

The Connector

A Volunteer BC Newsletter

February 2007 Edition

Welcome to this issue of The Connector

Who says winter is a time for hibernation? There is so much happening across the voluntary sector in February we had to get this issue out a little earlier than usual to tell you all about it. Read on for a wealth of learning and capacity-building opportunities for you and your organization.



Provincially Speaking

Updates from Volunteer BC

REMINDER!

Richmond Event: Diversity = People First on February 16th



Vol BC is pleased to partner with Leadership Richmond to hold a *Diversity Readiness* workshop on February 16th to take place at Richmond City Hall, featuring well-known Australian speaker Martin Cowling, a leading management consultant. CEO of One Umbrella Australia Inc and CEO of People First -Total Solutions, Martin works regularly with individuals and organizations in the US, UK and Australia on areas connected with not-for-profit management, staff motivation, effective volunteer management and constructive personal development. The workshop is presented by Leadership Richmond - Coast

Capital Savings, Volunteer Richmond, and sponsored by City of Richmond, Administrators of Volunteer Resources BC and Volunteer BC. Join us! Register by February 9th: visit www.volunteerbc.bc.ca for a registration form.

Capture the Moment: Volunteer BC Wants YOUR Photos!

In celebration of International Volunteer Week (April 15-21, 2007), Volunteer BC is holding a Photo Contest. We invite you to submit one or more photos of volunteers, a volunteer-involving event, or other volunteer activity. Prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place winners and all submissions will be acknowledged on Volunteer BC's website during International Volunteer Week and beyond. Please send submissions as electronic attachments, by **April 1st** to volbc@vcn.bc.ca or mail original photos to our office. Watch future issues of *The Connector* for more news of Vol BC activities for International Volunteer Week.

Back to the Classroom

Learning opportunities to build a stronger sector

Volunteer Vancouver launches its Winter/Spring 2007 Workshop Schedule

Beginning this month, Volunteer Vancouver will host a series of learning opportunities for BC non-profits. *Building Continuity of Leadership: Understanding the Forces of Succession in Your Organization* will take place on Feb. 12th; *Building the Best: Strategic Board Recruitment* Feb. 22nd; *The BC Society Act: What You Don't Know CAN Hurt You!* Feb. 26th; *Evaluating the Executive Director* March 13th; and *The Critical Role of the Board Chair* April 25th. Space is limited - visit www.govolunteer.ca to register and to read complete workshop descriptions.



Centre Stage

News from Volunteer BC Members and Friends

Spirit of BC Week - Celebrating our Communities

Originally launched as a countdown to the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games, Spirit of BC Week has evolved into a celebration of British Columbia and its unique communities, supported by 2010 Legacies Now. Held annually in February, it is a week of events and activities that showcase pride in our province and profile local programs and services that strengthen sport and recreation, healthy living, arts and culture, literacy and volunteerism. Spirit of BC Week 2007 is set for February 9th-17th. For a list of events in your community, visit www.spiritofbc.com



Help Nominate Someone for the Courage to Come Back Awards

Coast Mental Health Foundation is looking for help in seeking nominations for their 2007 Courage to Come Back Awards. These awards celebrate ordinary people who have demonstrated extraordinary courage in their recovery from adversity and are awarded in the categories of Medical, Physical Rehabilitation, Mental Health, Social Adversity, Addiction, and Youth (21 years and under). The deadline for nominations is February 12, 2007 and nomination forms are available through the Coast Mental Health Foundation: 604-675-2327 or e-mail joannee@coastfoundation.com



Do You Know A Woman of Distinction?

The YWCA of Vancouver Women of Distinction Awards honour individuals whose outstanding activities and achievements contribute to the well-being and future of our community. The Awards also honour businesses and organizations that support the wellness and diverse needs of their employees. Nominations are now being accepted for the 24th Annual YWCA of Vancouver Women of Distinction Awards. The deadline for nominations is March 5th, 2007. For a nomination package and complete nomination information, visit www.ywcavan.org/distinction

Plugging In

Navigating what's new or hot on-line and in technology

MVOX: British Columbia's Multicultural Media Digest

MVOX is an on-line media tool which aims to bring together news from BC's different cultural communities. News comes in a weekly electronic digest for subscribers, bringing together event announcements, information about ethno-cultural holidays and celebrations, issues of concern to specific cultural communities in the province, and reprinted pieces from multicultural media, among more. Visit www.mvox.ca for more information.

Canadian Culture Online Launches Call for Proposals

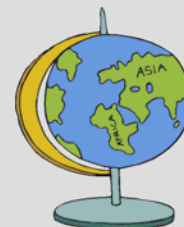
Canadian Culture Online (CCO) is launching a new call for proposals under the Gateway Fund for the 2007-08 fiscal year. The Fund's objectives are to increase the amount of quality Canadian cultural content for the Internet; build audiences for that content by making it easy to find on the Internet; and engage Canadians to use the content and share their perspectives on Canadian events, people and values. This call for proposals seeks to support projects by ethnocultural communities and Aboriginal peoples. Projects will result in cultural content for the Internet by and about these communities. Find the Gateway Fund Program and Application Guide at: http://www.pch.gc.ca/progs/pcce-ccop/index_e.cfm

Going Global

News from civil society beyond our borders

International Development Week is February 4 - 10, 2007

The 17th annual International Development week activities will be taking place across the province during February. This year's theme will be equality between men and women and its links with sustainable development. Events will be held on February 10th in Kelowna, Victoria and Vancouver. Get in touch with the BC Council for International Cooperation for more information: bccic@web.ca



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