

Doing nothing for others is the undoing of ourselves.

- Horace Mann



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### Service Leadership Practicum

Course Instructor: Professor Gerard Prendergast

This course aims to provide students with an opportunity to gain real-life working experience related to service-learning and community engagement. Students learn to work collaboratively with the community, and become aware of the reciprocal relationship between the society and the NGOs that influence them. This is a university-wide practicum to widen students' horizons through service-learning opportunities.

### Learn to Serve; Serve to Learn

In order to expand the potential for students to develop their service leadership competencies through service-learning, students will be assigned to various NGOs and take up the responsibility to understand, explore, and make necessary connections with different stakeholders. While the placement is unpaid and lasts for no less than 120 hours, students are expected to take the initiative to negotiate with their workplace supervisors regarding the hour distribution, the intensity of work, and the nature of their tasks, and to agree on the learning outcomes and the expected deliverables after the completion of the practicum. Through this mode of service leadership, students' capabilities as a caring member of a society is enhanced.

### Did You Know?

Professor Prendergast is the awardee of HKBU's General Education Teaching Award, AY2017/18.