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Local News

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK, APRIL 27 TO MAY 3

National Volunteer Week, April 27 to May 3, is an excellent opportunity to raise awareness and increase the understanding of how integral volunteers are to our programs and our communities. Build on this year's theme – *Volunteers - From Compassion to Action*.

SUPREME WEB MAKEOVER OKANAGAN

Does your favourite Non-Profit organization's website look like it was designed in the 90's?
Did it drive away support?
Did it even exist?

Twin Creek Media is giving away to all non-profit organizations in the Okanagan the chance to win a free \$10,000 website! Public determines the winner.

Accepting submissions online: March 15- April 30. Voting open online: May 1-16

FREE TABLE SKIRTING

Is your organization planning an event this year? If you have a need for brightly colored plastic table skirting to make your event festive, contact Cheryl at CIVC @ informkelowna@kcr.ca or 763-8008 ext 24.

33RD ANNUAL CIVIC AND COMMUNITY AWARDS

Each year the Civic and Community Awards honour individuals whose achievements and contributions have been of significant benefit to Kelowna. This year's gala dinner and awards presentation will be held on Wednesday, April 23rd at the Grand Okanagan Lakefront Resort and Conference Centre. Tickets are available online at Castanet.net or contact Genevieve at genevieve@kelownachamber.org. Tickets are \$35.00 each.

CANADIAN EVALUATION SOCIETY'S QUARTERLY INTERIOR MEETING

The next quarterly Interior meeting of the Canadian Evaluation Society to be held in Kelowna from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. on Wed. May 7, 2008. The quarterly meetings are held for networking and professional development. Our agenda for the meeting will include:

Update on the Strategic and Marketing Plan SMP for CES-BC 2008 – 2012.

Update on leadership and teamwork opportunities for those who would like play a part in the planning for the 2010 CES National conference in 2010.

Discussion of the Most Significant Change (MSC) technique as a strategy for use in evaluating complex programs in which the use of metrics does not easily match the nature of the program.

To prepare for this discussion download a free guide in pdf form from www.clearhorizon.com.au; pages 1 – 15 will be discussed.

Our venue for this meeting will tentatively be Meeting Room 1 at the Interior Health Authority office on the second storey of the Capri office "tower". Parking for the Interior Health Office is at the back of the Capri mall (beside Capri Street). The stairs to the Capri office tower are accessed through the second door from the right when you enter the mall from the covered parking area.

Parking in the Capri lot is free of charge.

Cost: CES members - \$5.00

Non-CES members - \$7.50

Pizza, water and soft drinks will be served. **Please RSVP** to sellicks@silk.net and feel free to invite colleagues or associates to join you in attending the spring meeting for 2008. I look forward to seeing you on May 7th.

Sandra Sellick, Ed.D.

Okanagan Interior Coordinator

Canadian Evaluation Society - BC Chapter

Provincial News

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK 2008: TELLING THE STORY OF VOLUNTEERING IN BC THROUGH IMAGE

In celebration of National volunteer Week 2008, Volunteer BC is once again hosting its annual NVW photo contest. We're seeking submissions in line with Volunteer Canada's 2008 theme, "*From Compassion to Action.*" The deadline for submissions is April 10th and you can e-mail us your photos of volunteers in action or the impact of volunteering in your community. You can submit up to three photos and we welcome submissions from organizations or individuals anywhere in BC. The top three photos selected by our judging panel of Volunteer BC board members will receive special prize gifts as well as have their photos featured in our NVW *The Connector* and the Vol BC website. Visit our NVW page for complete details on the photo contest, as well a variety of other tools to help you prepare for NVW:

http: www.volunteerbc.ca/events/week.html.

PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF BC FARM TO SCHOOL SALAD BAR: A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

An Invitation

"For the first time ever children may not live as long as their parents". This was a conclusion of BC's Select Standing Committee on Health when exploring childhood obesity. The problem? Sedentary lifestyles and poor food choices. The solution? Encourage children to exercise more and to make healthier food choices!

The Farm to School Salad Bar Initiative aims to do just that. This program funded by the British Columbia Healthy Living Alliance (BCHLA), and managed by the Public Health Association of British Columbia (PHABC) aims to prevent childhood obesity by increasing access to fresh, locally-grown, nutritious, safe and culturally appropriate foods on school premises.

