



ReThink HK 2026 Volunteer Programme

Objectives

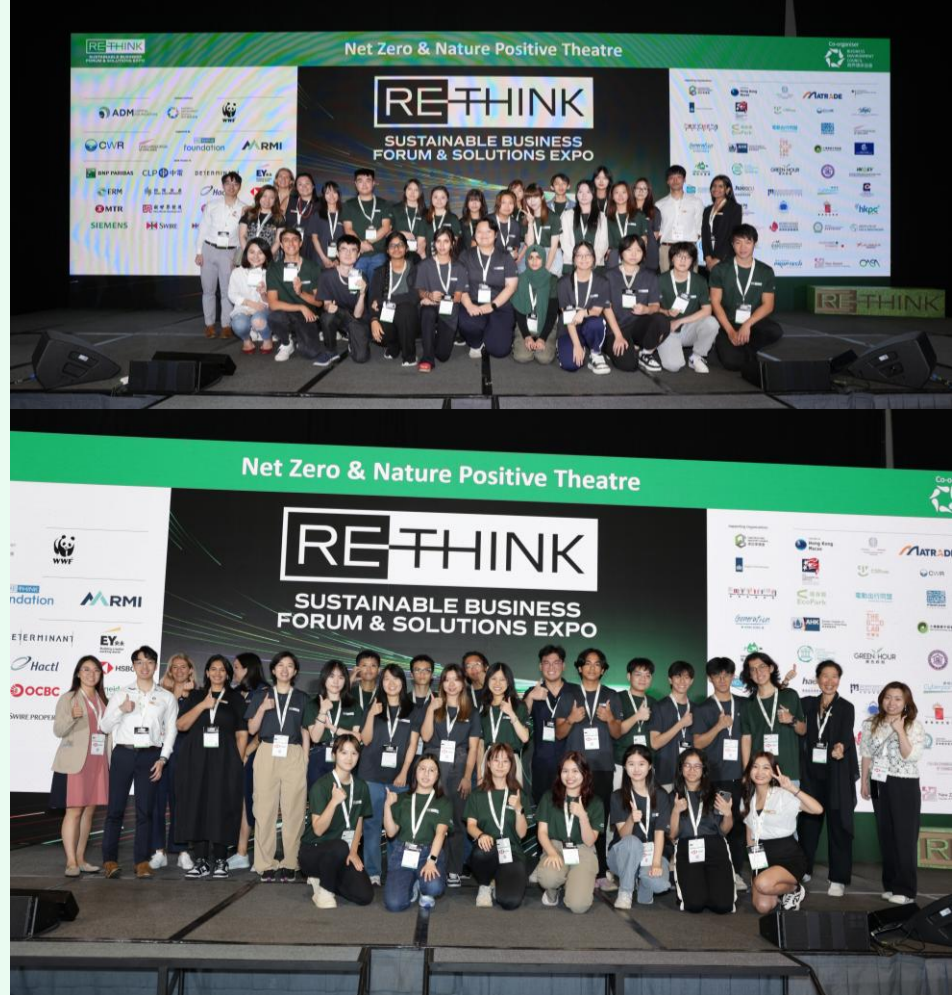
- Provide university students with a first-person experience in B2B sustainability event
- Provide an opportunity for volunteers to meet and exchange ideas with fellows who study sustainability-related degrees / courses in different universities
- Prepare the volunteers themselves for future career by immersing in the sustainability industry at an earlier stage

Target Volunteers

Undergraduate Students from Any Discipline

Capacity

160+



Programme Development Timetable

Time Period	Proposed Events
From January 2026	Registration link opens
From June 2026	Selection Process of Internship (subject to availability)
August 2026	Briefing session for ReThink HK 2026 Expert Sharing Session
10 and 11 September 2026	ReThink HK 2026 (Students have to volunteer on one of the event days)

