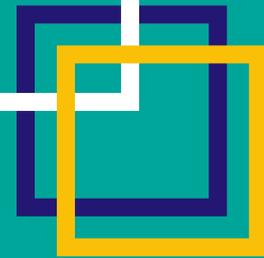




STUDENT VOLUNTEER ARMY

2019 ANNUAL REPORT





SVA FOUNDATION

A word from Sam

Kia ora koutou,

I love what volunteering gives us — a chance to learn, to grow, to connect and to help others. This year has been one of growth for all parts of SVA and I'm glad to report our two core entities, the SVA Foundation and SVA Club, have never been in a better place.

This year the SVAa Foundation launched a national framework for volunteering called the **'SVA Service Award'** into 130 secondary schools across New Zealand. Students matrix their volunteering to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and produce a 'Summary of Service' to assist them in their career. We again continued to operate our famous **SVA Schools** programme in 1000 classrooms, piloted a youth mental health volunteering programme and hosted our first international student group for a week-long **SVA Camp**. On campus at UC, the **SVA Club's** incredible 30 student executive leaders did alumni proud by amassing 3300 members and delivering a diverse range of projects including an important response to the 15th of March attacks, a staggering **52 projects in total**.



It is terrific to have been able to support the launch of the Bachelor of Youth and Community Leadership at UC. This is in part inspired by the work of the SVA, which looks to assist more students to understand, critically reflect and pursue civic activities. Recent research from Scotland provides robust support for the argument that volunteering is an essential factor in making a healthier and more inclusive society. **Over half of the SVA Service Award volunteering contributes to health and wellbeing with hundreds of projects focused on social connection, loneliness and mental wellbeing.** New research this year reminded us that the more disadvantaged a person is the greater the contribution of volunteering is likely to be to their health and wellbeing. I'm proud SVA is playing its part in this space.

As we head towards our 10th Anniversary, I want to thank you sincerely for your support and ask that you mark your calendar for a major celebration in February 2021. **Finally, if you are in a position to support the work of SVA, I would love to talk with you.** We are a small charity experiencing major growth (again!) and would love your help to bring our projects to the schools near you.

Kia tūao, e tū ki te ao - Be a volunteer, stand up in the world

Sam Johnson
Founder and Executive Director
SVA Foundation

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SVA CLUB

SVA Club President's note

Kia ora koutou,

This year the Student Volunteer Army was gifted a motto in Te Reo by the UC Māori Development Team: *Kia tūao, e tū ki te ao* — Be a volunteer, stand up in the world. In a year defined by the tragic shootings of March 15, New Zealand experienced once more how **volunteering can empower people to 'stand up' and help others in their time of need**, whether through volunteering time, resources or a sympathetic ear. It is with this motto in mind that the UC-SVA has approached an extremely busy 2019.

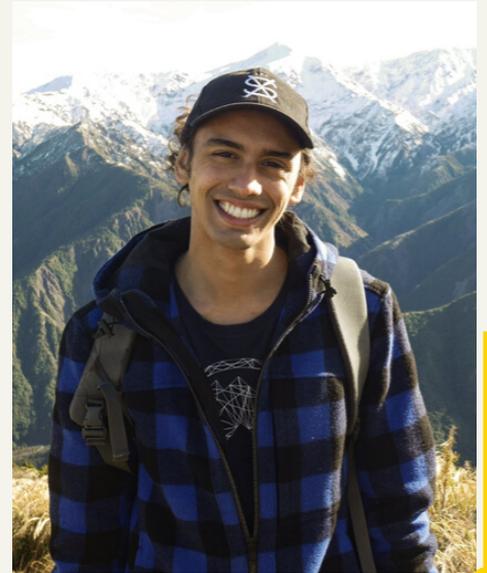
In total we have had **51 projects with over 900 of our members** joining us to volunteer. Our large events showed the SVA's continued capacity to mobilise students en masse to create a large-scale impact. The **Platoons** projects continued to be the heart and soul of the club and provide our volunteers opportunities to **consistently contribute to different communities**, and the UCan Programme continued to **inspire young leaders in Christchurch** to volunteer and help others. Most importantly, our response to the March 15 shootings demonstrated our ability to respond rapidly and appropriately to the most pressing needs of our community, and empower others to do the same.

