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Volunteer Co-ordinators' Newsletter

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Voluntary Sector News

Valuing Volunteer Managers- New Research

A new report published recently reveals the need for more training and development for managers of volunteers. It shows that nearly half of people who manage volunteers have not received any training that would help them in their work, despite the fact that volunteers are crucial to the Government's Big Society.

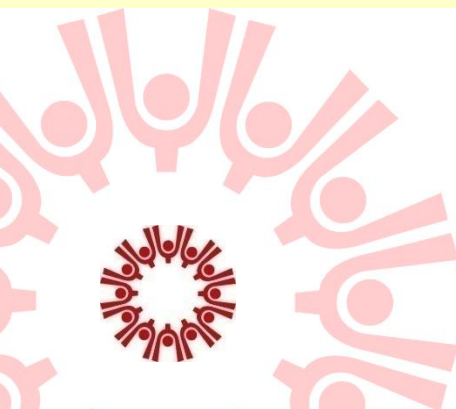
The report, Valuing Volunteer Management, canvassed opinion from over 1000 third sector organisations, and was commissioned by Skills - Third Sector, the charity working to make it easier for people in charities and social enterprises to have people with the right skills. Despite identifying that there is much good practice in volunteer management in England today, it also reveals that volunteer management remains undervalued and underfunded in many organisations, including those with the largest incomes.

Key findings:

- 42% of people who manage volunteers have not received any training that would help in their work with volunteers
- members of networks were considerably more likely to access training and support than those who weren't members - 74 % compared to 49 %
- many organisations rely greatly on the local and national volunteering infrastructure for advice and support, particularly on local Volunteer Centres

We will be discussing the research in more detail at the Volunteer Co-ordinators Group (VCG) on the 8th December 2010, 10.00am – 12.30 pm

If you would like a copy of the summary report please contact SVS (details on last page)





*Volunteers to creatively
create funds*

Creative Volunteer Roles

In the current climate it's time to start thinking how volunteers can creatively create funds.

Ebay has reported a number of charities selling donations to raise money for a wide range on organizations. It could be that you have found a rare collector's item donated to your charity shop? Or you would like to sell your merchandising or crafts on online?

Southampton Voluntary Services can help you to recruit a volunteer with the appropriate skills to become your eBay seller, please contact SVS (details on last page)

Volunteer Statistics

Valuing Volunteer Management
Report 2010

- **17 million** people in England are volunteering
- **65%** have managed volunteers for over 5 years

Want to brighten up your premises?

If so would you like some free Johnston's paint to help you do it because SVS can help you.

SVS is working in partnership with PP Architectural Coatings, in association with Carillion, to distribute free paint to local community and voluntary groups and will have about 90 liters every month to distribute- mostly pale emulsion but also gloss and fence paints are available. This is part of their community commitment linked to Carillion building the 2 new academy schools in the city so they are especially keen for children and young people's groups to benefit although the scheme is open to all.

So if you are interested contact SVS to register:
Email: v.smith@southamptonvs.org.uk or
Call: 02380228291



Volunteer Management Training Programme

In order to support the work of local Volunteer Co-ordinators, Southampton Voluntary Services offers a range of training sessions. These are **free of charge and take place at SVS, Voluntary Action Centre, Kingsland Sq.**

Respecting Volunteers

7th Dec.2010 9.30—12.00 pm

This innovative workshop examines what “respecting volunteers” can mean and gives space to discuss dealing with problems in a fair and appropriate manner.

Support and Supervision

12th January 2011 1.30pm- 4.00pm

Support for a volunteer depends on their level of need coupled with the nature of the role they have and the area of work that they are involved with. This session will help you to support volunteers with extra support needs, give good and effective supervision and conduct supervision meetings.

Health & Safety

9th March 2011 2.00—4.00 pm

Understandably this is an area of concern for many organisations that involve volunteers. Any organisation that did not, in regard to Health & Safety, treat their volunteers in the same way as their paid staff, would risk serious consequences, despite there being less clarity in law between employees and volunteers.

Further sessions cover “Dealing with problems” & “Volunteers and the Law”

If you would like to attend please contact the facilitator, Di

Bernstein on: Tel 02380 216015 Or email:

d.bernstein@southamptonvs.org.uk



Christmas Volunteers



Do you need extra support over the Christmas period?

During the run up to Christmas a large number of potential volunteers come forward to help during the festivities. Although it can be hard work to accommodate this Christmas volunteer rush, a number of organisations have reported that they have recruited a number of long term volunteers from one off Christmas volunteering roles.

If you would like Southampton Voluntary Services to put your festive volunteering role on our Christmas list, please contact us on

b.spake@southamptonvs.org.uk

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Volunteer Certificate Scheme- Closing Date – Fast Approaching

The closing date for nominations for January's Volunteer Certificate Scheme is fast approaching.

The closing date for nominations is the 4th December 2010

In partnership with Southampton City's Councils Communities Team, Southampton Voluntary Services will be welcoming volunteers to be recognised for their great contribution to the city. To nominate volunteers from your organisation please complete a nomination pack, the packs are available to download from:

<http://www.southamptonvs.org.uk/VolCert.htm> or request a pack by emailing b.spake@southamptonvs.org.uk

Presentation Date: 20th January 2011 2pm-4pm



Upcoming Events

Volunteer Co-ordinators Group (VCG)

8th December 2010, 10.00am – 12.30 pm at SVS, The Voluntary Action Centre

This is the forum that offers support for anyone involved with volunteers and volunteering. Whether you're a Volunteer Co-ordinator managing a large team of volunteers or a volunteer yourself supporting other volunteers, this forum is for you.

5th December: International Volunteer Day 2010

International Volunteer Day (IVD) was established by the United Nations General Assembly in 1985. IVD is now celebrated worldwide with thousands of volunteers involved in a range of IVD initiatives. For more info please follow the link below: <http://www.unv.org/what-we-do/int-l-volunteer-day.html>

European Year of Volunteering 2011 (IYV +10)

What will you be doing to celebrate? Now is a great time to start thinking how you can use the year of volunteering to bring voluntary activity to the fore front of your organization and local community. If you need a sounding board for your ideas or would like some information or advice contact Southampton Voluntary Services, volunteering Development Team (details below)



21 – 27 February Student Volunteering Week 2011

Inspiring futures; connecting communities Now in its tenth year, Volunteering England's Student Volunteering Week, sponsored by Santander, brings organisations from all sectors together to celebrate volunteering by students in Further and Higher Education.



Contact Us

If you have any questions or enquiries regarding volunteer management best practice or need support with volunteer recruitment, don't hesitate in contacting the Volunteering Development Team:

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