

## **Volunteer Edmonton News – October 15, 2007**

### **Training Opportunities**

Here's your chance to learn new skills and improve on old ones—check out <http://www.volunteeredmonton.com/workshopsandtraining.htm> to view the many training sessions and workshops available around the city.

### **Federal Funding for Festivals**

The federal government has just recently implemented a \$30 million budget to support local arts and heritage activities. To apply for this ongoing funding project, organizations can visit the [Canadian Heritage website](#). Deadlines for funding are October 31, 2007 and

### **Communities at Risk: Helping Communities Targeted by Hate-Motivated Crime**

Are you a nonprofit linked to communities with a history of hate-motivated crimes? Places of worship, provincially recognized education institutions and community centres are just a few of the organizations that can apply for funding to help defray minor security infrastructure costs. The deadline is November 16, 2007. To check out eligibility requirements and submission guidelines, visit the [Public Safety](#) website.

### **Speaking Out Against Bill 1: The Lobbyist Act**

As a key opponent of Bill 1, Volunteer Alberta voiced their concerns to the Standing Committee on Government Services. To read more about Bill 1 and Volunteer Alberta's involvement, visit their [website](#).

### **Subscribe to Connections**

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### **VMG Meeting (link)**

The Volunteer Management Group is now holding their monthly membership meetings on the third Wednesday of each month. To view upcoming events or news, visit <http://www.vmgedmonton.ca/events.htm>.

### **Spread the Word—Send Us Volunteer Fairs**

If you have a piece of news about a volunteer fair around the city, let Volunteer Edmonton know. Email [voled@volunteeredmonton.com](mailto:voled@volunteeredmonton.com) with a brief description of the event, time, place and any other pertinent details. If time lines fit, we'll gladly post it on our website.

### **Free Desks and Chairs**

CBC has two used desks and chairs to give away. For more information or to arrange a pick up at their downtown location, contact Eric Wagers at 468-7823.