

NATIONAL FYE MONTH

01-31 MAY 2019

This is our national month of activism in support of the First-Year Experience (FYE).

Join us!

National FYE Month will take place from 01 to 31 May 2019, and culminates in the hosting of the annual SANRC FYE Conference 2019. Your participation will make National FYE Month a success.

FYE

You can reach out to first-year students in different ways: e.g. through orientation organisers, during class, through faculties and departments or even by putting up notices and posters at appropriate points on campus.

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HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED IN NATIONAL FYE MONTH?

For example, you could do one or more of the following....



- Allow a first-year student to shadow you at work for a week in order for them to learn more about your job and career
- Spend some time teaching a first-year student how to use a computer, the internet or software applications that can be beneficial to their academic progress e.g. how to use referencing tools.
- Donate stationery such as pens and exam pads to a faculty or programme of your choice who can then pass these on to needy first-year students.
- Donate your old computer or laptop to a first-year student in need.
- Find your nearest (SANBS) donor site and give blood. Visit <https://sanbs.org.za/> for more information.
- Host an educational workshop at your institution to prepare first-year students for the high-stress event of exams.
- Make “care kits”, including items such as a comb, toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, face cloth, and so on, for needy first-year students at student residences and day houses.
- Offer free tutoring lessons for the month to first-year students. This can be in any discipline in which you are based and have the relevant expertise
- Offer to host a ‘class talk’, to educate first-year students about career choices and the world of work and employment.
- Organise a fun walk and donate all the proceeds to an education, scholarship or ‘missing middle’ fund at your institution.

- Volunteer your time at the university community engagement office.
- Support university meal programmes which are facilitated through the humanitarian NGO, Gift of the Givers. Visit <http://www.giftofthegivers.org/> for more information.
- Donate books or used textbooks to your local or university library;
- Offer to sponsor a first-year student in different ways, e.g. i.e. you can pay something toward accommodation, books, transport or even provide a meal allowance for the month.
- Buddy up’ with a first-year international student and help teach them a new language or give them a local tour. Alternatively, find out from the international office about available programmes for which you can volunteer or assist.
- Spread awareness about safety and security on campus.
- Donate sanitary towels to student residences. Find out if your institution has a campaign, and if not, you can start one.
- Make an effort to learn more about students with disabilities and find out how you can assist the office e.g. start a campus accessibility awareness campaign.
- ‘Start a blanket drive and distribute these at student residences. You could also donate warm winter clothing for needy students.
- Find out from the university gardening services or campus director about the campus nursery facilities. If there are none, you can request to create one. If you have green fingers, you can start a vegetable garden in order to open a soup kitchen in winter.

Just some ideas...now you can go forth and be creative in terms of YOUR contribution for National FYE Month!