



The Connector

A Volunteer BC Newsletter

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Welcome to this issue of The Connector

The Fall is being ushered in with a bang for us at Volunteer BC. We are busy preparing for our Annual General Meeting to take place on September 14th and hoping to see as many of you as possible there. We will also be releasing our Annual Report this month and launching our revitalized, updated resource library on-line as well as in print, which has been completed thanks to the volunteer hours of summer intern Michelle Chang. And our plans and goals for the fiscal year suggests that the pace will continue beyond the back-to-school month!

Provincially Speaking

Updates from Volunteer BC

Join us! Volunteer BC AGM, AVRBC Networking and T3010 Form workshop - September 14th

You still have time to register for Volunteer BC's Annual General Meeting, to take place on Friday September 14th at 1:00PM at the Vancouver Aquarium. The day also features unique opportunities to network and learn, including a Canada Revenue Agency training session for non-profits at 9:00AM and a speed networking session organized by the Administrators of Volunteer Resources of BC, the professional association of volunteer coordinators and managers for the province. Anyone is welcome to attend the AGM and there is no cost to attend. Lunch will be provided, courtesy of the provincial Ministry for Sport, the Arts and Tourism. Please contact our Coordinator, Lauryn Oates, to RSVP today: volbc@vcn.bc.ca and download information about the CRA workshop, brought to you by VOCBC on our website: www.volunteerbc.bc.ca. We look forward to seeing you there!

Back to the Classroom

Learning opportunities to build a stronger sector

September 30th Deadline: Governor Generals Canadian Leadership conference

The Governor Generals Canadian Leadership conference, held only every four years, is seeking applications from the non-profit sector in Canada. The Conference is held in June 2008; however, there is an application deadline of September 30, 2008. The Conference was created to broaden the perspectives of future leaders in business, unions and public administration so that their decisions are based on a practical understanding of the influence of their organizations on the general welfare of the community. Some of the aims of the conference include to improve decision-making abilities among young leaders likely to occupy high level positions in the near future; to facilitate a more progressive era of interaction between leaders from business, labour, government and the broader community; and; to broaden understanding of Canada. To apply, visit: <http://www.leadershipcanada.ca/>

Opportunities

Funding, Capacity-Development and More

WorkLife BC Awards 2008: Nominate Your Workplace

The second annual WorkLife BC Awards showcase and celebrate employers who have created workplaces that support employees to balance work-life commitments. To find out if your workplace is eligible and to submit the brief application form (deadline: November 30th), check out WorkLife BC's website for more information: <http://www.worklifebc.ca> or contact WorkLife BC Coordinator: info@worklifebc.ca



Want to Learn More about Social Enterprise?

Enterprising Non-Profits has their fall schedule on-line, with social enterprise workshops and orientation sessions scheduled for communities throughout the province this Fall. To find a workshop near you, please visit: <http://www.enterprisingnonprofits.ca/calendar/>

Volunteer Canada Annual General Meeting: September 24th, 2007

Volunteer Canada will hold their AGM on September 24 (12:30 to 2:00 p.m.) in Ottawa. The meeting will feature guest speaker, Annette Verchuren, Division President of The Home Depot Canada and Chair of the Corporate Council on Volunteering. There is no cost for Volunteer Canada's members and volunteers to attend the AGM and Luncheon. For more information on how to register, please visit www.volunteer.ca.

A Passion for Land, Food and Community: Intergenerational Landed Learning Project

The Intergenerational Landed Learning Project is seeking individuals with interests and enthusiasm in agriculture, gardening, sustainable food practices, and the environment to share their knowledge and experiences with a community of young people! "Farm Friend" volunteers work in intergenerational teams of one elder, one young adult, and 3-4 elementary school students to sow, grow, and harvest food plants at the UBC farm. As a Farm Friend volunteer, you will be asked to commit 12-15 half-days (Wednesday or Thursday mornings, approximately every other week) from September 2007 to June 2008 to work with the project. On-call volunteers are also sought to fill in as needed. To find out more, contact Stacy Friedman: ycats77@yahoo.com or call Dr. Jolie Mayer-Smith 604-822-5293.

In Print / Audio

Books, Publications and Other Learning Tools for You

New Organizational Capacity-Building Resource: Program Evaluation Workbook

This workbook provides information on evaluating the inputs, outputs, results, and effectiveness of programs for youth, seniors, the business community and neighbourhoods. It was produced by the National Crime Prevention Centre.

http://ww4.ps-sp.gc.ca/en/library/publications/reports/toolkit2/workbook_e.pdf

Plugging In

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



Featured Website: Voluntary Sector Knowledge Network

The Voluntary Sector Knowledge Network offers several services to non-profits including assistance in maximizing the use of information communication technologies (ICTs). Whether you need to get the most out of your website or carry out an ICT assessment of your organization, you are sure to find useful resource here: <http://www.vskn.ca/it.htm>

Going Global

News from civil society beyond our borders

A New Olympic Legacy Tradition? Strengthening Volunteerism

As Vancouver prepares to host the Winter Olympics in 2010, recent and upcoming Games in other parts of the world have offered unique opportunities to strengthen volunteerism in host countries. In July, the United Nations and China agreed to promote a training project on strengthening volunteerism through the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games. The 1.4 million US dollars initiative is designed to enhance the capacity of Olympic volunteers and demonstrate volunteerism as an effective tool to achieve China's development.

For the full story, visit: <http://www.worldvolunteerweb.org/index.php?RDCT=48920a69cf6f6d35117b>



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