

A match made in crisis:  
A self-organised, youth volunteer  
response to crisis events

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**What is  
*'self-organising'*?**

# ***The emergence of self-organised dynamics***

- Unable to meet the demands of the official volunteer programme
- Lack of response/traction from the official volunteer programme
- Attraction towards unmet needs of the community

# ***The appealing features of self-organised systems***

- Less “full-on” procedures; less administration
- More flexible; fostered innovation & creativity



# ***Generational characteristics influencing self-organised behaviours***

- Technologically savvy
- Socially connected
- Faster
- “Unclouded” youths, less political motivation

# Key Challenges

- Unpredictability
- Detachment to the central aim
- Lack of clear purpose or intention with self-organising behaviours

