



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

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VOLUNTEER CALGARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Member organizations are invited to join the Annual General Meeting on June 15, 2009 at Fort Calgary.

There will be a discussion on Strategic Volunteer Management and how it can be utilized to strengthen all aspects of your volunteer program.

For more details, click [here](#).

We hope to see you there!

VOLUNTEER CALGARY SUMMER TRAINING COURSES

Summertime is a great time to keep up with new trends and freshen up your volunteer programs. Check out these exciting new summer workshops below!

[Engaging Short-Term Volunteers](#) - **New!**

Are you seeing an influx of people who are unemployed and looking for short term projects? Design roles for short term volunteers and learn best practice for screening, recruiting, supervising and recognizing these project volunteers.

July 28, 2009

[Screening as a Tool for Risk Management](#) - **New!**

Do you feel restricted by your risk management practices? Learn to screen for the best volunteer fit by using a flexible screening process that is designed to support diverse volunteer engagement at any level of your organization.

August 13, 2009

VOLUNTEER IN PROFILE

In partnership with CTV, Volunteer Calgary presents

MARCH VIP

Jerry Koenderink

with

**Cochrane Family and
Community Support
Services**

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

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

[Nominate someone now!](#)

IMPORTANT DATES

JUNE 15
ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING ([AGM](#))

**WELCOME, NEW
MEMBERS!**

[Alexandra Writers' Centre
Society](#)

[Elements of Volunteer Engagement](#)

Your Introduction to Volunteer Management. This certificate course covers basic volunteer management practices from planning to retention.

September 28 - 29

Back by popular demand. It's not too late to sign up and polish your interviewing skills just yet. Register today!

[Interview Techniques](#)

Looking to retain and attract the best volunteers? Start at the first meeting! Learn adaptive interview techniques from skills and behavioural based to a counselling and matching approach to set your volunteer program up for success.

May 27

For the complete listing of available trainings, click [here](#).

Each course is located in the Volunteer Calgary Boardroom, 9am-12pm. Cost is \$75.00 for members and \$85.00 for non-members (not including GST). To register, visit the [website](#) or contact [Helen Shaver](#) at (403)231-1435.

Volunteer Calgary Training program is supported by:



PILOT PROGRAM: FREE POLICE INFORMATION CHECKS

Volunteer Alberta recently held an Information Session on the pilot project *Volunteer Police Information Check Program* in Calgary. The session provided helpful answers to questions from potential applicants within the non-profit sector.

The newly launched 3-year pilot program will enable nonprofit/voluntary sector organizations to obtain police information checks free-of-charge for [eligible volunteers](#).

Are your volunteers eligible? Find out [here](#).

For those unable to attend the sessions, a copy of the presentation may be viewed [here](#).

CONSULTATIONS TO STRENGTHEN YOUR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Strengthening your volunteer program involves the strategic development of its many different aspects -- *planning, policies and procedures, how to recruit volunteers, risk management, positioning a flexible volunteer program,*

[Theatre Encounter](#)

FOR MEMBERS

Take advantage of your membership benefits!

- ✓ **Discounted** rate for the Media Guide. [Grab a copy today!](#)
- ✓ **Free** 1-hour consultation with VC staff.
- ✓ **Free** access to VC library.

Call today to inquire.

WHAT'S NEW AT THE VOLUNTEER CALGARY LIBRARY?

Check out **NEW** titles on the shelves!

WHAT'S ON YOUR BOOKSHELF?

Who's Reading What?
Check out what the staff at Volunteer Calgary are reading!

Kickback: The Law of Contribution – Wayne Steer,
Fund Development Director

Good to Great and the Social Sectors: A Monograph to Accompany Good to Great –
Karen Franco, Communications Director

Doing Good Well: what does(and does not) make

volunteer recognition, among many others.

Volunteer Calgary provides volunteer managers and leaders assistance on a broad range of topics concerning the volunteer sector.

As a member of Volunteer Calgary, you get the benefit of having a 1-hour FREE consultation per year around any topic of your choice.

To set up a schedule for consultation, call (403)265-5633 or email: info@volunteercalgary.ab.ca.

EMPLOYEE VOLUNTEERS BOOST MANPOWER

The growing interest from Employee Volunteer groups to get involved in the community might provide a solution to a non-profit organization's manpower needs.

An organization can tap into this valuable resource by creating volunteer activities that make appeal to them, usually those that make an excellent teambuilding event, produce tangible outcomes, and run for a specific length of time.

Volunteer Calgary's [Paint the Town Employee Volunteer Project](#) aims to create productive partnerships between the non-profit and the corporate sector. It is designed to support local businesses as they integrate employee volunteerism into the workplace while building the capacity of the non-profit organization to run a successful group volunteer project.

For non-profit member organizations that have projects or events that require a group of volunteers, click [here](#) to submit a project.

For corporate parties interested in volunteering with a non-profit organization, please click [here](#) to submit your project request.

For inquiries, contact Sue Wilmot at 403-231-1428 or swilmot@volunteercalgary.ab.ca.

VOLUNTEER CALGARY AT VITALIZE 2009

Join Vitalize for a unique, professional development, training opportunity and the only conference of its kind in Canada. See a variety of educational and motivational sessions all geared towards enhancing Alberta's voluntary sector.

Vitalize is open to all Albertans, and is targeted towards leaders, staff, volunteers, board members, who work in all aspects of society from social services, human rights, education, environment, health and faith, to arts, culture, parks, sports and recreation throughout our province.

Vitalize will be on June 4 - 6, 2009 at the TELUS Convention Centre. There is still time for you or your organization to sign up! For more details, visit www.vitalizeconference.ca.

RAISING TIME

Are you up for a worthwhile challenge? Join the 4th Calgary Timeraiser on June

sense in the non-profit world.

– Janet Burstall, Community Development Manager

Shake Hands with the Devil – the failure of humanity in Rwanda

– Kali Readwin, Office & Database Coordinator

Check out these books at the VC Library or [browse online](#).

**WHAT ARE YOU READING?
SHARE IT WITH EVERYONE.
EMAIL [AMY](#).**

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VOLUNTEER CALGARY**

[TWITTER](#)

**[I VOLUNTEER IN
CALGARY
\(FACEBOOK\)](#)**

18, 2009! This year, a number of Volunteer Calgary member organizations are participating to host volunteers generated by the Timeraiser.

The Timeraiser is a charity art auction where, instead of money, you bid a number of volunteer hours for a non-profit organization of your choice. The goal is to raise 6,500 community hours. Click [here](#) for more details.

Do you want your organization to be a part of the next Timeraiser? Click [here](#).

TOP 40 UNDER 40

Avenue Magazine is looking for Calgarians who are going to shape the city in the coming decades. These are leaders who contribute significantly to arts, politics, design, business, community building and other areas. They are people who have had tremendous achievements -- all under the age of 40!

Know any employees, colleagues, volunteers, or board members who fit the bill? This is an excellent way to get them recognized. Nominations are open online until June 2, 2009. Click [here](#) to nominate.

SAVE LOCAL TV!

The future of local TV is at stake! Local news and programming are the foundation of the Canadian broadcasting system and our local stations have been instrumental in strengthening communities throughout Calgary.

CTV, with its ongoing partnership with Volunteer Calgary on the [Volunteer In Profile program](#), is a prime example of how local TV benefits local communities.

Find out what you can do to support local television. Click [here](#).

Engaging more people, more effectively to volunteer in the community

Volunteer Voice is a membership benefit sent to all Volunteer Calgary members. If you would like to comment on this issue, or unsubscribe, please email Amy Baquir at communications@volunteercalgary.ab.ca.

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