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Volunteer Co-ordinators' Newsletter

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Voluntary Sector News

New Support Resource for People Managing Volunteers

Volunteering England's new [Volunteer Management Portal](#), launched this June, it will act as a gateway to the world of volunteer management with links to over a thousand resources across England. This means that - for the first time - information on support, training and development opportunities for people managing volunteers is available to view in one single place.

If you work with volunteers, or know someone who does, this invaluable new resource will help you locate a wide variety of training providers and consultants, support and development opportunities. Visit the portal at <http://www.volunteering.org.uk/vmportal>

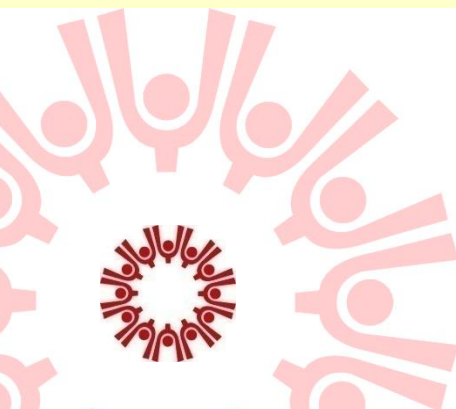
A different kind of investment – what does your organisation stand to gain?

Volunteering England recently launched the [Value Volunteer Management Campaign](#) to increase awareness of the value and importance of investing in volunteer management. Many key organisations have already shown support, including the BBC, Microsoft, Barnardo's, RSPB, National Trust and PDSA.

These organisations know that investing in professional and strategic volunteer management really boosts the value they gain from volunteering, leading to increased budgets, raised organisational profile, strengthened service provision, improved community relations and much, much more.

Visit the campaign site at <http://www.volunteering.org.uk/valuevolunteermanagement> and find out what your organisation stands to gain. Make sure you sign the [Value Volunteer Management Endorsement](#) while you're there!

Both these initiatives are funded by the Office for Civil Society as part of Capacitybuilders' Volunteer Management Programme.





*Recognising the city's
volunteers*

Volunteer Certificate Scheme 2011

The closing date for nominations has been set for January's Volunteer Certificate Scheme presentation in the Civic Centre. 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.

Volunteers completing at least 100 hours of high standard voluntary work can be nominated to receive a certificate from the Mayor of Southampton. This formal recognition of the work assists particularly those seeking paid work or further education opportunities. It is also a way of thanking volunteers who have done exceptionally well and have shown a great commitment.

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

The closing date for nominations is the 4th December 2010

Presentation Date: 20th January 2011 (date TBC)

Make a Difference Month

The Community Volunteering Department of the University of Southampton Students Union is launching a large scale volunteering project in association with CSV (the UK's leading volunteering and training charity) and its Make a Difference Day.

Instead of just one day, our vision is to dedicate the whole of November to 'making a difference in the community' but we need your help and ideas so that we can target the specific issues our local community is facing. Therefore, we propose our project entitled; 'Make a Difference Month'.

We would like to send our team of volunteers to help make a difference within your area/establishment.

It could be absolutely anything, from removing graffiti or digging an allotment to painting a wall or mural, or even just giving somewhere a bit of a 'spruce up'!

So if you feel that there is something we can help you with then contact: Jenna Boyce, Student Activities Manager J.Boyce@soton.ac.uk



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, The Voluntary Action Centre.**

Retaining Volunteers

17th Nov.2010 1.30 – 4.00 pm

Good practice subjects covered include “effective induction” “Volunteer Information Handbooks” and “Valuing volunteers”

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.

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.

SVS Criminal Records Bureau Service Registration

Dates & Times: TBC

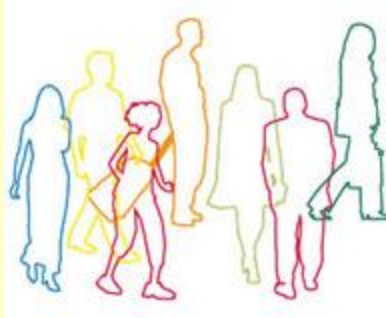
This compact training session is for organisations wishing to register with Southampton Voluntary Services' CRB Service.

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



Share your organisation's work with Europe

Would you like to share your extraordinary day-to-day work with citizens around Europe? Join the European Year of Volunteering 2011 celebrations. Share with us your achievements, challenges and enriching experiences.



(EYV + 1) are looking to select two organisations working with volunteers in each European country. A member of the relay team will visit you and produce films, radio chronicles and written articles about your amazing work. They will promote these media products among television channels, radio stations, press and Internet groups during the year.

To enter the selection process, please send the following information **in English** by e-mail to: relay@paueducation.com before the deadlines indicated in the application form.

- Fully completed OIV application form. You can download it [here](#).
- Any other references that you feel may be useful.

Should you have any questions, please contact: relay@paueducation.com

Trends in Volunteering: National Picture

“The ways in which people volunteer has changed. There has been a shift towards more short term volunteering and one-off activities, and people now tend to volunteer at more than one organisation. The motivation to volunteer may become more focused on benefits to the individual rather than the community. There continues to be interest in active citizenship and volunteering from policy makers and political parties. With the new coalition government in 2010, the notion of the “Big Society” aims to encourage private citizens to become increasingly involved in running public institutions, providing new volunteering opportunities but also increasing the competition for volunteer time.” Third Sector Foresight, NCVO

Want more information on this subject visit?

<http://www.3s4.org.uk/drivers/trends-in-volunteering#fn1>

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)



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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