As of 2 February 2026, subject to change

	ReThink Forum	BEC Climate & Nature Theatre	Cities Theatre	Energy Theatre	Impact Stage	Innovation Stage	Resources Theatre	
Day 1 10 th Sept	Opening Ceremony & Keynote Address	Climate Governance	Construction & Infrastructure – Resilient Engineering, Retrofitting, Performance Based Contracting, Urban Design	New Energy – Biofuels, Hydrogen, Methanol, Ammonia, Renewables	Real Economy Financing for SMEs	Digital Transformation and Infrastructure	Future-Ready Materials	
	-----	Climate Risk Assessments	Building Management – Facilities Management, Tenant Engagement	E-Mobility – EVs and Infrastructure	The Role of Data in Driving Impact		Artificial Intelligence – Opportunities, Applications and Social Impact	Beyond Waste: Circular Innovations
	Achieving Carbon Neutrality	Climate-Driven Designs						
Day 2 11 th Sept	-----	Mitigation Strategies						
	15 th 5-Year Plan Influence on Hong Kong's Key Sectors	Biodiversity Loss & Nature Risk Assessments	Multi-Modal Integrated Transportation – Aviation, Mass Transport, Shipping	Financing the Net-Zero Energy Transition	Social Impact and Philanthropy	Pitching Competitions	Sourcing and Procurement	
	-----	Ocean Economy						
	The Great Debate	Nature-Based Solutions	Innovation in the Net-Zero Built Environment	Powering the Future of Aviation, Maritime and Public Transport	MarCom, DEI, Capacity Building and Workforce Transformation	Innovation Spotlights	Manufacturing and Supply Chains	
	Water Security							
*Subject to change								

Programme Highlights

- A complimentary **1-day FULL ACCESS Pass** to ReThink HK on the day s/he is not volunteering
- **Mingling activities** with other university students on the briefing day
- **Expert Sharing** on environmental/social sustainability
- **Internship Opportunity** in our partners' organisation* and at ReThink HK
- **Ocean Park Ticket** for Interns with exceptional performance**
- More to come!

**Subject to the availability of internship places*

***Limited Availability*



Background of our Volunteer Cohorts

Number of Volunteers at ReThink HK



Our 2025 Volunteers are coming from the following Universities:

- Chinese University of Hong Kong
- City Universities of Hong Kong
- Education University of Hong Kong
- Hang Seng University of Hong Kong
- Hong Kong Baptist University
- Hong Kong Metropolitan University
- Hong Kong Polytechnic University
- Hong Kong Shue Yan University
- Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
- Lingnan University
- University of Hong Kong

Academic background of 2025 Volunteers



Testimonials from Previous Volunteers

Rethink Hong Kong's volunteering program was enlightening as I was able to talk to experts from booths that were able to answer my questions regarding sustainable design and infrastructure. The future revolves around achieving both economic and sustainability goals. At the same time, I was able to help guests get to their right spots. I would love to come back and volunteer again as it was a fascinating experience when I was able to network and help out.

*Eliana Xie - BA Architecture ,
ReThink HK 2024 Student Volunteer*



Acting as a student volunteer for ReThink HK was truly a valuable experience. Getting to join the biggest B2B event on "Sustainability" in Hong Kong and even having the chance to work behind the scenes and understand more of its operations allowed me to not only gain more knowledge of sustainability, but also understand the hard work, dedication and teamwork behind this event. Getting to hear many sustainability leaders from companies big and small share their insights on sustainability and plans on how to carry them was also very inspiring. I would highly recommend joining the ReThink HK conference, as a volunteer or a participant, it will definitely be rewarding.

*Felix Theodor Schroeder - BSc in Clean Energy Processes
ReThink HK 2024 Volunteer*

The ReThink HK Sustainability Conference was an inspiring experience for me. I had the opportunity to volunteer for one day and explore the conference in greater depth on the next day. The numerous booths showcased a diverse range of exhibitors, from large multinational corporations to smaller local businesses, all united in the pursuit of sustainability. The speakers presented thought-provoking ideas centered around pressing current issues, leaving me with ideas to reflect on long after the event. I was particularly fascinated to discover innovative products and concepts that I had never encountered before, all aimed at protecting the environment. Additionally, the networking opportunities were invaluable. I connected with like-minded individuals and organizations, where we had interesting discussions about our perspectives on sustainability issues. This experience was truly eye-opening!

