

Exciting Conference for Volunteer Managers - mark your calendars now!

Volunteer Edmonton and the Volunteer Centres in Strathcona County, St. Albert, Stony Plain and Fort Saskatchewan are planning an exciting conference that YOU will want to be a part of. Mark your calendars now for **Thursday, January 18 (afternoon only) and Friday, January 19 (all day)**. This will be a great networking and educational experience for anyone who works with volunteers. Details are being finalized and will be forwarded soon, but make sure to block off this time - we can guarantee it will be well worth your time!

Training Opportunities are going unused!

Has everyone in your organization registered for the Tap In Program? Both staff and volunteers are invited and encouraged to take advantage of these amazing training opportunities. Many of these opportunities are being missed - \$200 courses for just \$25!!! This program is an amazing boon to the not-for-profit sector. To find out more about course specifics and how to sign up visit <https://www.tapin.ca/>

December 5th - International Volunteer Day - is just around the corner

December 5th is recognized by the United Nations as a day to celebrate the work of volunteers. Across Canada, voluntary organizations will be celebrating the contribution of volunteers who do so much to improve the lives of Canadians. This year, Volunteer Canada is focusing primarily on the contributions volunteers make to the health and safety of Canadians, to engagement and citizenship, and to the accountability of organizations in every sector. Please visit Volunteer Canada's International Volunteer Day website [here](#).

Canada Volunteerism Initiative - An update from Volunteer Canada President Marlene Deboisbriand

On September 25 this year, the federal government eliminated funding for the Canada Volunteerism Initiative. Volunteer Canada has since received hundreds of emails, phone calls and letters of support from individuals, organizations and corporations. Volunteer Canada is encouraging individuals and organizations to contact their MP's and the Prime Minister to stress the need for federal investment in volunteerism. Visit Volunteer Alberta's website at <http://www.volunteeralberta.ab.ca/> for more information. **If you are interested in seeing a copy of the letter Volunteer Edmonton sent to the Prime Minister and Edmonton and area MP's please reply to this email with "Send me Volunteer Edmonton's response to the CVI cuts" in the subject line.**

Human Resource Crisis

The Edmonton Chamber of Voluntary Organizations is spearheading discussion/advocacy around the issue of the Human Resource Crisis (both paid and unpaid) in the not for profit/voluntary sector. For more info about this initiative visit <http://www.ecvo.ca/ECVOactionalert.html>

Online Courses available through Charity Village

"CharityVillage Campus offers 10 web-based, self-paced courses, including: Case for Support, Grantseeking, Getting Started in Planned Giving, Effective Policies and Procedures, How Boards Work, Proposal Writing, Event Planning, How Fundraising Works, Volunteer Management, and Strategic Planning. The courses are fun, informative and best of all can be done from the comfort of your own home or office. Each course also offers downloadable resources that you can print out for future reference. Courses are \$127.00 each for 3 months of unlimited access. Volume discounts are also available. For more information, visit:

<http://www.charityvillagecampus.com>.

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