Create Auroville Together
Starting from…

• « Greetings from Auroville to all men (and women) of good will, who aspire to a higher and truer life! »

• Since the very beginning, even before the Inauguration, they came and were
• Today, Auroville needs people from the world, and people of the world needs Auroville.
• One of the best way to enter Auroville is to volunteer and spend sometime sharing the work at stake.

• Volunteers is another name for « men of good will »…
Welcoming real volunteers

• Who are these travelers to Volunteerland?
• Where do you they come from?
• What are their motivations to come to this Wonderland
Plan of our journey

1. How do we succeed to welcome volunteers so far?
2. Where are the bottlenecks?
3. How to progress?
Part 1
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1. Bringing new energies

Units heads testimonies

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Priyanga
Punit
Raghav
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Ritu
Prabhakar
Satish
Segar
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Sidhant
Sonali
Suszana
Swathi
Sweta

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Siddhart
Rajesh
Tushar
Uriel
Vaishnavi
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1. Mutual benefits

Video: Guillaume, French
Solid Waste management Project
1. A legal frame for international

- The visa policy for Aurovilians also applies for students, consultants and assistants
1. Savi: gateway & follow-up

- A key
- A website
- A process
- A registration desk
- An introduction program
- A team
1. Many ways to come to Volunteerland

- Self-placed
- Auroville
- Sadhana Forest
- Universiti Welts
- Indians
- Savi processo
- Foreigners
1. Recent evolutions

Requests of stay through Savi

A change in visa matters: no volunteers under Tourist Visa
1. Evolutions - 2

Total Volunteers & Interns registered

- Total registered & placed Volunteers (Savi placed)
- Total Independently arrived Volunteers (Self placed)
- TOTAL REGISTERED VOLUNTEERS & INTERNS

- 2011
- 2012
- 2013
- 2014
- 2015
- 2016

0
50
100
150
200
250
300
350
400
450
500

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1.
1. Duration of stays

![Duration of stays graph](image-url)
1. Average monthly budget of volunteers

(Enquiry Feb 2015 – 70 responses)
1. Contribution in Consumption

Number x duration x Expenses = Consumption

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1. Contribution in work

No x duration x Maintenance = In-kind work production

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2 crores/year
1. Unending education

Video 2: Guillaume, French

Personal evolution of a volunteer in Auroville
1. Bridging to Newcomership

- Volunteers being prepared for entering the newcomer process
- “Entry visa” allows this bridging
1. Integrating youth and skills

• How come?
  Example 1: Karen testimony
  Example 2: Omar testimony
  Example 3: Claude testimony
1. Conclusion of 1st part

• Yes, Auroville is enriched by its volunteers
• Volunteers give and contribute to the growth of its economy and population

Do you agree? Note your questions/remarks…
2. Where are the bottlenecks

- External formalities
- Registration
- Housing
- Image-related issues
- Terminology
External Formalities

• Formalities: Restrictions in the application of the visa policy: Work in commercial units, duration, residence, RRO registration
2. Internal Procedures

• Registration
  ○ Aurocard system & Volunteer contribution
  ○ Units heads testimonies (Christian)
  ○ Volunteers testimonies (Sara)
2. Internal Issues: Housing

- Auroville accommodations offer

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*Excluding Sadhana Forest
2. Internal Issues

- Image perceived by community
- Image perceived by Indian admin
- Terminology
2. Conclusion of 2d part

- Video Clip of Chintan, Researcher
- Need for improved frame/setup for volunteers & interns
3. How to progress?

- Working Com invitation to WGs
- Questions to Participants
- Individual answers on cards