

Everyone Can Do Something “What Can I Do?”

Ideas for Volunteering and Activism



If you're friendly and compassionate:

- Greet people at events to make them feel welcome and safe.
- Accompany people to ICE check-ins or immigration hearings.

If you enjoy clerical tasks:

- Hand out flyers.
- Make phone calls.
- Make copies.
- Work behind the scenes to support an effort.

If you're persuasive:

- Raise funds online or via phone.
- Solicit signatures on petitions and campaigns.
- Use social media to engage or influence.
- Handle media relations and publicity.
- Invite people to the next important event.

If you like physical activity:

- March in solidarity and protest.
- Set up and clean up at events.

If you're not easily discouraged and don't take no for an answer:

- Navigate bureaucracy, rules, and laws to get permits, permissions, etc.

If you're artistic:

- Create art for protest signs or events.
- Design infographics to educate.
- Photograph or video an event or unjust situation.
- Draw a political cartoon
- Paint a picture or create sculpture that makes a statement.

If you're a wizard in the kitchen:

- Bake for events or to raise money for causes.
- Teach people how to cook a healthy meal.
- Donate time at a soup kitchen or making lunches for the homeless.

If you're a writer:

- Write articles, blog posts, or press releases.
- Chronicle events.
- Write a poem or story to make a point.

If you're technical:

- Develop an app.
- Set up sound systems for events.
- Research online.

If you're musically inclined:

- Write a song with a message.
- Perform at events.

If there aren't enough hours in the day:

- Sign petitions.
- Write or forward letters to politicians.
- Boycott companies that profit from corruption or inhumane practices.
- Donate money to good causes.

If you're a patient teacher:

- Help people fill out applications, forms, or the census.
- Educate people on issues, tasks, or procedures.

If you tell a good story:

- Speak at events.
- Start a podcast.

If you love language:

- Translate written information.
- Interpret at an event.
- Interpret for people navigating a process.

If you have professional expertise:

- Provide pro bono legal advice or assistance.
- Give financial advice, help with a budget, or keep the books for an organization.
- Provide free health services.
- Start a support group.