As the SVA nears its **10-year anniversary, the club is as strong as ever**. We continue to build on what was achieved by those before us, and provide opportunities for students to volunteer and make diverse tangible differences in communities across the South Island. I wish all the best for the 2020 Executive. With their blend of experience, talent, and passion for helping others, I know they will make a lasting contribution to the legacy of the SVA.

Sincerely,

Sati Ravichandiren

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2019 UC SVA President



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"Activate, support and inspire young people to mobilise as citizens and connect with their community through volunteering."

PROJECT

OUTCOMES

Produce and distribute teaching resources to 1000 primary school teachers each year that mobilise classrooms

Primary students become life long volunteers and know how to build a team to achieve a community outcome

Operate and scale the SVA Service Award to incentivise students to grow their volunteering employability skills

Secondary students leverage volunteering for their career and understand the connection between volunteering and employability

Support the SVA Club to increase the number of UC students meaningfully engaged in volunteering

UC SVA members are connected to the city and community through impactful volunteering

The SVA movement is helping create a pipeline of future volunteers to support communities of Aotearoa





OUR IMPACT In Numbers

SVA Schools - primary programme



96,000

primary students
engaged in SVA
Schools to date



32,000

primary students
mobilised in 2019



1,000

teachers enabling
their students



7%

of primary
students
participating

SVA Service Award - secondary programme



57,000

pins to be awarded
in 2020



13,239

actions towards UN
Sustainable
Development Goals
(SDG's) logged



130

schools
participating in
SVA Service Award

SVA Club - tertiary programme



3,320

members of UCSVA
in 2019



4,441

volunteer hours in
2019 at SVA Club



52

student led
projects



SVA SCHOOLS

Primary School Teaching Resource



SVA Schools is a specialist resource kit that supports primary school teachers to mobilise their classroom to learn about volunteering.

Matrixed to the New Zealand curriculum, students are guided to find a project, build a team, create and execute a plan, and then share what they learned.



104,000

STUDENTS

3,000

TEACHERS

72 hours

UNTIL KITS ARE SOLD OUT AFTER
TEACHER REGISTRATIONS OPEN

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Special thanks to: **Citycare Group** 



Opotiki Primary - Bay of Plenty

"Students, parents and teachers from Room 2 walked to Te Ngaio to plant Pingao and Spinifex. This has been our SVA project for 2 years. Every year the children are able to see where past pupils have planted and the great progress previous plantings have made. Students went in their small groups with their parent helper. Another successful year of planting our dunes, protecting our environment, learning some history of our area and having fun!"



St Bernadette's School - Lower Hutt

"Our new entrant & Year 1 class planned a 'Duck Day.' The children are concerned about the litter in the creek on Naenae Park where the ducklings are & also worried about the safety of the ducks near the road. They have written to the Principal to explain our plan and are building little huts for the ducks to nest in. Thanks SVA for including our littlies."





SVA SERVICE AWARD

A National Framework for Volunteering

A nationwide framework to measure, incentivise, reward and deepen the volunteer-based relationship secondary school students have with their community. Students LOG their volunteer hours, EARN SVA Service Award pins, BUILD a Summary of Service, and USE it to help in job interviews, scholarships and tertiary applications.



66

GOLD PINS

73

SILVER PINS

205

BRONZE PINS

2,085

MEMBER PINS

31,682

HOURS VOLUNTEERING

In partnership with Carers New Zealand, we are proud to support 'Young Carers' by recognising the mahi aroha (work of the heart) of students who care for family, whanau, and aiga.



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SVA SERVICE AWARD Analysis

"Our teachers are so pleased that our students have the opportunity to be involved with such an inclusive award that acknowledges how students with special needs do contribute to their school and community."

