RPCV nexus

Annual Report 2024

Post-Service Career Support and Resources for all RPCVs



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RPCVnexus is an independent 501c(3) that provides Current and Returned Volunteers services at each stage of their career.

Finding work is exponentially more difficult when applying overseas with skills and experiences that need to be translated linguistically and coherently into points a hiring manager can digest. Connecting with a network of professionals is equally daunting when not knowing where to start or only finding fragments of the answer.

RPCVnexus creates these first and second levels of understanding for Volunteers before their return by compiling information in a one-stop-shop and holding free, career development discussions and workshops. From this baseline, RPCVnexus:

- 1. Develop and maintain a central resource of career knowledge, resources, and benefits tailored to Current and Returned Volunteers.
- 2. Build and strengthen the professional network of Current and Returned Volutneers by bringing together a network of experts through activities and events to share their knowledge.
- 3. Foster a community of learning through specific events and direction to centers of higher education and trainings.
- 4. Fostering relationships with organizations internal and external to the Peace Corps Community to further Peace Corps' Third Goal of "strengthen American's understanding about the world and its peoples".

Since the organization's inception in 2023, RPCVnexus has worked to meet these goals by hosting free Resume Workshops, Career Panels, Post-Service Conversations, One-on-One Resume Review Sessions, and Interview Preparation Sessions. Collaboration continues to be carried out with RPCV Groups and individuals to build and strengthen a network of RPCV professionals a network of professionals, a Community-Wide Mentoring Program, and Discussion Series.

Recognizing Current and Returned Volunteers are dispersed across the United States and around the world, events are primarily held virtually to ease participation and the exchange of information. Sessions are recorded and uploaded on the RPCVnexus website and channels for those unable to attend and for future Volunteers to access. Additional fact sheets and articles are developed and housed on the resource library along with commonly used job boards. All items are updated periodically to keep current with new resources and workforce trends.





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Services and Activities Currently Carried out by RPCVnexus



One-Stop-Shop of Resources

Where you can find <u>events</u>, <u>resources</u>, and a <u>network</u> of Professional RPCVs to help you along your path to a career or education.



Monthly Newsletter

Get the latest updates, events, news, and opportunities exclusive to PCVs and RPCVs on a regular basis.



Network of Professionals

Plug into a Network of RPCV Professionals through the <u>WhatsApp Community</u> to get and share advice and info in a relaxed manner.



Individualized Career Services

Let us help you <u>put your best foot forward</u> or consider which path you wish to take by connecting with a network of RPCV Coaches.



Community-Wide Mentoring Program

<u>Connect with a Mentor or Mentee</u> from across the RPCV Network of Groups to talk on a regular basis. Held in the Spring and the Fall.



Career Panels & Skill Discussions

RPCVs talk of the Education and Career Paths they took after service and the experiences and skills gained along the way.



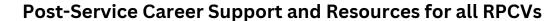
Professional Workshops

Readying Volunteers as they write resumes for an opportunity, understanding options when transitioning out of service, or to gain a skill.



COS Conference Presentations

Preparing Current Volunteers prepare through resume workshops and discussions as they consider their options post-service.





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RPCVnexus' One-Stop-Shop for Post-Service Support

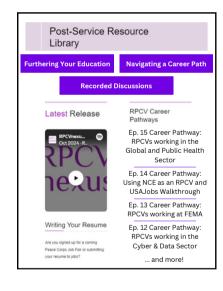


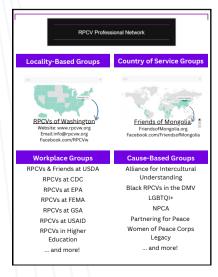
<u>Career Support & Upcoming Events</u> informs on scheduled discussions and opportunities with knowledgeable RPCV Professionals.

- One-on-One Career Counseling & Resume Reviews
- Career Panels with RPCVs working in sectors and organizations of interest
- Discussions on how to apply for graduate school, use NCE when applying for work,
- Workshops on Resume Writing and Reviews

<u>Post-Service Resource Library</u> houses all compiled resources that Volunteers can read, listen to, watch at their convenience as they consider their path forward.

- Compilation of regularly used Job Boards
- How-To Articles written by Volunteers on paths to education and careers
- Best practices to use benefits received from servicing
- Compilation of job boards commonly used
- Recordings of past discussions and workshops





RPCV Professional Network connects Volunteers with Locality-based, Country of Service, Workplace, and Cause-based RPCV Groups. RPCVnexus collaborates and facilitates discussions with these groups to create opportunities for all and build the collective knowledge.

- Community-Wide Mentoring Program
- Professional Development Series
- Connections for informational interviews & relocation through websites, links, and emails





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2024 Accomplishments & Impacts

Network Built

Online One-Stop-Shop

543

Person **Network**

314

Event Participants



Requested Participation



COS Conference



Job Fair



Peace Corps & RPCV Group Talks



Services Provided



107





Resumes Reviewed Resume Workshops **Career Panels &**

Education Talks



Cost of Operations

Expenses: \$6,372.01

Gains: \$390.00



Net: -\$5,982.01