

Community Services

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Volunteer: What type of change-maker are you?

How are your New Year's resolutions holding up? If you have been thinking about volunteering more, consider your potential to make a difference.

The 2013 Social Change Impact Report prepared by Walden University identified six different types of people who create change.

On average, 92% of more than 9,000 adults surveyed in eight countries including Canada and the United States have done something to engage in positive social changes during their lifetime.

The annual trends since 2011 show that social change remains important to adults; it is widespread and it is growing as a movement. Education is significant in offering opportunities for involvement.

Take the quiz to find out which type of change-maker you are. Go to <http://www.waldenu.edu/impactreport>. You can also share your results on Twitter [@CharityVillage](https://twitter.com/charityvillage), <https://twitter.com/charityvillage>.

Ultracommitted Change-Makers are dedicated leaders who use technology, engage monthly, have a lifelong commitment and are involved because their parents were or someone else made a difference in their lives.

Faith-Inspired Givers feel blessed and want to share, had parents who were positive role-models, attend religious services regularly and promote change as an outflow of their beliefs.

Socially Conscious Consumers look for companies that act responsibly toward people and the environment. Social justice and green issues are very important.

Purposeful Participants focus on social change in terms of what will help them succeed at school or work such as getting into university, completing course requirements, enhancing their resume or applying for a job.

Casual Contributors get involved in short term local issues. This group tends to be older adults without children.

Social Change Spectators might have been involved but generally do not see their actions as creating change.

In every country, there are also those who have never attempted to promote change.

Where do you fit in?



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