

Volunteer Edmonton News – June 15, 2007

Nonprofit sector to get more exposure

We are excited to announce that beginning August 1, Volunteer Edmonton will have a weekly column in the Edmonton Examiner newspaper. We invite you to help us fill this space. Let us know any issues you'd like to see examined; tell us about workshops or conferences you are hosting or attending; take time to salute your volunteers or to highlight unique programs that your organization offers. We want your input in allowing this column to speak to the general public and the rest of the nonprofit sector about the wonderful work that is being done and the challenges that we are facing. Provide us with your input and ideas by e-mailing voled@volunteeredmonton.com

Workshop opportunity - Risk Management 101

The Risk Management session that Volunteer Edmonton is hosting on June 26 from 9-11 a.m. is **FULL!!!** However, Strathcona County Information and Volunteer Centre is hosting a second session of this Risk Management workshop on June 26, 7-9 p.m. and still has a few spots left. Don't delay - call the Strathcona Volunteer Centre at 464-4242 to register. If you had wanted to attend the morning session and weren't able to get in, please email voled@volunteeredmonton.com as we will keep a list for future reference.

Workforce strategy requires input

The Edmonton Chamber of Voluntary Organizations has posted on its website a draft copy of the 'Building & Educating Tomorrow's Workforce' strategy for the nonprofit sector and are soliciting feedback. Nonprofit organizations have until July 13 to fill out the brief questionnaire that can also be found on ECVO's website. Comments and feedback will be considered carefully and could be incorporated into the final strategy that will be presented to the provincial government and which will be used as a road map to tackle human resource issues in the nonprofit sector over the next 10 years. Visit: www.ecvo.ca

Registered charities can now submit annual returns online

The Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) is now allowing registered charities to fill out their annual return and attachments online. The CRA says creating these basic fillable forms is the first step along the road to providing registered charities with electronic filing options in the future. For more information, visit: www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tax/charities/menu-e.html.

Make new friends but keep the old

A report entitled "Make new friends but keep the old," May 2007, offers insights from author Susan J. Ellis on how nonprofit organizations can communicate better with their existing membership. Ellis offers pointers – ranging from organizations growing with their membership to adding a recruitment tagline to your e-mail signature. Check out <http://www.volunteeredmonton.com/summariesofreports.html> for a summary of the report and for a link to the report in its entirety.

Six steps to deal with generational change in your organization

An excerpt from Chapter 3 of *Generations: The Challenge of a Lifetime for Your Nonprofit*, by Peter C. Brinckerhoff, April 2007, offers direction as to how organizations can take steps to prepare for loss of one of their largest sources of staff. Taking these steps will help smooth your ride through the transition as your organization prepares for the retirement of its Boomer generation (which largely built the nonprofit sector and still runs its largest institutions). Check out www.volunteeredmonton.com/summariesofreports.html for a summary of the report and for a link to the report in its entirety.

Shaw TV looks for volunteer champions

Shaw TV is asking for the nonprofit sector to submit names of volunteers who help make Edmonton a great place to live. These volunteers will be profiled on Shaw TV. If you have any names you wish to submit send them to sarah.mundorf@sjrb.ca

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