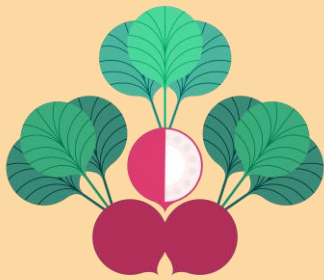


Webinar



**Take-
Aways**

Involving Volunteers

Most of the Food Sharing initiatives involve volunteer work. We want to look at experiences, either from being a volunteer yourself or working with volunteers. Topics of interest are how to compensate for volunteer work, how to involve volunteers into daily routines, what technical solutions you use in terms of communication or how you deal with too much/too little interest in voluntary working opportunities.



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1. Speaker: Nadine Snowling, FoodCloud

Summary of the Presentation

FoodCloud has two volunteer programmes: Corporate and Community. Each programme greatly supports FoodCloud's vision for a world where no good food goes to waste, but also brings their own set of challenges. The presentation focused on understanding FoodCloud's offering and will dive into the challenge of creating more opportunities without compromising the essence of volunteering.

Breakout - Session

Challenge of the speaker

FoodCloud has incredible interest in our corporate volunteering programme, with the entire year being booked out 6 months in advance. We would like to find ways to create more opportunities to accommodate these volunteers, but want to ensure there is a real NEED for the work.

Three Solutions

1. Expansion: If there is that much interest in volunteering maybe this could be a positive sign towards expanding activities/activities that involve volunteers
2. Skilled volunteering: Find opportunities in volunteering of how the corporate volunteers could help besides the classic volunteering, but with a specific skillset they might bring along
3. Cooperate with municipalities, who would benefit from the amount of volunteers that want to get involved in your projects



2. Speaker: Alexander Theodoridis, Boroume

<p>Summary of the Presentation</p>	<p>Volunteers can be an enormous source of skills, support and overall good energy for a non-profit organization given that the NPO understands how to attract them on a constant basis, how to create the proper environment where they will feel welcomed, needed and useful, as well as how to ensure that the NPO's gratitude is shown regularly towards them. Significant challenges exist such as not being able to attract many volunteers or matching their skills and wishes with the NPO's actual needs but overall they tend to weigh less than the advantages volunteers bring to the table.</p>
<h3>Breakout - Session</h3>	
<p>Challenge of the speaker</p>	<p>Are there ways to increase the average time a volunteer supports an organization (in order to reduce volatility)?</p>
<p>Three Solutions</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Involving schools as a target group – many students you can win as volunteers for their whole life if they have a good experience with this 2. Being mindful of who are volunteers and why: many are seniors which can lead to a very homogenic group, some might want to volunteer in a time of unemployment; by finding out the objectives one might be able to plan better 3. Promote the volunteering opportunities through organizations that have a contact point with possible target groups for volunteers