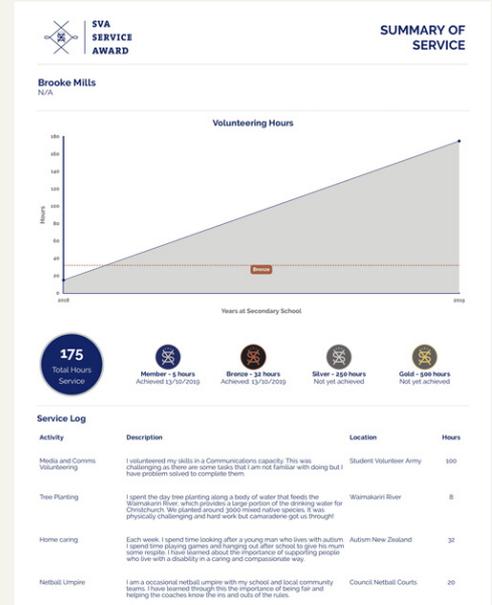
- Jeanette Bell, Special Needs Unit, Stratford High

120,000+ VOLUNTEER HOURS LOGGED

13,222 SDG ACTIONS

34% OF NZ SCHOOLS ONBOARD (130)

50% YEAR 12/13 STUDENTS



"Since year 9, each Tuesday I go over to local Library and help elderly people with their devices. It started off slowly but we have quite a few regulars. I believe this is a very good opportunity to help with communication."



"We cooked 124 meals consisting of Lasagne, Bolognaise, Macaroni Cheese and Red Lentil Soup ready to go into the freezer. Meals are then given out to families with newborn babies or with young children with illness in the family."



'Audited the energy consumption of Whakatane high school with the intention to reduce the energy consumed and money spent by identifying problem areas and switching to more affordable options. This was done over a period of days and is an ongoing venture.'



"I was a health and safety warden at the Strike. I attended a briefing, set up the bike stands, wore hi-vis, was asked questions about the event and helped with pack down. It was a rewarding experience."



"I started to teach a program which is Study English with Confidence. This program was important as it gave an advantage to students from overseas, who had a poor speaking and writing ability. Through this programme, learners are able to overcome their weakness in English.?"



The SVA club focuses on growing a culture of volunteering and community service by creating engaging and accessible volunteering opportunities for university students.

A core value of the SVA is that the club remains a student led project. This allows for a small executive team to take charge and make the projects and community engagement their own.

3,300

STUDENT MEMBERS

4,441

VOLUNTEER HOURS IN 2019

27

EXECUTIVE LEADERS

The full UC SVA Club Report is available at www.sva.org.nz



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SVA CLUB

University of Canterbury





SPECIAL PROJECTS

SVA International

Volunteering on an International Stage

SVA was pleased to host Volunteering Taiwan's 'Hakka International Affairs Mission' for a five day service learning and cultural exchange. Visiting Christchurch, Tekapo and Mt Cook the students learned about community engagement in New Zealand.



SVA hosts many visiting groups throughout the year for half day workshops on voluntourism, service learning and community engagement. A highlight was young leaders from Mindanao in the Philippines.

Maya Soetoro-Ng and her team from the University of Hawaii Peace Institute and the Obama Foundation visited SVA to hold a futures workshop with students from the SVA Service Award.



Sam Johnson represented SVA in Russia for the 'Year of the Volunteer' and is pictured with former Prime Minister and Vice President Civil Society, Sergey Kirienko (centre), and Toily Kurbanov (left) from United Nations Volunteers (UNV).





SPECIAL PROJECTS

Live Life Wellbeing Programme

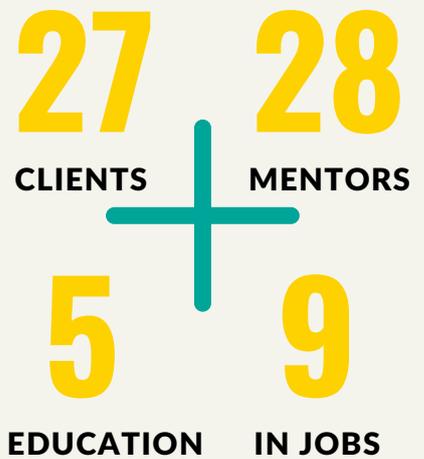


Kris and his mentor, Trevor

“The Live Life programme brought me out of my shell. It has opened my eyes to what is available out there and has helped me with meeting new people. I can talk to people more easily and I understand the importance of being able to connect with people.”

In partnership with the Canterbury District Health Board and Ministry of Social Development, SVA operates a mental health return to work programme that assists young people in gaining the confidence to journey back to ‘living life.’

The programme assists a young person, referred to us by a GP or WINZ office, by matching them with a retired mentor, putting them through an 8 module confidence course, and finding them a meaningful volunteer based project to work on.





Can you support SVA?

