



# The Connector

*A Volunteer BC Newsletter*

*April 2007 Edition*

## **Welcome to this issue of The Connector**

*We're pleased to usher in April by wishing you a very Happy National Volunteer Week! Tell us how you celebrated: send news and photos of your events this month, so we can feature them in the next issue of The Connector. And remember to check our website for Vol BC's plans for National Volunteer Week.*

## Provincially Speaking

*Updates from Volunteer BC*

### **REMINDER!**



### **Celebrate National Volunteer Week with Volunteer BC: April 17<sup>th</sup> Panel Event**

Less than one week left to register for Volunteer BC's free panel event, *Volunteer Action and the Fight Against Poverty: A Profile of Programs Turning Principles into Practice*. Come hear three fantastic speakers talk about their work against poverty through creating innovative employment opportunities for low-income people. John Soleanico is an investment banker and the founder of the Washington, D.C. chapter of Streetwise Partners, which builds mentoring relationships between motivated low-income individuals and volunteer business professionals to develop workplace skills and employment networks as the bridge to a successful career. The ever-charismatic Chaplain Melita Thornhill will tell you the story of Emerging Hope, which started as she stood in a foodline in the downtown Eastside and a car drove by with the driver yelling, "Get a job!" Another Vancouverite, Deborah Twocock will talk about the work of Dress for Success, which provides professional work attire to low-income women trying to transition into the workforce. The presentation will take place on Tuesday April 17<sup>th</sup> at the Vancouver Public Library from 1-3pm. Refreshments will be served. This event is free, but **you must RSVP by April 14<sup>th</sup>**: [volbc@vcn.bc.ca](mailto:volbc@vcn.bc.ca) or call 604.873.5877. For more information and to read our speakers' bios, visit [www.volunteerbc.bc.ca](http://www.volunteerbc.bc.ca).

### **Hiring? Looking for a Summer intern? Send us your job postings!**

We now have a section on our website where we'll post our members' jobs and internships. So if you're looking to spread the word on an opening in your organization, send us the posting and we'll help you publicize it on our website. Be sure to specify the closing date for applications, job description details, and relevant contact person. Send jobs to: [volbc@vcn.bc.ca](mailto:volbc@vcn.bc.ca)

### **Vol BC's Library gets Revamped**

In our spring cleaning this year, we've decided to sort through our collection of resources for the volunteers sector and to make our collection available to members. Caroline Derksen will be entering the Library Science programme at UBC this fall and is helping us catalogue the collection and acquire new resources to share with you. We need your help though: if you have manuals, reports or other publications published after 2001 on a topic of relevance to the volunteers sector, please send us a copy! You can reach Caroline at [bamboozlem@hotmail.com](mailto:bamboozlem@hotmail.com)



## Back to the Classroom

*Learning opportunities to build a stronger sector*

### **"Aiming High and Leading the Way" Conference and AGM 2007**

The BC Association for Community Living will hold their annual conference this year in Prince George, from June 14-16. To get a registration form, contact Sea to Sky Meeting Management: [vanessa@seatoskymeetings.com](mailto:vanessa@seatoskymeetings.com)

### **"Bowling Alone" Author Comes to Vancouver**

World-renown writer, social commentator and activist Robert Putnam will be speaking on April 14<sup>th</sup> in a lecture called "Civic Engagement in a Changing World" sponsored by the Dalai Lama Center for Peace and Education. For tickets, contact Ticket Master: [www.ticketmaster.ca](http://www.ticketmaster.ca) or 604.280.3311 (\$22; \$17 students and seniors).

**Volunteer Victoria Launches Retired Leaders Volunteer Network**

Building on their research project, Re-engaging Retired Leaders as Volunteer Leaders in 2005, Volunteer Victoria will continue their exploration of untapped pools of potential volunteers by establishing a peer network for retired leaders. For more information, visit [www.volunteervictoria.bc.ca](http://www.volunteervictoria.bc.ca)

**Volunteer this Summer in Burnaby**

Burnaby's Festivals in the Park is looking for volunteers for their 2007 round of festivals. For a volunteer application form, contact [Lyndsay Johnston](mailto:Lyndsay.Johnston@burnaby.ca), Volunteer Coordinator & Marketing Assistant at the Shadbolt Centre for the Arts, City of Burnaby, Cultural Services: [lyndsay.johnston@burnaby.ca](mailto:lyndsay.johnston@burnaby.ca) or call 604-205-3043.

**Opportunities**

*Funding, Capacity-Development and More*

**Arts Partners Funding Available**

Arts Partners in Creative Development (APCD) is a strategic investment partnership to assist B.C. arts and cultural organizations create and develop new works or further develop existing works, with the intent of producing, presenting or exhibiting them at the highest standard. Organizations can apply for funding to create, commission and develop original work in the performing, visual, media or literary arts. <http://www.artspartners.ca/>

**In Print**

*Books, Publications and Other Learning Tools for You*

**Cultural Mapping and Cultural Planning Toolkits**

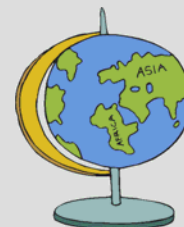
2010 Legacies Now and the Creative City Network of Canada have developed two new resources to assist local governments, as well as arts, cultural and heritage organizations, plan for the future. The Cultural Planning Toolkit is a guide to assist with strategic thinking, decision-making and community consultation as you go through the cultural planning process. It includes an adaptable model and practical checklists to help you create and implement a viable plan. The toolkits are now available on-line: <http://www.2010LegaciesNow.com> and <http://www.creativecity.ca/toolkits> in PDF format. Print copies will be available shortly.

**Going Global**

*News from civil society beyond our borders*

**Connecting to the Global Volunteers Sector**

The World Volunteer Web shares news and views on volunteerism from around the world, looking at policy and practice in different countries and discussing issues from a global perspective such as building capacity in volunteer programmes, infrastructure, and advocacy. The website has discussion forums, blogs, or you can sign up for their stimulating listserv. Check <http://www.worldvolunteerweb.org> for more information.



**Volunteering for a United Planet**

United Planet, based in Boston, is a leading international non-profit organization devoted to fostering cross-cultural understanding and supporting communities in need, offering 1 week to 52 week volunteer programs in 50 countries. To find out more about their programmes, visit: <http://www.unitedplanet.org/2006/quest.html>



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