

Volunteer Edmonton News – October 20, 2006

Voluntary Sector Funding Cuts Devastating!

There have been extreme cuts to the Voluntary Sector funding and in particular the CVI funding from the federal government. Experts from across the field are shocked and disappointed. If this doesn't affect your organization now, rest assured these cuts will affect you into the future...please take some time to read more and to register your thoughts with influential decision-makers. Read about some of the reactions from Volunteer Canada. http://www.volunteer.ca/volcan/eng/content/canvol-init/cvi_message.php

Check out the Volunteer Alberta website at www.volunteeralberta.ab.ca for more news and updates on this issue.

In addition, the Edmonton Chamber of Voluntary Organizations has further info on their website. Go to <http://www.ecvo.ca/fundingcutsimpact.htm> It details some of the strategies being taken by those in the nonprofit/ voluntary sector in response to the major federal cuts from last week.

Volunteer Alberta 2006 Regional Fall Round Table Invitation

You are invited to apply to attend the 2006 Regional Fall Round Table in Stony Plain on Wednesday, November 8 and Thursday, November 9th - deadline for applications is Thursday, October 26! Volunteer Alberta and the Alberta Local Network of the Canadian Volunteerism Initiative are offering Regional Fall Round Tables throughout the province. *This Time Makes a Difference Too* will build on the sessions held last year and focus on updates on new initiatives and solutions to our common issues in the voluntary sector. The 2006 Fall Round Tables are a coveted opportunity to lead solution-based initiatives with voluntary sector influencers.

For more info, visit the Volunteer Alberta website www.volunteeralberta.ab.ca. Go to the homepage and scroll down until you see the 2006 FALL ROUND TABLES ANNOUNCEMENT title.

Final Insurance Toolkit Seminar (for Edmonton)!

If you would like the chance to gain a better understanding of insurance for your organization, there is one last chance for you to spend time with an expert in an Edmonton seminar. Note that these helpful and highly informative sessions will not be running in 2007. Date: Saturday, November 18 - 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. at Grant MacEwan's downtown campus (room 6-313H) Cost: Free! (except for parking). To attend this workshop please notify Andrea no later than Friday, Nov 10th by email at ecvo.director@interbaun.com

Risk Management Workshop

On Wednesday, November 8, 2006 from 8:00 – noon, the Volunteer Management Group will be holding a workshop on Risk Management at the Fort Edmonton Hanger (6601 148 Street). Purchasing liability insurance and conducting police information checks on staff and volunteers are only two components of a solid risk management plan. Want to know more about what your organization should be doing to reduce its exposure to liability? Through presentation, “ask the experts” forum and tradeshow booths, participants will be provided access to current information and contacts from a range of Edmonton area resources involved in promoting good risk management practices for organizations. Cost: \$20.00/person or FREE for Volunteer Management Group (VMG) members. Advance registration is required through www.tapin.ca.

Upcoming workshops of interest - for more info check out the Volunteer Edmonton website under Training:

- **Strengthening Volunteer Boards - October 28** - 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at Grant MacEwan College, City Centre Campus. Registration Fee \$20. Phone 497-4780 or email voluntarysectorevents@macewan.ca.

- **Fundraising Success: Where to start & how to build it! - October 28** - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Cost \$10 Location: Strathcona County Health Centre To register, call 464-4044.
- **WillPower Wills Week: The Charities Edition - November 8** - 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. at Grant MacEwan College, City Centre Campus. Free by RSVP to 423-4956.
- **Benchmark for Success—An introduction to the new version of the Canadian Code for Volunteer Involvement, November 15** 8:30-10:30 a.m., Room 6-313H Grant MacEwan College, 10700-104 Avenue. Join well-known expert, Nadine Maillot, for this informative presentation. Since its introduction in 2000, the Canadian Code for Volunteer Involvement (CCVI) has become known as the voluntary sector benchmark for volunteer involvement. The CCVI is a roadmap for voluntary organizations of all sizes to effectively involve volunteers as part of their human resources team. Join us to hear about the research and process that was used in developing this evolved version of the code and to explore the ways you can use it to strengthen and position volunteer involvement in your organization. Watch for further information on the “So What?” series on our website at www.rcvo.org (events), or call the RCVO Event Hotline at 780-497-4780.
- **Fund Raising Success: Where to Start and How to Build It with Tim Haak - November 25** - 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Grant MacEwan College, City Centre Campus. Registration fee is \$30 (includes breakfast and lunch). To register call the Resource Centre for Voluntary Organizations at 497-5616.
- **Charity Village E-Learning Courses (ongoing)**. Explore topics such as Building a Great Volunteer Program (\$127); Proposal Writing (\$97); Grant seeking (\$97); How Fundraising Works (\$37) and more. For the entire course catalogue, visit <http://learn.serebra.com/charityvillage/>

Count yourself in! Please, help with the Nonprofit Inventory

You have likely read about the Edmonton Chamber of Voluntary Organization’s massive Nonprofit Inventory Project in previous emails, but help is still needed to gather information about your organization. To read more on the Inventory project, go online to <http://www.ecvo.ca/countyourselfin.htm> You'll see the various ways you can send in your info, as well as their Privacy Policy. It only takes a few minutes - please do take the time because the more responses gathered from the 8000+ organizations in the Capital region, the better we shall all fare as a sector. Please forward this request to friends, family, friendly family friends (etc!) in the Edmonton-area nonprofit sector. When you send us your info, your name will be entered into a prize draw. Don’t delay!

Are your organization's volunteer opportunities listed with 211 and on govoluteer?

If not, check out http://www.thesupportnetwork.com/volunteer/needng_a_volunteer.htm for more information on how you can access this FREE, helpful referral service to help staff your organization's volunteer needs.

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