

Example: The Story of V-Net

In Buddhist Wong Wan Tin College, volunteer service is seen as meeting two important ends – one, to serve the very young and the elderly; two, to provide valuable experiences for *all* students that build up their self-confidence, empathy and leadership. Service opportunities were not only offered to ‘keen students’, but also to students who were labelled as ‘disruptive’ and ‘uncontrollable’. The social worker who manages the V-Net was determined to provide a variety of tailor-made service opportunities, ranging from ‘tasters’ experiences to advanced service programmes for enthusiasts. As a result of joining these programmes, many students changed their attitudes from ‘being disruptive’ to ‘being proactive’ in helping others. The V-Net manager also found that a previously ‘shy’ student became a confident and sensible leader among her peers, after joining V-Net.