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Synopses

Short Synopsis (50 words)

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Medium Synopsis (100 words)

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Long Synopsis (234 words)

Volunteering takes place constantly in our everyday lives, and it's one of the best ways in which people help each other out and show solidarity with one another. Recently, volunteering has received an official stamp of approval in Britain, from government and other bodies, but why is this, and what are the implications of voluntary work's newfound popularity? This short documentary was created by and features young volunteers, who together examine all aspects of volunteering in the UK today. Why do people do it? What do they get out of it? What's great? What's loathsome? What do young people think about vetting and CRB checks? Why are some people not allowed to volunteer in the UK?

We meet the people at Vitalise, a charity that helps disabled people and their carers get some much needed time off. We hear from Faruk, an asylum seeker who recently arrived in the UK who was treated like a criminal because he joined a peaceful demonstration. We also meet Amin, a young volunteer youth worker who single-handedly set up a community football tournament for his peers. He tells us about the tournament and he and his friends express their views on CRB checks.

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Production information

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Production notes

Original format: DV CAM Online edit: Avid Express Pro

Digital cut format: DV CAM & MiniDV

Aspect Ratio: 4:3 Length: 16:09

Completion: March 2008

Contributors (in order of appearance)

WORLDwrite Volunteers

Helen Birtwistle, Abigail Kaul-Jones, Angela Kolongo, Lorraine Watson, Samuel Champion, Nadine Sissoko, Natalie Theobald, Faruk (pseudonym)

Vitalise

Roy McLeod, Volunteer Coordinator Vitalise Volunteer

WORLDwrite Volunteer

Amin Ali

Football Contestants

Soifur Rahmen, Sol Miah, Abdul Muhith

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Global Graduates - Black Leadership Programme

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Crew

Directing roles

Amin Ali, Samuel Champion, Natalie Theobald

Producing roles

Amin Ali, Jay Bernard, Stephen Doonan, Kyle Duncan, Clare Fryer, Emma Grant, Natalie Hippolyte, Anna Kagan, Gayle Kirkwood, Jakub Klimes, Angela Kolongo, Millicent Kumeni, Daniel Lewis, Evelyn O'Hanlon, Helen Sewell, Sadhavi Sharma, Keresha Thomas, Lorraine Watson, Elaine Wong

Camera, sound and lighting roles

Saleha Ali, Amin Ali, Ilaria Agueci, Jake Burchell, Samuel Champion, Jose Eduardo Dominicci, Ian Foster, Harjinder Grewal, Dixie Hawtin, Andy Hirst, Chris Jones, Ausra Linkeviciute, Yannick Marechal, Rennison Okemwa, Natalie Theobald, Donna Wood, Eugene Yakuba

Music

Jake Burchell - Ticking Our Boxes; Chaos Cleaner - Mercedes Song; Miq - Proba

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