Our programmes have grown much faster than anticipated and we need your support. As a small charity operating nationwide using a high impact low-touch model, we help enable thousands of young people to learn to be volunteers and be recognised for their work. Our promise to teachers is that our programmes will always be free to access. Please help us with an annual donation or gift to support SVA.

- A **\$250** donation supports one secondary school to be in the SVA Service Award.
- A **\$100** donation provides teaching resources to one classroom in SVA Schools. We are happy for this to be your old primary school or your kid's school.
- A **\$50** donation ensures students at UC have a healthy lunch while volunteering.
- A **\$25** donation covers the cost of SVA Service Award for 10 students.

We would be happy to talk with you further.
(hello@volunteerarmy.org) or 027-441-3927

*Bank Account: (38-9012-0891569-00)
Student Volunteer Army Foundation
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Christchurch 8011*

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SVA Foundation is a registered charitable entity under the Charities Act 2005.
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We are an IRD approved donee organisation.





2019 Club Executive

Back Row: Aisling Rayne (Alumni Officer), Shasta Gandy (Platoons), James Eder (Events), Lydia Dudson (Events), Bryce Coulter (Logistics), Ryan Chatfield (IT Manager), Isabella Fanselow (Secretary), Daniel Stack (Schools)

Middle Row: Jessica Gosling (Leadership and Development), Kahlil Shearer (Platoons), Shnece Duncan (Events), Alyce Lysaght (Schools), Grace Feltham (Cultural Officer), Logan Wiffen (Logistics), Matt Wong-Kam (Events), Alvin Li (Platoons), Lucy Smith (Handover and Induction)

Front Row: Coacine Chong (Treasurer), Erin Rutherford (Digital Marketer), Tim Greene (Vice President), Sati Ravichandiren (President), Chloe Fraser (Partnerships Manager)

Inserts: Alex Bowen (Platoons), Asayal Almaturi (Platoons), Kevin Fernando (Communications Manager), Luci Trethewey (Schools), Nicole Langedijk (Membership), Johnpaul Smith (Story and Impact)



SVA FOUNDATION

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Board



Erin Jackson
Chair

Erin is the founder of Narrative Campaigns and is a former President of the UCSA. Erin has been heavily involved in the SVA movement since its inception.



Michael Carr Smith
Treasurer

Based in Auckland, Michael joined the VAF in 2018 after returning from New York where he worked in high finance. Michael assists the trust with fundraising and scaling the organisation's impact.



Leigh Harris
Trustee

Leigh is managing partner of Convergence Media and Communications. Based between Queenstown and Christchurch, Leigh has guided the SVA brand and media since the earthquakes.



Dr Billy O'Steen
Trustee
(Retired Nov 19)

Billy is an Associate Professor in the School of Education, Health and Human Development at the University of Canterbury. Billy is initially from the USA and brings a wealth of service culture knowledge to the SVA.



Marianne Dutkiewicz
Trustee

Marianne is a former UC SVA Executive member who now works as a HR lawyer. Marianne also does leadership development work with NZ's former Ambassador to the UN.



Isabella Fanselow
2020 SVA President and co-opted board member

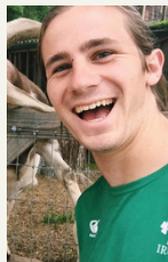
Chemical and Process Engineering Student Isbella served on the SVA Club as secretary in 2019 and takes over as President in 2020. Isabella is from Auckland.

Staff



Sam Johnson
Executive Director

Sam leads the SVA Foundation team; focusing on the education programmes, partnerships, fundraising and supporting volunteers to succeed.



Quill Yates
Project Manager

Quill leads our volunteer engagement and corporate partnerships. He is also the link between the foundation and the UC SVA.



Robyn Georgieff
LiveLife Programme Coordinator

Robbie coordinates, runs and champions the Live Life Programme and is responsible for wider event organisation.



Sam Chau
Technical Operations

Sam Chau's main area of focus is the SVA Service Award. He is an out of the box thinker, and has a deep passion for using technology to solve problems at all levels of complexity.



Brooke Mills
Executive Assistant

Brooke specialises in all things media and communication, with side hustles in analysis, general organisation and excel documents.

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Her Worship the Mayor.
Photograph, relocated from its original site.
Major General Sir E. W. C.



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