1. What is your opinion on volunteering and non profit organizations to tackle social causes?

Volunteering and Non-profit organizations are essential in tackling social causes if run efficiently and without corruption. Non-profits primary objective is too improve social being, however this is extremely difficult with the lack of funds available and therefore their overall impact in tacking causes is not that effective. Volunteering by individuals is extremely useful as they are giving up time in order to improve certain aspects of society. Although, it is important to note why the volunteering is being conducted, some volunteers such as business are only interested in personal gain such as working on a one off basis to improve their own public image. Certain volunteer activities have shown to do more harm than gain in improving the social cause for e.g. a group of volunteers were tasked to build a house for certain individuals, however the group was only available for a week and after the week finished they left the house half-way through construction which is not only a waste of resources but also creates new problems. Therefore, although volunteering and non profits are essential, they have to be run efficiently to have an impact on society.

1. As a member of the community, what are the challenges you face in terms of connecting/ looking up organizations that you want to contribute to?

The challenges include being able to connect with worthwhile organizations as most organizations do not have easy forms of communication channels.

Time management is essential in being able to volunteer, as a student with a busy schedule it is not simple to volunteer without being able to plan properly how many hours of productive work will actually be contributed by volunteering rather than menial part time work.

1. What kind of volunteering/social causes are you interested in contributing to?

Personally I am interested in teaching young children and/or adults life skills or certain attributes that can help them in the future

1. What are your concerns on the legitimacy of non profit organizations?

Concerns include where certain donations go and whether they have been accounted for.

1. What is your primary source of receiving advertisements/ communication from non profits?

Emails

1. What do you think non profits can do better connect with the public?

Better online presence

1. In your opinion how do you feel about technology playing a role in bridging a gap between the public and non profits?

Technology will play a crucial role in bridging the gap, but it has its pros and cons. Although technology will help the public donate and be more aware, again the issue of the accounting of the donations is essential. Also individuals instead of spending their time which is way more valuable than any monetary benefit may choose the easy way out and donate through online payment portals.

1. What are your long term or even short term plans to contribute to the society in any way?

My short terms goals are to volunteer at local events and try to physically improve physical and human capital for the lower strata of society. For the long term, I would to like to create awareness and possible solutions to the issue of lack of education and link to poverty and debt trap.