

# Dispelling the White Knight Complex: Melbourne event on volunteering

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Is international volunteering a genuine asset to development? Or just a way to fulfil our own desires to save the world? Is there a 'right way' to run a volunteer program?

In an event on Thursday 19 November in Melbourne, Red Cross will present a lively debate about what it takes to build stronger, more sustainable volunteering programs.

Devpolicy's Ashlee Betteridge will be participating (you can read her reflections on her volunteer experience [here](#)). Other panellists include Marc Purcell of ACFID, Peter Devereux of Curtin University, and Chrisanta Muli of Oxfam Australia.

The event runs 6pm-9pm at the David Pennington Building, Melbourne University.

[Register and find out more details here.](#)

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