



The Connector

A Volunteer BC Newsletter

June 2009 Edition

Welcome to this issue of The Connector

Gear up for the summer months with valuable info in this issue. Be the first to get details for Volunteer BC's first annual two-day Volunteer Futures event, aimed at building effective boards. Check out current listings for volunteering at large events such as the Police & Fire Games and Abbotsford's Sports Smorgasbord, recruit volunteers at Volunteer Vancouver's Timeraiser, or recognize someone with a volunteer award nomination. Stay tuned for funding opportunities, community development initiatives, the chance to attend volunteer conferences abroad, and more!

Provincially Speaking

Updates from Volunteer BC

Volunteer BC Presents Volunteer Futures!

Volunteer Futures is Volunteer BC's annual training event for boards of directors from around the province, a forum where board members come together to learn, grow their organizations and draw energy and inspiration from interacting with other volunteer leaders from BC's voluntary sector. During **September 25-26, 2009**, Volunteer BC will host two packed days of workshops for board directors and officers of voluntary organizations. Whether you are joining a board for the first time, or a seasoned board volunteer looking for a refresher, this training event is a unique opportunity to focus on building the skills you need to move forward the mission of your organization. Join other board members from around the province this fall at the beautiful Capilano Suspension Bridge in North Vancouver. A variety of workshop options will be offered including:

- Understanding and applying recent findings from the Canadian Survey on Giving, Volunteering and Participating
- Board basics such as Robert's Rules of Order, understanding the legal and financial reporting responsibilities of directors, best practices in governance, by-laws and tips for operational boards
- Volunteer management, recruitment and recognition
- Trouble-shooting common board challenges: inactive members, staff-board relations, succession planning, and more
- Fundraising and social enterprise options

• Tools, technology and good resources for board development and sustainability

Register soon - space is limited! Contact us to request a registration form via email at volbc@vcn.bc.ca or call **604.873.5877**. Members' discount/early bird registration ends July 31st, 2009 at \$70.00, and regular registration ends September 1st, 2009 at \$95.00. We look forward to seeing you in September!



Centre Stage

News from Volunteer BC Members and Friends



Volunteers needed! Volunteer to welcome the world! The 2009 World Police & Fire Games will not be possible without the time and talent of 2,500+ volunteers. From key leadership roles to on-the-ground taskmasters, volunteers will play an integral role in hosting the world for 10 days in 2009 - and during many events leading up to the games. The Games will be a spectacular international sporting event featuring more than 12,000 athletes competing in over 60 sports at venues in Burnaby, the Lower Mainland and Sea to Sky regions of BC from **July 31 to August 9, 2009**. For more information, visit the 2009 World Police Fire Games website at

<http://www.2009wpfg.ca/content/expression/volunteer.shtml>.

Volunteers Needed! On **July 25th, 2009** Abbotsford will host the 1st Annual Rugby Sevens Sports and Entertainment Festival. Over 100 volunteers are needed to fill multiple positions in event coordination, medical aid, photography, sports therapy, technical support, marketing, security, and food services. Abbotsford is Canada's Sport Town and the event will be held at Rotary Stadium. There will be teams from Kenya, US and Canada - don't miss this exciting event! If you are interested in volunteering apply to dokerogroup@gmail.com, call **604-309-8798** or visit www.abbotsfordsevens.com



Nominations needed! Human Resources and Skills Development Canada is now accepting nominations for the **2009 Thérèse Casgrain Volunteer Award**. The award aims to recognize the valuable achievements of two exceptional volunteers - one for Youth Participation (age 18-30) and one for Lifelong Commitment (age of 31 and over). The deadline for submission is **June 19, 2009**. To nominate a volunteer, or for additional information on the award, please visit HRSDC's website at http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/community_partnerships/therese_casgrain/index.shtml. You can also contact them by telephone at **1-866-468-4377**.

Volunteer Recruitment Opportunity - Attend Volunteer Vancouver's Annual Timeraiser

Volunteer Vancouver presents their annual **Timeraiser** on **September 24th**. The three main objectives of the Timeraiser are to connect your organization to skilled and energetic volunteers, raise awareness about your organization in the community, and bring together the arts and not-for-profit sectors to create community connections. The Timeraiser is part volunteer fair, part silent art auction, and part night on the town. Throughout the evening, participants meet with agencies, like yours, and explore the exciting, innovative and meaningful volunteer roles you have to offer. Participants pledge to volunteer a minimum of 20 hours (over 12 months) with the organization(s) they connect with at the Timeraiser. Their hours become the currency that they can then use to bid on artwork in the silent auction. At the end of the evening, we will have raised 5,000 volunteer hours, invested \$15,000 in the careers of local artists, and engaged 250+ volunteers in the community. [Apply here](#), **deadline for submissions is June 10, 2009**.

Opportunities

Funding, Capacity-Development and More



The Annual Boland Survey of Not for Profit Salaries and HR Practices Wants You!

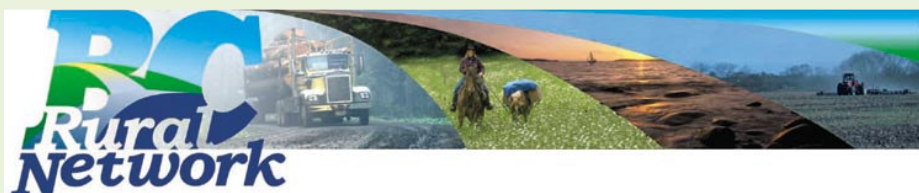
The Annual Boland Survey of Not for Profit Salaries and HR Practices is in its 12th year of providing reliable data from a wide spectrum of not for profit organizations. Over 230 organizations participated in 2008 including community, health, immigrant, and child and family services, arts and culture associations, museums and science centres, and united ways. The survey report includes statistics on salary ranges, actual salaries, bonuses, pension contributions, total cash compensation, salary budget increases, paid time off, overtime compensation, turnover, training budgets, benefits and perquisites, and contractor rates. Only participants are able to access survey data so register today! There is no fee to participate and your access information to the secure web based data submission system will be returned to you by email. The Boland Survey is relied upon by boards, management, and funders to provide the information necessary to ensure effective HR planning and sustainable capacity so apply today! For further information, including survey descriptions and 2008 participants, check online at www.ptbaconsulting.com or contact Peter Boland at (403) 215 0090.

