

Volunteer Edmonton News – March 16, 2007

Happy National Volunteer Week – April 15 – 21, 2007!

Hope everyone has a wonderful National Volunteer Week! This is such a special time to recognize the amazing work volunteers do in our communities. I'd love to hear what special activities you undertake to recognize the volunteers in your organization during this national week of celebration...so if you have a moment to let me know that would be super! Keep an eye open for Volunteer Edmonton's ads in this week's Edmonton Examiner, SEE and VUE – with thanks to the Wildrose Foundation and Volunteer Alberta for enhancement funding to make it possible! We also have some spots next week on 4 outdoor video billboards in the city – by Finesse Furniture on the southside, at Westmount Shopping Centre and on the St. Albert Trail. Our thanks to the sales team at Highpoint Media for donating this space!

Exciting Staffing News for Volunteer Edmonton

I'm delighted to announce that two contract folks have joined the Volunteer Edmonton 'team'. Lowell Taylor will be working as our webmaster and graphic designer and Shari Narine will be focusing on writing and communications. Please join me in welcoming these two very talented individuals who will be helping to move Volunteer Edmonton forward this year.

Amazing Learning Opportunity

It's not too late to register for the next session in the 'So What? Linking Research and Practice in the Voluntary Sector' Series. The final presentation of this year's series will be held on Wednesday, May 2, 2007 at MacEwan City Centre Campus. This session will feature Lynne Toupin, Executive Director of the Human Resources Council for the Voluntary/Non-profit Sector. Lynne will be sharing information and ideas regarding getting and keeping paid staff in non-profit organizations. Many of Lynne's ideas will undoubtedly be transferable to our work with unpaid staff as well. Please RSVP your attendance by April 20, 2007 to voluntarysectorevents@macewan.ca or leave a message with your name, phone number and e-mail address at (780) 497-4780.

Have you registered yet for Vitalize 2007?

Don't delay - 'Vitalize 2007', the provincial nonprofit/ voluntary sector conference, will be happening June 7 - 9th in Calgary at the Telus Convention Centre! Make sure you get the sessions you want by registering right away. You can view the conference schedule online, by going to http://www.cd.gov.ab.ca/all_about_us/commissions/wild_rose/vitalize/index.asp Also check out the online registration forms and accommodations guide for Calgary. Cost: \$120 (incl.GST)

Volunteer Management Group Spring Newsletter now ready!

Find out what's happening in the field of Volunteer Management in Edmonton. Check out the VMG Spring newsletter at <http://www.vmgedmonton.ca/Newsletter.htm>

Check out Volunteer Alberta's New Website

Volunteer Alberta's website has a new 'look'. Check it out by clicking on the Volunteer Alberta link on our website <http://www.volunteeredmonton.com/links.htm>

Donner Awards Information

Applications for the 2007 Donner Canadian Foundation Awards for Excellence in the Delivery of Social Services are being accepted until May 15, 2007. Nine awards of \$5000 each are presented in 9 service categories. For more information and application forms visit www.donnerawards.org or email info@donnerawards.org.

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