

East and West in Harmony

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Aims & Target Group

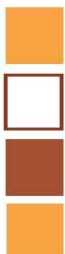
Aims: This project, now drawn to a close, aimed to increase public awareness of *Living in Harmony* values through a visible contribution to volunteer services by young people from a diverse range of cultural backgrounds.

Project Description & Components

- Recruited around 170 young people, mainly from Chinese backgrounds, as volunteers
- Trained them to senior first aid level through the Australian Red Cross
- Coordinated their attendance in a volunteer first aid capacity at around 360 public functions, such as:
 - sporting events (netball, football, polo, jet ski, horse trials etc)
 - community events
 - school competitions
- Promoted the volunteers as "Ambassadors" for the ethnic community, and role models for other groups
- Promoted as serving and being part of the wider Australian community

Outcomes

- Attracted more than double the number of young people as volunteers that it had hoped for
- Was able to provide first aid at many more venues than had been anticipated
- Received letters of appreciation of the first aid workers and their "cheerful smiling faces", and the overall intention to enhance cohesion in Australia





Challenges & Obstacles

Funding

Living in Harmony Community Grants 1999 Victoria \$58,500 Awarded

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