

6 Volunteer Personality Types

What's YOUR style of giving back?



Free-spirited Traveller

You're flexible, and ready to go at a moment's notice. Your suitcase (and your sneakers) have collected a lot of mileage, and you're always on the lookout for your next adventure, whether departing from Pearson, or hiking the Niagara escarpment. You're energetic, outgoing, and thanks to coordinating all of those flights and connections, very organized. Consider volunteer roles that allow you to use your people skills, require a bit of travel, or have odd hours that may be more difficult to fill. Be mindful of making commitments your travel plans may interfere with!

Caregiver / Friendly Stranger

You're quite possibly the one your neighbours will come to if they need to borrow a cup of sugar, and you may often get stopped by random people looking for the closest Dollarama. Loved ones often come to you with their troubles because you're a great listener. You're probably a hugger, and are genuinely happy to help people in need. You may be found radiating good vibes at Kensington Park on Pedestrian Sundays. Consider a volunteer role visiting seniors, cuddling animals at a shelter, or doing outreach for a charity. Those skills can also be used answering phones, answering questions, or helping with fundraising.



Civic-Minded Torontonian

You know your city councillor's phone number, email address, and twitter handle and you aren't afraid to use them. You know which councillors voted to stop police carding, and which ones cycle to work. You've likely read most of the Residential Tenancies Act, and you're probably in at least one Bunz group. TTC customer service may even know your name. Find a volunteer role that allows your municipal pride to shine through, like a board seat with a heritage group, or volunteering at one Toronto's many summer festivals, or participating in a community clean-up day. Your civic knowledge can also be applied to marketing initiatives, research projects, and event planning.

Environmentalist

You care about many causes, but are shocked that more people aren't concerned about the state of the Great Lakes (or know about the pipelines running through them). You've been known to use energy-efficient light bulbs, build your own compost bin, and pick up cigarette butts at Hanlan's Point. You most likely cycle to work and wish Toronto had more bike lanes. You can often be found squirrel watching at Bellwood's Park or visiting one of the city's many farmer's markets in search of fresh, healthy foods. Those conservation skills may be useful for a resource-strapped grassroots group, and your knowledge of geography may come in handy for planning outdoor logistics.



Activist

Do you possess a deep sense of fairness, and loathe injustice in any form? If you find yourself patiently debating racism, homophobia, and sexism with your racist uncle over the holidays (or in facebook comments), you may be an activist. Of course, you may also be on the front lines, mobilizing other like-minded freedom fighters, stuffing envelopes with letters to your MP, or creating excel sheets of Toronto's inaccessible venues. Whatever your cause(s) or your role(s) you're there for the revolution. Consider offering your public speaking (or typing) skills, your talents for organizing and inspiring people, or your media savvy to empower the causes you care most about.

Lone Warrior

You've done previous quizzes that have placed you more on the introverted side. You like people, but highly value your alone time. You work best on your own, and anyone who knows you would never look for you in a huge, bustling crowd. You may have an ipod on you at all times. You might want to consider roles that keep you behind the scenes, like research, administrative work, social media management, composing newsletters, setting up Excel sheets, or grant writing (non-profits are always on the lookout for funding streams!)

