



Volunteer Calgary's update of resources and activities within the voluntary sector

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VOLUNTEER CALGARY GETS ONBOARD AND ONLINE!

With hopes of stirring the spirit of volunteerism in even more Calgarians, Volunteer Calgary has infiltrated the Calgary public transit system. Keep your eyes peeled for the eye-catching advertising campaign that is currently running on C-trains and on buses for the benefit of the daily commuter which makes up a significant chunk of Calgary's population.

In keeping with the times, Volunteer Calgary has also gone online and on Facebook! A mini-ad campaign is ongoing that reaches out mainly to the next generation of volunteers.

I Volunteer in Calgary

All members and their volunteers are invited to sign up for the [I Volunteer in Calgary](#) group on Facebook. Share your volunteer stories, photos, announce upcoming events. Join this amazing group and be a part of the growing network of volunteers!

THE CHRISTMAS VOLUNTEER SPIRIT

The '-BER' months (September, October, November, December...) are upon us once more and so is that slight chill in the air! Pretty soon, Christmas will be rolling along and there will once again be an influx of volunteers wanting to make a difference (and get on Santa's good side).

If your organization has volunteer opportunities planned out for the holidays, let Volunteer Calgary know now so that we can help refer volunteers to your organization and promote your needs through our media channels.

Contact [Laura Thompson](#) at 403-231-1445. Please include "Christmas Volunteer Opportunities" in the subject line of the email.

VOLUNTEER IN PROFILE

In partnership with CTV, Volunteer Calgary presents **George Jones** with **Care Connect** as 'Volunteer In Profile' for August 2008.

To view the profile, [click here](#).

To find out how to participate in the 'Volunteer in Profile' program, please contact [Aden Hirtle](#) at 231-1432.

[Nominate someone now!](#)

BETTY STALLINGS COMES TO TOWN!

Volunteer Calgary presents Betty Stallings, an international leader in Volunteer Management!

The workshop will help you gain commitment from staff, management and current volunteers to involve volunteers more effectively in your organization.

**October 22nd, 9am-3pm
Canada Olympic Park Tea
Room**

Contact [Helen Shaver](#) 403-231-1435 to register.

GET TRAINED TO TRAIN OTHERS

Alberta's Board Development Program is seeking volunteers to train as workshop instructors. Successful applicants receive specialized training in board governance and are expected to conduct 10 workshops with boards of not-for-profit organizations over a period of two years. Travel expenses are covered.

Preferred applicants are those who have experience in the not-for-profit sector as board members or senior staff, and a background in facilitating adult groups.

Application deadline is on September 26, 2008.

To apply, email BDP@gov.ab.ca or check out www.albertabdp.ca for more details.

SURVEY TIME FOR VOLUNTEER MANAGERS!

The Council for Certification in Volunteer Administration (CCVA) sponsors the "Certified in Volunteer Administration" credential for professionals in the field of volunteer resource management. In order to ensure that the CVA credential remains current and relevant, we must periodically update a Practice Analysis Study of the core competencies upon which the credential is based.

If you have at least 3 years of experience in leading and managing volunteer involvement, please take a few minutes to help validate the work of our task force and ensure the CVA professional designation reflects actual practice.

To participate in this survey, click on the link below. Estimated time to complete the service is about 20 minutes.

Click [here](#).

Please feel free to pass this message along to peers and colleagues. The more responses the better!

VOLUNTEER MANAGERS: STEP UP YOUR MANAGEMENT SKILLS

ADVR and the Wild Rose Foundation present the Leadership Institute Second Tier, a 2-day course which will arm you with the skills, training, resources and personal development to professionally progress. The course is aimed at volunteer management professionals who have approximately 4 years experience in this field of work and are ready to take on the next step in their careers.

The course will be on October 6 & 7. To register, contact Myrna Knoll at volunteers@habitatcalgary.ca.

WORKSHOPS AT VOLUNTEER CALGARY

Volunteer Calgary hosts special events and training opportunities to strengthen volunteerism in our community.

[Volunteer Management Fundamentals](#)

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Alberta Spay Neuter Task Force

www.abtaskforce@telus.org

FOR MEMBERS

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

✓ **Mark your calendars**
Annual Members Meeting
November 12 at the
Aerospace Museum

✓ **Freshen up your profiles**
Have you had staff changes, new
email addresses, or phone
numbers?

Keep us posted so we can keep
your profiles fresh and current.

For more details, contact [Laura Thompson](#) at 403-231-1445.

This course provides you with an overview of the volunteer management cycle and how to align your volunteers and volunteer program with your organization's mission.

November 19, 9am – 3pm

Integrated Human Resources

This workshop will examine organizational philosophies and structures that may be preventing skilled and talented individuals from engaging in your organization and the voluntary sector.

November 26, 9 – 12noon

By Design – Developing Position Descriptions That Work!

This workshop will provide a basic understanding of current trends in the sector and how organizations need to re-think how to involve volunteers in their organizations.

December 3, 9 – 12noon

Canadian Code for Volunteer Involvement

This two part working group will take you through a process that enables your organization to develop a strategy for adopting and implementing the Code and ensuring policies and procedures are in place to support your volunteer program.

October 23 & November 27, mornings

Click [here](#) for more details and to register online.

Learn about Volunteer Calgary's programs...

BoardMatch Fundamentals

This session will cover board basics to help ensure your organization is matched with the right candidates.

Session dates: September 23, October 15, November 12.....9:00 am - noon

How to Get the Most Out of Your Volunteer Calgary Membership

Review the benefits of membership and learn how to use the member portal to its fullest capacity.

Session dates: November 26 9:00 am – noon

To register please contact Helen Shaver at 403-231-1435 or registration@volunteercalgary.ab.ca

VIRTUAL CANADIAN NON-PROFIT LIBRARY NETWORK IS LAUNCHED

Volunteer Calgary is pleased to announce the launch of the Canadian Non-profit Library Network (CNLN). The [Canadian Nonprofit Library Network Search](#) gives Canadians the ability search across three online nonprofit library catalogues simultaneously, bridging resources held at widely-distributed locations.

This tool allows one to search the Volunteer Calgary Library, RCVO (Edmonton), and Imagine Canada's library catalogues simultaneously.

The CNLN is a national initiative currently being piloted in Ontario and Alberta.

The link can also be found on the [Volunteer Calgary Library page](#).

There is a wealth of resources now at your fingertips, so go ahead and get [clicking!](#)

WHAT'S NEW AT THE VOLUNTEER CALGARY LIBRARY

Volunteer Calgary Library has added new resources from a variety of fields. Here are a couple of the recent additions to our fundraising collection:

Major donors: finding big gifts in your database and online. Hart, Ted [et al]. 2006

This book explains how the Internet and database-mining strategies and techniques are now making it possible for charities both large and small to target their efforts on those with identified resources and demonstrated interest. It presents tips and guidance which will aid in researching potential donors more effectively and helps all types of charitable organizations analyze and select the best practices for developing multiple Internet strategies alongside their traditional marketing, communications, and fundraising methods.

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Prospect research fundamentals. Hudson, Michel, ed. 2008

This updated edition includes the latest trends in research and technology, along with new strategies and methods to help make fundraising efforts more efficient and effective. This title is part of the Lois E. Hole Collection, The Muttart Foundation.

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For additional titles search the [online catalogue](#) or contact the library at 403-231-1426.

Engaging more people, more effectively to volunteer in the community

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