*Sienna Leung - BSc in Environmental Management and Technology
ReThink HK 2024 Volunteer*



Testimonials from Previous Volunteers

“Attending ReThink HK 2023 as a student and as a young sustainability passionate was an inspiring and educational experience, showing me the immense potential to learn and grow outside the classroom. Being MC, alongside meeting so many driven and determined people, made the conference unforgettable. I carry the joy and insights of last September’s conference with me today, and continue to stay in contact with some networks made. To me, ReThink HK is more than a conference about sustainable business solutions, it is a place of reflection and aspiration, socialisation and connection, where ideas sprout and goals are created.

*Leane Jupet, an inbound exchange student at HKUST,
ReThink HK Student Volunteer, MC for the Rethinking Built Spaces Programme at ReThink HK 2023*



“As a student ambassador, I had the chance to meet different exhibitors to understand their latest sustainability-focused inventions. A myriad of booths showcased captivating circular designs and systemic ideals, which I believe will be greatly beneficial to different institutions, like universities, if they had the chance to implement them!”

*Nicole Kee, an Environmental Management and Technology student at HKUST,
ReThink HK 2023 Student Ambassador*

Testimonials from Previous Volunteers

“Participating in the ReThink HK 2023 as a student ambassador was a great opportunity for me to enrich myself on sustainability on an innovative level and corporate level.”

*Jason Ho, Bachelor of Engineering,
ReThink HK 2023 Student Ambassador*



Acting as the emcee for ReThink HK was a fantastic opportunity for me to broaden my horizons and gain new perspectives on the pressing issue of sustainability. I was initially drawn to the role to expand my knowledge, but what I experienced was truly eye-opening.

Not only was I able to hear from experienced speakers, but I also had the opportunity to engage with a diverse group of individuals from various backgrounds who all shared a passion for sustainability change in Hong Kong and beyond. It was a fulfilling experience and I highly recommend the ReThink HK conference to anyone interested in sustainability.

*Michael Himawan, BEng Environmental Science and Engineering at CityU,
ReThink HK 2022 Student Volunteer*

Testimonials from Previous Volunteers

Joining the ReThink HK 2022 Volunteer Programme, I acquired an opportunity to work as an intern in HandsOn Hong Kong, which allowed me to contribute to the field of sustainability and practise research skills.

To assist HandsOn in evaluating the impacts of the ReThink Plastic Volunteer Programme, I designed a questionnaire for survey, analysed the collected data and discussed the outcomes. This is definitely a fruitful experience so I thank ReThink HK and HandsOn Hong Kong for offering me such an opportunity.

*Mandy Tsang, BSSc in Geography and Resource Management at CUHK,
ReThink HK 2022 Student Volunteer*



ReThink HK has provided me with fresh insights into why and how corporates start bridging the gap between sustainability and their business operations.

Having participated as a volunteer for 3 years, I am truly amazed by the growth of the event. On the day I was not volunteering, I met lots of sustainability professionals and I learnt so many real-life practices that were not taught by my professors

*Ferdinand Lok, BSc Environmental Management and Technology at HKUST,
ReThink HK 2022 Student Volunteer*

Reporting our Impact

Highlights of the 2024 Sustainability Report:

•Carbon Emissions Reduced by 15% Per Attendee

Despite a 22% growth in attendance, ReThink HK 2024 cut emissions per attendee by **15%** (vs. 2023) and **46%** (vs. 2021 baseline year), showcasing progress toward net-zero goals.

•150 Tonnes of Carbon Offset Locally

Partnered with **Kadoorie Farm & Botanic Garden** to sequester **150,000 kg CO₂e** through a sponsored biochar programme and tree planting — exceeding event emissions to host a carbon-neutral event, while supporting Hong Kong's biodiversity.

•Pioneering Sustainable Events with Better Stands

Piloted the **Better Stands Initiative**, **43%** of raw-space exhibitors achieved **“Gold Standard”** for reusable/recyclable booths.

•Net-Zero Roadmap – Setting Targets

- By 2026 reduce emissions per attendee by **50% vs. 2021 baseline**
- Cut **plastic wrap usage by 15%** for 2025
- Reduce **recycling contamination by 50%** for 2025

•Community Impact & Youth Empowerment

HK\$450,000 of delegate fees funded NGO impact projects and capacity-building programmes through the **ReThink Foundation**, and engaged **143 students** via internship and volunteer programs.



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