Community Development Opportunity - Support Rural Regions with LIRN

Learning Initiatives for Rural and Northern BC is a collaborative approach to building on the capacities of rural, remote Northern BC communities. The LIRN process encourages government (municipal, provincial and federal), First Nations, non-government organizations (community-based, regional and provincial) and businesses to work together to plan, deliver and evaluate local learning initiatives that recognize the strengths and challenges of BC's rural north neighbourhoods. The support offered by LIRN generally includes: event planning, workshop and/or dialogue design, facilitation, curriculum resources, training, and reporting services that are related to each learning event. Additionally, all successful applicants are expected to support the LIRN process by establishing a local steering committee that can help plan and deliver the event. LIRN will partner with non-profit organizations, First Nations Band Councils and municipalities who:

- Are located in a rural, remote and/or Northern region of BC - rural is defined as communities that are below about 25,000 in population and beyond regular commuting distance from a larger centre;
- Can demonstrate support or partnership within the community (including coordination to avoid multiple applications from the same community);
- Can demonstrate local need for the learning event;
- Can articulate anticipated outcomes for a LIRN event in their community.

Expressions of interest must be received by **July 3rd, 2009**. For more information or to apply contact Brandon Hughes at hughes.bn@shaw.ca.



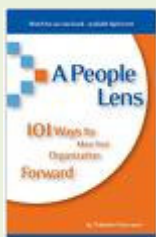
Funding Opportunity! The 2009 Vancouver Foundation Grants Program

The Vancouver Foundation has begun their grant application process for 2009. Letters of intent for projects that start in 2010 may now be submitted online so be sure to file your application early as the submission deadline is **June 18, 2009** and there is only one grant cycle this year. The Foundation funds a wide variety of programs and projects in areas ranging from arts and culture and education to environment, animal welfare, and children, youth and families. In 2008, Vancouver Foundation distributed \$60 million back into BC communities. For more information and applications, visit <http://www.vancouverfoundation.ca/grants/index.htm>

In Print/Audio

Books, Publications and Other Learning Tools for You

Book Review: A People Lens: 101 Ways to Move Your Organization Forward



On May 1, Volunteer Vancouver launched a new book entitled *A People Lens: 101 Ways to Move Your Organization Forward*. From recruitment strategists to branding specialists and communications dynamos to grant writing wizards, the book includes a wide range of success stories. The goal is to demonstrate to organizations the vast number of ways volunteers can be employed in order to further their mission. Some stories are told from the volunteer's perspective, and others from the organizational perspective, but all offer insight and direction for anyone considering how to more effectively engage people. The book also contains perspectives from sector thought-leaders, and is sprinkled with best-practice tips and tools to get you started! *A People Lens* is about turning traditional

thinking on its side and viewing your organization through a people lens first, before a financial or budgetary lens. The approach recognizes the changing face of the available talent, and enables not-for-profit leaders to create and grow values-based, effective, sustainable and dynamic organizations. For more information, or to download a copy visit www.volunteervancouver.ca

At Charitycentral.ca find a Guide to Charity Law Visit www.charitycentral.ca for detailed information on receipts, fundraising, recordkeeping, and more. Charity Central is a project of the Legal Resource Centre of Alberta, designed to help Canada's Registered Charities understand their responsibilities under the *Income Tax Act*. The aim of the project is to provide information and resource materials (in English and French) to Registered Charities to help them comply with the requirements of the *Act*. Charity Central is a three year project which was launched in 2008 and will conclude in March 2010. Charity Central is developing a wide range of print and electronic resources, to help guide Registered Charities through the ins and outs of: issuing proper donation receipts, maintaining proper books and records, and understanding fundraising activity guidelines. Each topic offers basic facts for registered charities, resources for further aid, and links to answer quick questions - check it out!

Go Global

News from civil society beyond our borders

Save the Date! The 12th Annual Asia Pacific Regional Volunteer Conference and Youth Forum November 26th-29th, 2009



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Volunteer
Effort**

Are you a presenter looking to travel to Taiwan? Are you a youth looking to share best practices at a Youth Forum? The Asia Pacific Regional Volunteer Conference and Youth Forum's call for papers and online registration is now available! The Volunteer Conference will focus on six streams: volunteer management in large scale events, corporate volunteering and its impact on Asia Pacific society, volunteerism and information communication technology, volunteerism and cultural diversity, national volunteer centres, and international volunteering. The Youth Forum will cover youth volunteering in rural areas, the influence of youth volunteering on urban development, and international youth volunteering. Both the Conference and Forum will focus on the general theme of 'Volunteerism as a Lifestyle for Social Solidarity'. The call for papers closes July 1st, and the online

registration deadline is October 31st so get involved early! For more information visit the official website at iave.npotech.org.tw or email iave.2009@gmail.com

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The logo for Volunteer BC features a stylized blue sun with rays and a red and white 'V' shape, similar to the IAVE logo, above the text 'Volunteer BC'.