Virtual Service Opportunities - 4/6/20

As in-person service placements for HSU Service Learning and Academic Internship courses are suspended until further notice due to COVID-19, the following list provides ideas for virtual service opportunities. Students, as ever, please work closely with your faculty about qualifying activities and approved sites. For additional ideas specifically for these courses, please see our Remote Service and Internships webpage at https://ccbl.humboldt.edu/remote-service-and-internships  Be safe and healthy!

Observe Earth Day's (4/22/20) 50th Anniversary - virtually:

- The Association for Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education provides a hefty list of COVID-19 sustainability resources (including the events below) at: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1UMU-nt2LSOjf-WGCS14ffZuMNyYtLXJDG85NIqWxMZO/preview
- April 1 - April 30: Earth Day Ecochallenge https://earthday.ecochallenge.org/ -- a 30-day environmental and social engagement program happening from April 1-30. Participants select actions to take that align with their values and make a 30-day commitment to complete those actions while reinforcing more sustainable habits.
- April 1 - April 30: Turning Green Classroom https://www.turninggreenclassroom.org/ -- an interactive web-based platform to inform and inspire students with a 30-day lesson plan with simple, fun, impactful opportunities to dive into and champion eco and health-conscious activities.
- April 7: Solve Climate by 2030 Virtual Teach-ins on Climate Solutions and Justice http://www.solveclimateby2030.org/ --Tune into 52 simultaneous, university-hosted statewide webinars focused on how ambitious state and local action can put us on the way to solving climate change by 2030. Faculty in any discipline can access teachers' guides for facilitating online conversations about these webinars.
- April 22: EarthRise Digital Earth Day - https://www.earthday.org/campaign/earth-day-earthrise/ Earth Day Network is coordinating a global digital mobilization that drives actions big and small, gives diverse voices a platform and demands bold action for people and the planet. Over the 24 hours of Earth Day, EARTHRISE will include global conversations, calls to action, performances, video teach-ins and more.
- April 22: 24-Hour Webinar on Happiness & Sustainability Around the Earth https://www.unsdsn.org/24hour-webinar -- The Sustainable Development Solutions Network is hosting a 24-hour webinar event on Earth Day to explore the Sustainable Development Goals through the lens of well-being and happiness.
- Various Dates - Sunrise School - https://www.sunrisemovement.org/sunrise-school --Sunrise Movement is hosting a series of short online educational programs focused on the Green New Deal, Movement Building, Organizing During the Coronavirus

Other Virtual:

- How to Get Involved with Virtual Volunteering -- includes established virtual volunteer programs at organizations like the United Nations and Red Cross, to “Share Your Story” and “Take Online Action.”
- Nine places to volunteer (and make a real impact): https://www.dosomething.org/us/articles/9-places-to-volunteer-online-and-make-a-real-impact
- QuarantineChat - Chat by phone with quarantined people around the world. It's private - use your phone number to sign up for Dialup, but your matches will only ever see your username; all calls are end-to-end encrypted: https://quarantinechat.com More info: https://news.artnet.com/art-world/artists-quarantine-chat-1800033?fbclid=IwAR0bmKKlcj3vk7mRFbGGgYWwwdSYbKeFnOMkPCLPRRkbXTan7ZSh5mRPdqg
●Prisoners now more than ever can use a friend - make a connection and impact someone's life today by becoming prison Pen Pal. [https://www.blackandpink.org/penpal-sign-up](https://www.blackandpink.org/penpal-sign-up) This website provides excellent guidelines and tools for anxiety-free communication, such as “jmail.” Black and Pink’s mission is to abolish the criminal punishment system and to liberate LGBTQIA2S+ people/people living with HIV who are affected by that system, through advocacy, support, and organizing.

●Make a difference and help someone request their voting ballot by mail today. The impact of COVID-19 can be seen all around, but don't let it interfere with making our voices heard-[https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/vote-mail/](https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/vote-mail/)

●Points of Light Foundation lists virtual opportunities: [https://www.pointsoflight.org/virtual-volunteering-opportunities/](https://www.pointsoflight.org/virtual-volunteering-opportunities/)

**General ideas – as an exercise, or coordinated with a community agency, depending on organizational capacity:**

- Conduct project-based or indirect activities to meet community priorities and course requirements
- Conduct virtual or phone-based educational supports for youth and adults
- Translate materials into Spanish
- Design a continuity plan
- Conduct a needs assessment or SWOT analysis
- Build training manuals for future students in positions with your programs
- Record and stream performances or workshops to benefit your organization and clients
- Research other national/international iterations of your programs for best practices
- Review and compile lists of recent professional research, articles, and networks
- Assist with website and/or social media outlets, including creating digital and other social media content, print program materials, or other methods for information-sharing
- Conduct research on organizations or issues in the community and create a video presentation. Students can create informative videos about resources for one another and post to a youtube channel. The HSU Library offers a number of [Online SkillShops](https://www.racialequitytools.org/fundamentals/resource-lists/resources-addressing-covid-19-with-racial-equity-lens) related to making videos.
- Undertake assessment, evaluation, or feedback via phone or web-based services
- Offer, compile, research, brainstorm strategies for the organization’s volunteers to provide indirect support services as a result of coronavirus
- Create GIS maps for partner info-sharing purposes, websites, presentations, etc.
- Research and provide examples of working models that address equity, social and environmental justice issues in your field
- Check out the “Ultimate List of Virtual Assistant Services” at [https://desiretodone.com/list-of-virtual-assistant-services/](https://desiretodone.com/list-of-virtual-assistant-services/)