

Volunteer Edmonton News Update – June 15, 2009

2007 Canada Survey on Giving, Volunteering and Participating NOW AVAILABLE

The Canada Survey of Giving, Volunteering and Participating (CSGVP) (formerly the National Survey of Giving, Volunteering, and Participating) provides the most comprehensive look at the contributions of Canadians to one another and to their communities ever undertaken in Canada. The CSGVP asks Canadians a series of questions about their charitable and nonprofit/voluntary sector volunteering, donation and participation habits. Check out the 2007 survey at www.givingandvolunteering.ca.

Do you know a hero?

Know someone who deserves the spotlight for their volunteer work? Let's put them on TV! Citytv is launching a weekly feature called "Your City Heroes." To nominate someone and/or for further information, e-mail Reid Wilkins at reid.wilkins@rci.rogers.com. Please include your contact info and a brief explanation of what makes your nominee special!

Youth Engagement Project

The Summer Research Assistant for the Youth Engagement Project at the Community University Partnership for the Study of Children, Youth, and Families at the University of Alberta is writing a handbook for community organizations, policymakers, and researchers to use when considering what healthy and meaningful youth engagement practice is. Part of the knowledge transfer component will include a community forum for local organizations and agencies involved with, or wanting to be involved with, youth engagement work. This forum is tentatively booked for Wednesday, August 12, 2009 from 1 - 4 pm at a downtown Edmonton location (location TBA). The forum will include networking opportunities, a formal presentation on the findings of the handbook, and some other opportunities for discussion & the development of recommendations. We encourage organizations that currently engage youth, want to engage youth, or see themselves as a best practice for youth engagement to all attend! If interested contact joanne@opheliasvoice.org or (780) 819 7035 prior to June 30, 2009.

New Report Examines Tax Incentives for Volunteering

A recent report commissioned by Volunteer Alberta raises questions about the effectiveness of offering tax credits for volunteer activities. The report reveals how tax credits could result in the loss of charitable donations, and looks at the difficulties in determining monetary value and monitoring compliance. Visit [Volunteer Alberta](#) for more information.

People Lens: Copies Available for Purchase

Looking for innovative ideas, tips and best practices in volunteer management? Volunteer Vancouver recently released *A People Lens : 101 Ways to Move your Organization Forward!*, a book that re-examines traditional volunteer management and offers interesting ideas on how to work with today's "new volunteers". Visit the [Volunteer Vancouver website](#) to order a copy.

Got a Story You Want to Share?

Know an outstanding volunteer? Have an upcoming event that needs media coverage? Or do you have a topic idea that you'd like to see addressed? Let us know! We do all the writing, interviewing and editing. All we need is inspiration—interesting and thought-provoking story suggestions to profile in our various community newspaper columns. Send Evelyn at

ephram@volunteeredmonton.com your suggestion and you might just see your idea published on paper.

Youth Advisory Panel Seeking Applications

The Government of Alberta's Alberta Children and Youth Services is seeking youth between the ages of 15 to 22 to serve a one-year term on their Youth Advisory Panel. It's a chance to become involved in issues that directly affect youth and help ensure a youth perspective is heard. Interested youth can submit an application by August 31, 2009.

Charity Central Here to Help Charities

If you're a registered charity looking for more information on receipting, record-keeping and fundraising, check out Charity Central's website or call their helpline at 1-888-587-4438.

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Nominate an outstanding volunteer who has made a positive impact on their community for this prestigious award by June 19. Awards recipients will be honoured at an award dinner and ceremony in Ottawa planned to coincide with International Volunteer Day. For eligibility criteria and to download a copy of the nomination form, visit the Human Resources and Skills Development website.