

DRCY TOOL – DEPLOYMENT OF DANISH VOLUNTEERS (Youth Leaders)

Youth leaders are young full-time volunteers assigned to support a specific activity, project, or the youth work in a National Society for a longer period of time. The youth leaders will typically be deployed in a local branch for 6 to 8 months. Here they will work in teams consisting of two Danish youth leaders and two youth leaders from the national society.

Before the youth leaders begin their project work, they will participate in a Youth Leader Training Seminar conducted by Danish Red Cross Youth in Denmark. At the seminar, youth leaders are trained in core principles and gain a solid understanding of project management tools and attend workshops on group dynamics and intercultural cooperation.

Having youth leaders is a strong way to ensure youth-to-youth engagement and learning. The youth leaders take on responsibilities and projects on their own, where they can work to inspire and engage even more youth. In this way, youth leaders work as role models for other youth, who can mirror themselves in the youth leaders and gain motivation and inspiration to develop their own capacities and projects.

CASE

DRCY has conducted youth leaders exchanges in Malawi, Zimbabwe, Uganda, Jordan and Palestine. In Malawi, four teams of youth leaders have supported the youth work. The support from the youth leaders has among other things resulted in the development of a number of key documents. Moreover, the youth leaders played a key role in the conduction of the first National Youth Camp and in the training numerous peer facilitators in Life Skills. Many of the Malawian youth leaders have taken on key roles in Malawian Red Cross Society on both staff and volunteer side after their deployment.

About Danish Red Cross Youth

The Danish Red Cross Youth is Denmark's largest humanitarian youth organization with more than 10.000 children and young people participating in our activities. We have more than two decades of pioneering experience in developing youth engagement, implementing trainings of youth and strengthening leadership skills for young RC/RC volunteers.