



THINKING IS GOOD  
DOING is BETTER

## The DIY Volunteering Guide to Being A Doer

Big change begins with small, hands-on action. Pick an activity, gather your community, and turn good intentions into visible impact.

### WATER CONSERVATION

#### Let Every Drop Count

Build simple rooftop or balcony rainwater harvesting systems using drums or storage tanks. Help neighbours adopt practical water conservation solutions at home.



#### Make Conservation Water-tight

Help schools and residential buildings identify leaking taps, tank overflows and excess water usage. Create water conservation signages using repurposed materials.



#### Transform Grey as the New Blue

Conduct training in respective community to reuse greywater for gardening and cleaning.



# GREENING & BIODIVERSITY

## Plant & Protect

Plant native saplings in schools, housing societies or public spaces. Help them thrive through regular watering, mulching and simple tree guards made from repurposed materials.



## Sow a Great Idea

Create seed balls using clay, compost and native seeds. Distribute them in barren spaces before monsoons to encourage easy, community-led greening initiatives. Great for kids & beginners.



## Bring Home a Garden

Volunteer to train communities to transform balcony spaces into herb and microgreen gardens using recycled planters, homemade compost, and eco-friendly gardening techniques.



## Grow Local, Grow Strong

Volunteer with communities, schools, or NGOs to promote urban gardening through workshops, community farming drives, and food-growing initiatives for underserved groups.



## Bee Friendly with Nature

Volunteer to support local biodiversity by helping create pollinator-friendly spaces with nectar-rich plants for bees and butterflies, while promoting pesticide-free practices.



## Map The Life Around You

Explore your neighbourhood's flora and fauna either offline using printed sheets or with online apps like OpenStreetMap & iNaturalist. Every observation helps strengthen biodiversity awareness & urban conservation efforts.



## Build A Better Nest

Create simple nesting dispensers using dry grass, twigs, and reused mesh bags. Help urban birds find safe, natural materials during nesting season.



## Make a Seed Capital Investment

Save the seeds from kitchen scraps like tomatoes, capsicum, etc. or local plants. Exchange them within your community. A small step towards greener homes and richer biodiversity.



# WASTE REDUCTION & CIRCULARITY

## Let Sustainability Begin with Me

Volunteer to promote sustainable living by encouraging composting, sharing simple zero-waste kitchen habits, and helping neighbours adopt low-waste lifestyles that reduce landfill waste and inspire communities.



## Make a Clean Sweep

Join clean-up drives at beaches, parks, lakesides or neighbourhood spaces using reusable gloves and cloth bags. Encourage community awareness through waste audit and waste segregation posters.



## Give Scraps a Second Life

Volunteer with NGOs or self-help groups to turn old T-shirts into bags, bottles into planters, and scrap materials into useful everyday products with creative reuse ideas.



## Charge that E-Waste Collection

Organise e-waste collection drives in offices or housing societies, spread awareness on safe disposal practices, and coordinate pickups through authorised recycling partners.



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## Fix it. Don't ditch it.

Host simple repair workshops for clothes, appliances, or furniture. Help communities rediscover the value of repairing before replacing.



## Help Paper Turn A New Page

Turn one-side-used office paper into handmade notebooks for students. Reduce paper waste while creating something useful for classrooms that need it most.



## Borrow a bag. Save a planet

Set up a cloth bag library at local stores or society gates. Encourage people to borrow, return, and avoid single-use plastic bags.



## Put Plastic Under The Scanner

Survey nearby shops to understand local plastic usage and encourage practical alternatives. Awareness is often the first step towards reducing unnecessary plastic waste.



# CLIMATE & SUSTAINABILITY AWARENESS

## Spread the Good Word

Conduct engaging sustainability sessions in schools and communities using handmade charts, recycled models, games and quizzes to promote waste reduction and energy conservation.



## Make Sustainability Go Viral

Create posters, social posts, and infographics that simplify environmental action. Share open-source campaign materials that communities and NGOs can freely use and adapt.



## Nature Lessons, Handmade

Create simple flashcards using scrap cardboard, featuring local birds, trees, and animals. Help schools make environmental learning more engaging and accessible for children.



## Make Events Go Green

Volunteer to make community events plastic-free, low-waste and energy-conscious by setting up refill stations, compost bins and reusable cloth signage solutions.



## Let Your Voice Drive Change

Record climate and environmental books for visually impaired learners. Help make sustainability knowledge more accessible through the power of audio storytelling.



## Start An Eco Challenge

Run simple community challenges like no-plastic weeks or low-energy months. Small collective actions can build lasting sustainable habits across neighbourhoods and schools.



## Show. Don't just tell.

Demonstrate DIY alternatives like natural cleaners, soaps, or reusable bags. Inspire people to adopt practical, plastic-free habits through simple hands-on examples.



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