



Serving Online

The second in a series of infographics developed to inform the practice of service-learning in online courses

Question:

If students have mobility issues, live in or want to serve a remote community, or simply have a very full schedule and want to volunteer at their own convenience; what options do they have?

Many types of both direct and indirect service are particularly well-suited for the online service-learner.



Write



Research



Design



Advocate



Translate



Mentor



Train



Tutor

Here are just a few ideas and free web resources. You'll notice that many of them complement project-based service-learning quite well.



Social Media

Create a Facebook page or a Wikipedia entry for a nonprofit or an issue.

Bilingual?

Sites like **Translations for Progress** provide excellent opportunities for language students. www.translationsforprogress.org

Go International

The U.N.'s <http://onlinevolunteering.org> site lets you volunteer anywhere in the world from your own computer. Find more international opportunities at www.nabuur.com

Got Some Geeky Skills?

Help a nonprofit with an IT project through the **Community Corps**. <https://thecommunitycorps.secure.force.com>

Like Teaching?

Electronic Emissary is one of many telementoring services. It helps K-12 teachers and students locate academic mentors. <http://emissary.wm.edu>

Interested in Philanthropy?

Help an organization engage in some 21st Century fundraising by helping them use a site like www.causes.com or www.empowered.org.

Organize!

Start a petition or mobilize people around an issue at a site like www.change.org.

Further Reading

Virtual Volunteering Resources www.serviceleader.org/virtual

Myths About Online Volunteering www.techsoup.org/learningcenter/volunteers/page7386.cfm

Microvolunteering and Crowdsourcing: Not-So-New Trends in Virtual Volunteering/Online Volunteering www.coyotecomunications.com/volunteer/microvolunteering.shtml

Ten tips for online tutors <http://kineo.com/elearning-tips/tip-16-ten-tips-for-online-tutors.html>

Sometimes, you don't want to serve from your computer, and just need a volunteer matching site to find local, in-person opportunities. These sites often have online opportunities as well.

All for Good
www.allforgood.org

idealist.org
www.idealists.org

VolunteerMatch
www.volunteermatch.org



Virtual volunteering is like in-person volunteering, but the work takes place remotely (like telecommuting). **Microvolunteering** is a bite-sized version that lets you contribute whenever you have the time to spare – even 10 or 20 minutes! Visit one of the sites below for more information.



www.sparked.com



<http://helpfromhome.org>



www.catchafire.org

