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Educational and Training Opportunities for Non-Profits

Is your organization always short of money for courses and continuing education? Then you should know about the Tap In Program. In partnership with the Volunteer Management Group and Alberta Human Resources the Tap In Program provides educational opportunities to staff and volunteers of not for profit organizations. To find out more visit the Tap In web site at: www.tapin.ca

Insurance Toolkit Seminar spots still available -seminars are *only offered until December 2006*, so don't miss out! This excellent resource has been developed to help not-for-profit organizations become better informed insurance customers.

Edmonton Session November 18th (Saturday) seminar from 1 - 3 p.m. at Grant MacEwan College's city centre campus, room 6-313H. Email ecvo.director@interbaun.com to reserve a spot.

St. Albert Session Mon., Oct. 2 from 1 - 4 p.m.. Contact the St. Albert Community Information and Volunteer Centre at answers@st-albert.info to register.

Sherwood Park sessions Tuesday, November 7 and Wednesday, November 8 from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. To register call the Information and Volunteer Centre in Sherwood Park at 464-4242

Count your organization in!

How big is the non-profit sector in the Edmonton area? What groups does it encompass? How many people does it employ, and how many volunteers? What are the issues it faces, and what does it 'look like'? Politicians and policy-makers, researchers and activists, socially-minded citizens and others have pondered these questions for some time. The Edmonton Chamber of Voluntary Organizations is conducting an Inventory Project to answer these questions and they need YOUR help to gather information about your organization. To read more on the ECVO Inventory project, please go online to www.ecvo.ca/countyourselfin.htm Please do take the time to do it, because the more responses that can be gathered from the 6000+ organizations in the Capital region, the better we will all be as a sector!

Welcome to a new year of Volunteer Management Group activities!

Did you know that there is a professional organization for Volunteer Managers in Edmonton? To find out more about this group and the services they offer, check out their website at www.vmgedmonton.ca

Upcoming Volunteer Fair

The ASSIST Community Services Centre (formerly Edmonton Chinese Community Services Centre) is holding a Volunteer Fair 2006 on Saturday, October 14th from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. at City. This Volunteer Fair is sponsored by ASSIST Community Services Centre, The City Of Edmonton, Community Services and Edmonton Chinatown Care Centre. The fair's goal is to create awareness and address queries in volunteerism. This fair will provide information on volunteer opportunities and volunteerism. It is a half-day event that brings together social service professionals and the communities. It consists of booths, games and volunteer-recruitment opportunities as well as entertainment performances throughout the event. For more information contact info@assistcsc.org

Succession Planning

In the August 22nd edition of the Human Resource Council for the Voluntary/Non-Profit Sector newsletter there was an excellent article on Succession Planning. *"Who would be excellent as your next Finance Manager; who has the potential to be a great Executive Director? Succession planning requires you to identify individuals with the potential to take on more responsibilities in your organization and provide them with development*

opportunities to prepare for those responsibilities.” To find out more about this timely topic visit http://www.hrcouncil.ca/hr_overview/pg004_e.cfm

Employee Development

The September 4th edition of the Human Resource Council newsletter has an excellent article on Employee Development: Research shows that one key to retaining employees is to provide training and development. Don't let a lack of budget dollars prevent your organization from providing employees with the opportunity to develop their skills. http://www.hrcouncil.ca/training/pg005_e.cfm

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