



A Day for Building Skills, Learning About New Tools, Networking, and Getting Inspired!

Presented by Volunteer BC and Volunteer Canada



**Join us on September 12th, 2008
at the Vancouver Aquarium
for a series of workshops and Volunteer BC's Annual General Meeting**



9:00am Volunteer Centre Toolkit

Based on past surveys of the volunteer centre network, the Advisory Council of Volunteer Centres proposed some key priorities for Volunteer Canada in building capacity within the volunteer centre movement. As a result, the Volunteer Centre Toolkit (sponsored by UPS) was created to strengthen the core and baseline operations of Canadian volunteer centres. This toolkit is intended to identify core practices for baseline operations, gather samples of work being done by volunteer centres, and provide a dynamic tool for all member volunteer centres. At its inception, the creators felt that this tool would enhance ability to generate revenue, promote services and build strong partnerships and collaborations. This session will walk us through an on-line tutorial on where to find the toolkit and how to use it. Your feedback will also assist in perfecting the tool to best suit the needs of the volunteer centre network. This session is geared to any volunteer centre looking for access to useful resources and tools.



10:30am A "Hands On" Approach to Group Volunteering

Be an early adopter with the growing phenomenon on the volunteering continuum, group volunteering! While group volunteering is often seen as a one-off volunteer experience focused on team building rather than on making a real impact, the "Hands On" model aims to increase volunteer management efficiency and effectiveness by being more proactive in working with business volunteers. Successfully piloted in Calgary, Vancouver, Toronto, Ottawa, and Montreal; this information session will focus on the practices and principles of the Hands On Network approach to training in creating partnerships with local businesses and organizations who seek to be part of large scale service projects. This session is perfect for any organization interested in how to proactively involve business volunteers in their work. *(interactive presentation – 90 minutes)*



12:00 – 1:00pm Networking Lunch provided by Volunteer BC and an opportunity to learn more about the VolWeb.ca Volunteer Opportunities Listing Tool.



1:00 – 1:30pm Annual General Meeting, including an update on our exciting new activities for the coming year.



How to Register

Send your name, organization, telephone number and e-mail address to us at: volbc@vcn.bc.ca or leave a message at 604.873.5877 before **September 5**. There is no cost for participation.

Your Workshop Presenter: *Don Lapierre, Volunteer Canada*

Don is Senior Manager, Programs and Voluntary Sector Relations with Volunteer Canada. He has over a 20-year background both in the voluntary and public sectors. Prior to starting at Volunteer Canada in the fall of 2007, he spent six years at the National Office of St. John Ambulance where he was Director of Community Services. He thrives on having learned from and worked with many experts while playing a role in promoting volunteerism across the country. His volunteer management background has been very community and client oriented as he established and convened several national and local networks and committees. He looks forward to meeting you and is anxious to discuss and explore with you the issues of group volunteering and volunteer centre capacity building in a meaningful way.



About Volunteer BC

Volunteer BC is a provincial association of volunteer centres, provincial organizations and individuals working together to strengthen the growth and development of voluntary action in British Columbia. Currently, there are over 30 volunteer centres in British Columbia, with several others in the development stage. These centres play a key role in promoting and supporting effective volunteering in our communities. Volunteer centres work with a broad range of organizations across the voluntary sector including human and social services, health care, education, arts, sports and recreation. They provide recruitment, referral and support services to these organizations, disseminate information on volunteer management and programming, provide training for volunteers and managers of volunteers, and advocate on issues related to volunteerism and volunteer programs.

For more information, please visit www.volunteerbc.bc.ca



EVENT LOCATION:

The Vancouver Aquarium:

845 Avison Way, Vancouver, B.C.; Tel: (604) 659-3474

Directions, parking, and other information on visiting the Aquarium:

http://www.vanaqua.org/visit_us/getting_here.html