

January 18 and 19, 2007 Volunteer Management Conference in Edmonton

An exciting Volunteer Management conference has been planned for the new year. Get all the details in the [Registration Package.pdf](#). Please note that you must mail your registration form and cheque as indicated on the registration form. There is a limit to how many participants we can accept and registrations will be accepted on a first come, first served basis – so don't put it off! This conference is being hosted by Volunteer Edmonton and the Volunteer Centres in St. Albert, Strathcona County, Fort Saskatchewan, Stony Plain and Vegreville....a truly collaborative effort! All of us are advertising this conference to our various lists so you may receive this package more than once...please accept our apologies in advance for any duplication!

Strengthening Volunteer Boards - Saturday, February 10, 2007 from 9:00 am – 4:30 pm at Grant

MacEwan College Room 5-175, City Centre Campus 10700 – 104 Ave, Edmonton, AB. Registration Fee: \$20.00 (includes refreshments). As a board member of a non-profit organization, have you ever wondered ...What are my legal and ethical responsibilities? What role do I play in governing our organization? How can our board organize its work fairly and efficiently to avoid volunteer and staff burnout? How can we develop policies that will help us make consistent decisions? How can we encourage teamwork between the board and staff? If you're a new board member wanting to learn more about your role, or an experienced board member wishing to enhance your skills and work effectively as a team member, this workshop is for you. Workshop content will focus on incorporated and non-profit organizations and is not appropriate for advisory boards. Limit of three board members per organizations, please. To Register: Please contact the RCVO by telephone at (780) 497-4780, or email voluntarysectorevents@macewan.ca. Sponsored by: *The Board Development Program, Alberta Community Development; Resource Centre for Voluntary Organizations, Grant MacEwan College; and The Muttart Foundation.*

New Provincial Government Website

On November 24 the Alberta Government announced a new on-line window into government programs, grants and volunteer opportunities, to make it easier to access information and services. "Alberta's nonprofit and voluntary sector community does amazing things for Albertans," said Denis Ducharme, then Minister of Community Development. "This new feature will help them in their work and help those who require their services." With the click of a mouse, Albertans will be able to access programs and services related to social services, grants and volunteering opportunities from a number of different departments at www.servicealberta.gov.ab.ca/nonprofit. Tailored by topic and by audience, the Service Alberta website is the most comprehensive source for Alberta government information, and is an easy way to access a broad range of programs and services. The new window is a part of the government's Alberta Nonprofit/Voluntary Sector Initiative. This initiative aims to guide and strengthen the relationship between the Government of Alberta and the province's nonprofit and voluntary sector. The goal of this work is to ensure sustainability of the sector and helps address current and future challenges including funding, human resources, insurance and screening. For more information on the Alberta Nonprofit/Voluntary Sector Initiative, visit www.cd.gov.ab.ca/ANVSI.

Research on the 'recruitment and retention of Aboriginal women volunteers'

The Institute for the Advancement of Aboriginal Women (IAAW - <http://www.iaaw.ca/>) was one of 51 organizations that received funding from the Knowledge Development Centre at Imagine Canada to improve understanding of aboriginal women volunteers. The following documents provide information about what they learned and provide concrete recommendations about how the findings can be applied to your organization. Check out these excellent resources at http://www.kdc-cdc.ca/attachments/iaaw_volunteerism_aboriginal_report.pdf and http://www.kdc-cdc.ca/attachments/iaaw_guidelines_recruitment_handbook.pdf

Provincial Cabinet Impacts on the Non-Profit/Voluntary Sector

Volunteer Alberta writes: "Cabinet decisions announced this morning impacts the nonprofit/voluntary sector. Minister of Tourism, Parks, Recreation and Culture (including the Wild Rose Foundation, Foundation for the Arts, and the Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation) is under the leadership of [Hon. Hector Goudreau \(Dunvegan- Central Peace\)](#). Libraries, Voluntary and Community Services is currently under the

leadership of [Ray Danyluk \(Lac La Biche-St. Paul\)](#). *The separation of the department field services staff from the Wild Rose Foundation is a potential area for concern.* The missions of Alberta's 19,000 nonprofit/voluntary sector organizations are impacted by the policies and leadership of the provincial government. The chair of the Community Services Cabinet Policy Committee is Mary-Anne Jablonski (Red Deer-North). The chair of the Treasury Board Policy Cabinet Committee is Lloyd Snelgrove (Vermilion-Lloydminster)."

For the official announcement, visit <http://www.gov.ab.ca/acn/200612/2090686D62539-DEAB-4B63-2047FAC61EB464B8.html>.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing interest in and support of **Volunteer Edmonton**. Best wishes for a happy holiday season – in whatever way you celebrate this special time of year!

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