectives

To have a national network of volunteers who would:

- Act as facilitators / change agents for promoting social harmony when peace and social cohesion between communities is disturbed, as well as during peaceful times for inclusive development
- Spread awareness on peace and harmony in their respective communities and neighborhoods.
- Strengthen the sense of unity in diversity amongst citizens of the country
- Take active participation in the Communal Harmony Campaign Week observed by NFCH from 19th-25th of November every year in the country.

Suggested Activities

- Promote participation of people from different faiths in each other's family, social, cultural, religious functions & festivals
- Organize interfaith dialogue or meetings, arrange sports or recreational activities involving representatives from different faiths
- Help secluded individuals / families belonging to any community or religion living in small number in any locality, village, *mohalla*, colony, etc.
- Organize cultural programs or seminars / workshops or *Kavi sammelans* / *Mushairas* or debates or painting / essay competitions or screening films / videos or any other innovative activity for promoting peace and harmony.

At least one activity per month should be performed and reported in June and December every year, unless of a very special / urgent nature. May like to form peace-n-harmony clubs or *Sadbhavana* clubs, etc. where substantial number of volunteers can interact.

Who can join?

Any citizen of India who believes in peace, non-violence and in the concept of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam (whole world is one single family) can be a volunteer with NFCH. Volunteers already associated with NSS, NYKS, NYC, NCC, Civil Defence and students in schools/colleges/universities and corporate, CSOs, RWAs, *Sadbhavana* clubs, Mohalla committees, Cordiality committees, District integration committees, District peace committees, etc. are encouraged to join as Volunteers while maintaining their other organizational identity. The minimum age to be a Volunteer is 15 years. The minimum educational qualification to become a volunteer is class 10th. A volunteer is expected to possess the following qualities: love for people of the country, positive attitude, aptitude for knowledge / skill

sharing. To mark entry as a volunteer a person is expected to coin a slogan or provide a constructive / creative idea for peace and harmony (application form enclosed).

On becoming a volunteer

By being a volunteer for peace and harmony means joining hands with a reputed national organization that has a vision to make India free from communal or any other form of violence and strengthening national integration. Brief profile of volunteers would be provided on the website of NFCH.

The volunteer would be getting an opportunity to exercise skills of conflict resolution, leadership, initiative and peace activism which will come handy in his / her future career. He / she will be working through collaborative social action for our shared security, peace and prosperity.

Besides providing mental satisfaction, the experience of working as a volunteer would add credence to the resume of the volunteer. In addition, the volunteer will get to know about different religions and faiths being practiced in the country.

Recognition

A certificate or a volunteer card would be issued to the volunteers after an annual review of their work by NFCH.

So Please Join Us

To promote love, peace, harmony and integration

Partners:





National Foundation for Communal Harmony
Application Form for Volunteering for Peace & Harmony

Please complete and return this form to:

Secretary, National Foundation for Communal Harmony (NFCH)
9TH Floor, C-Wing, Lok Nayak Bhawan, Khan Market, New Delhi -110003

or email the applications to: nfch@mha.gov.in

Personal Details:

Name: _____	(Paste latest photograph here)
Current Address: _____	
Permanent Address: _____	
Tel No(s) _____ Email _____	
Date of Birth (DD/MM/YY) _____	
Gender: Male Female	

Educational Qualifications:

Please give details of educational background (most recent)

Course	Year	Institution/School	University

Work / Volunteer Experience (if any):

Please give details of your work experience (starting from the most recent)

Organization	Period		Job Description
	From	To	

Why do you want to join the network of volunteers with NFCH?

Slogan or Idea(s) for promoting peace & harmony:

Reference:

Please provide name and address of at least one referee (who should be a person you have worked with or studied under). Attestation of the form by Principal of school, college, institution or Head of organization would facilitate early registration / enrolment*.

Full Name _____

Address _____

Tel No _____ E-mail _____

Declaration:

I hereby declare that the information furnished by me is correct and nothing has been concealed. I further declare that I have not indulged in any unlawful activity.

Signature

Date:

Name:

- Registration / enrolment to be done by a Committee at NFCH.