



The Connector

Volunteer BC Newsletter – February 2005 Edition

This month's Connector is chock full of updates, resources, and learning opportunities. So put down that discounted Valentine's Day chocolate and start reading!

Provincially Speaking

updates from Volunteer BC

Provincial Training Calendar Now Online

Are you looking for a training opportunity in your area and don't know where to find it? Are you organizing a training session and want to promote it to volunteer-involving organizations? Volunteer BC and the Administrators of Volunteer Resources BC (AVRBC) are proud to announce the launch of the new Provincial Training Calendar, designed to aid in the promotion and referral of training opportunities across the province. Find a training opportunity or submit a listing today by visiting the calendar at www.volunteerbc.bc.ca/events/training.html.

Volunteer BC Membership Renewal

Thank you to everyone who has renewed their Volunteer BC membership for 2005. This is just one more reminder to those who haven't already. Please contact us (at volbc@vcn.bc.ca or 604-873-5877) for a renewal form, or download the form online at the WHAT'S NEW section of our website (www.volunteerbc.bc.ca). Be sure to include payment when you mail in your completed form.

A Fond Farewell

In January, Volunteer BC and the Voluntary Organizations Consortium of BC (VOCBC) said goodbye to Fe Alluri. Fe has been a driving force behind our VOCBC initiative, serving as VOCBC Coordinator. We will all miss her talents, commitment, and most of all her spirit. Join us in wishing Fe all the best as she takes on new and exciting life adventures!

Back to the Classroom

learning opportunities to build a stronger sector

Helping the Helper Workshop Series Continues

This workshop series is designed to help nonprofit organizations increase their resourcefulness and adapt to new demands and opportunities. The next workshop is called *Fund Development: Raising Funds, Finding Friends*. Paul Born, of the Tamarack Institute (www.tamarackcommunity.ca), will be facilitating this workshop on March 8 (on Vancouver Island) and March 9 (in the Lower Mainland). Workshops run until the end of April and cost \$50/session. For more information or to register, please visit www.coastcapitalsavings.com/Community/NonProfitWorkshopSeries.

Ready, Set, Go! A New Communications Training Series from IMPACS

IMPACS is starting the New Year with a brand new training series that's sure to kick start your organization's communications efforts. The *Ready, Set, and Go* training series is

exactly what you and your organization need to make a lasting resolution for a successful 2005. Stop putting off communications planning, say goodbye to lacklustre media releases, and seize hold of the tools and skills that will help you turn up the volume on your own work. These workshops (an affordable \$35 each or bundle three together for just \$95) are unique because you'll be able to participate in each two-hour session via phone and the Internet from the comfort of your own office, home or even while you are traveling. For more information, visit www.impacs.org/communications/TrainingSeminars.

Centre Stage

news from the volunteer centre movement

Volunteer Canada Improves Its Online Marketplace

Volunteer Canada has redesigned their online Marketplace. The site has now added the capability to process secure online payment for volunteer management resources, promotional material and customizable recognition items. Visit the new and improved Marketplace at www.volunteer.ca/marketplace.

National Volunteer Week is Coming!

National Volunteer Week (NVW) is from April 17 to April 23 this year. We hope that plans have already begun in your community to celebrate the value of volunteerism during the week. Volunteer Canada has created a number of resources to help centres and other organizations celebrate. Connect with NVW material at www.volunteer.ca/nvw.

Volunteer Victoria Turns 30!

Volunteer BC would like to extend our congratulations to Volunteer Victoria on 30 years of promoting and enhancing quality volunteerism in Greater Victoria. We wish them another exciting 30 years.

Plugging In

navigating what's new on the web

Looking for Training Resources?

The *Voluntary Sector Resources Database* was created by during the International Year of Volunteers 2001 to provide a one-stop shopping location for training resources. So whether you are organizing a training session or are in need of training expertise, this database is for you. The database allows you to search by type of resource or resource provider. Visit the database at www.volunteerbc.bc.ca/resources/trainingdatabase.html.

Seniors Gateway Website Now Online

411 Senior Centre and the Representation Agreement Resource Centre have launched the Seniors Gateway to Legal Information and Resources at www.seniorsgateway.vcn.bc.ca. The goals of the website are to train Seniors' Legal Information Provider (SLIP) volunteers in accessing and using web-based legal information resources and to develop and build a portal website for use by SLIP volunteers throughout the province. Visit the site today!

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