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City Council Volunteerism Policy

On July 5, 2006 Edmonton City Council adopted a "Volunteerism Policy". This policy can be accessed by visiting http://www.edmonton.ca/portal/server.pt/gateway/PTARGS_0_2_265_210_0_43/http%3B/CMS/Server/COEW/eb/city+government/policies/ Once you get to this site you can find it by name (from the left hand side alphabetical selection City Policy T-V) - Volunteerism Policy (scroll down after clicking), or by number - C504.

More info on the Alberta Voluntary Sector Initiative (ANVSI)

As mentioned in last month's e-news, on July 18th, Denis Ducharme, Alberta's Minister of Community Development, launched the Alberta Voluntary Sector Initiative (ANVSI). The ANVSI council consists of nonprofit/ voluntary sector leaders and Alberta government representatives. The group will work to develop a framework to guide and strengthen the relationship between the Government of Alberta and the province's nonprofit/ voluntary sector. You can click on this link - [ANVSI release](#) - to view the full news release. See the [Fact Sheet here](#) for more info on this exciting initiative.

Insurance Tool Kit FREE workshops

Just a reminder that there is still room in the following Insurance Tool Kit workshops. Participants registered for the sessions can prepare by [downloading a PDF copy of the toolkit](#).

Edmonton sessions (register with the date of the session, the name of the organization, the person(s) attending, their contact information and their position, to ecvo.register@interbaun.com):

- Wed., Oct. 4, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., Percy Page Centre, 11759 Groat Road, Room 8

- Sat., Nov. 4 to Sat. Nov. 18, from 1-4 p.m., Grant MacEwan College, Rm 6-313H.

St. Albert Session: Mon., Oct. 2 from 1-4 p.m. Contact the St. Albert Community Information and Volunteer Centre at answers@st-albert.info to register.

If none of these sessions works for you, contact Volunteer Alberta at insurance@volunteeraberta.ab.ca or phone (780) 482-3300 or Volunteer Alberta's toll free number at 1 (877) 915-6336 to find out how to book a session and/or for alternate workshop locations and availability.

Helpful Resources

Volunteer Canada's [Volunteer Resource Centre](#) is a virtual resource centre with extensive links to information on volunteering, volunteer management, fundraising, etc. During the four years of the Canada Volunteerism Initiative, a substantial array of tools, resources, manuals and reports emerged (175 in all!). For example – Do you want to know how to run a focus group? How to engage retired leaders as volunteers? How to develop a family volunteering initiative? How to help students get the most out of volunteering? How to eliminate barriers to volunteering by people with disabilities? Understanding low-income volunteers? This site is a "one-stop access" to information and is definitely worth checking out!

"Building a Great Volunteer Program" online course

Check out the CharityVillage Campus course: *Building a Great Volunteer Program*. In this new course, developed by CharityVillage contributor Donna Lockhart, you'll learn essential steps to integrating volunteers successfully into your organization. In addition to the regular course content, you'll have access to 20 downloadable resources that you can print off and put to use in your organization today, including sample position descriptions, interview checklists, and tips for orienting your volunteers successfully. Find out more today at: www.charityvillage.com/cv/learn/cvevol.html.

Hope your week is going well! Happy Folk Festing!

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