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Youth volunteer numbers have climbed. Twenty-five percent of Singapore youths volunteer now, up from 17% in 2002.

And Nurulasyiqah Mohammad Taha defies you to dismiss that as just another nameless statistic. Syiqah as she is affectionately known, was among the youth volunteers who kept the conference logistics humming.

She’s not out to change the world – just perceptions. “I can contribute too!” she says. Don’t let the wheelchair fool you. The full-time accountancy undergraduate at the Singapore Management University, leads a more active volunteer life than most citizens unaffected by mobility issues.

A card carrying member of the university’s Rotaract Club, Syiqah also mentors teens in the Youth Helping Youth programme, an initiative from NVPC’s Community Involvement Programme targeted at teens.

The NVPC Conference 2004 was helmed by a volunteer force of 20 from all walks of life.