The idea is refreshingly simple! A relationship is developed between a school and a local farm. The PHABC, in partnership with provincial, regional and local groups, will pilot the Farm to School Salad Bar initiative within 12 schools in the Northern and Interior health regions. All 12 pilots must be planned, implemented and evaluated by June 30, 2009. We invite you to participate! This is your opportunity to submit a proposal for a one-time grant to a maximum of \$20,000 (or \$35,000 for schools with high needs) to launch and sustain a Farm to School Salad Bar in your community. The deadline for submission of proposals is April 30, 2008. Contact Joanne Bays Manager, Farm to School Salad Bar Initiative 250-961-9933 or email bays@telus.net.

Federal News

THE CORPORATE CONNECTION

With the rise of the corporate social responsibility movement within the for-profit sector, the gap between the corporate world and the non-profit sector seems to be shrinking. But that is not to say that the bridge between the two is fully understood by both sides. Businesses of all sizes are increasingly looking for ways to be more responsible and ethical, either by running their businesses in a more sustainable fashion or by using more environmentally-friendly methods of production. There is also a growing trend for companies to lend a helping hand and give back to the communities in which they live and work. Experience is showing that this benefits the community, the business and the employees. It is a win-win-win situation. The non-profit sector is also beginning to realize the benefits of joining forces with the corporate world. By welcoming a corporate partnership, an organization has the potential to expand on their existing resources, extend their reach and leverage a new pool of networks. Wendy Mitchell, Manager of Corporate Citizenship & Fund Development at Volunteer Canada, has worked closely with 23 national corporations. "Businesses truly want to give back to the communities in which they work and live but often come up against communication barriers," she says. "Businesses and non-profits do not always speak the same language when it comes to building a partnership, despite both having the same goal in mind". For more information visit www.cbsr.ca/.

NEW RESOURCE ON VOLUNTEER SCREENING FROM PUBLIC SAFETY CANADA

Public Safety Canada has just released its latest resource for the voluntary sector, prepared and distributed in collaboration with Volunteer Canada, *Best Practices Guidelines for Screening Volunteers: Finding the Right Match* is a handbook that refers to resources and provides guidance to volunteer groups and agencies in putting appropriate practices in place concerning screening of volunteers, particularly those working with children and other vulnerable persons. Aimed specifically at small and medium-sized organizations that depend on volunteers to achieve their mission, the handbook covers such topics as what is screening, what are the crucial steps, and provides detailed advice on implementing best practices. The e-version is available at www.publicsafety.gc.ca and www.volunteer.ca and print copies can be requested by e-mailing paul.mckenzie@ps.gc.ca.

HR COUNCIL RELEASES FIRST LABOUR FORCE STUDY REPORT

The HR Council for the Voluntary & Non-profit Sector (HR Council) is currently conducting a comprehensive labour force study that will shape strategies to attract, develop and retain appropriately qualified people to work in the voluntary and nonprofit sector. The first report, *Toward a Labour Force Strategy for Canada's Voluntary & Non-profit Sector*, brings the sector's paid labour force into focus and examines the key trends and demands that shape the sector's needs for people and skills. In July, the HR Council will release results of surveys of sector employers and employees conducted by Ipsos Reid. These surveys will provide statistical information on a number of areas including the demographics of sector employees, the issues and challenges related to recruitment and retention of employees, and the skill requirements and other key HR challenges that organizations and individuals face. A final report, featuring recommendations for action, will be published in March 2009. To download the initial report, visit: <http://www.hrcouncil.ca> (PDF).

CANADIAN YOUTH MAKING A DIFFERENCE ABROAD: CANADA WORLD YOUTH SEEKS YOUTH VOLUNTEERS

Canada World Youth designs and delivers international educational programs for youth (aged 17-24) with a focus on volunteer work and community development in a cross-cultural setting. CWY is looking for new participants: specifically, youth between the ages of 17 and 24, Canadian citizens or landed immigrants, in good health, motivated, open-minded, and able to exercise good judgment. They could take part in the program as early as the summer of 2008! To learn how to apply, please visit: <http://www.cwy-jcm.org/en>.

Funding & Resources

HOW FUNDRAISING WORKS TODAY

"Wish I had the money to make [How Fundraising Works] available to ALL of my volunteers! What a great, basic course that covers the essentials of fundraising! I'd highly recommend the courses to managers transitioning from other industries - they're quick and provide just what you need." -- Angelique Berg, Executive Director, Canadian Orthopaedic Foundation
Learn more about How Fundraising Works at: <http://www.charityvillage.com/cv/learn/cvchfw.html>

CAREER BURNOUT

Career burnout is a common problem facing Canadian employees, leaving them anxious, tired, and irritable. Find out how this affliction is affecting nonprofit organizations and how to prevent burnout from happening to you in this week's cover story at: <http://www.charityvillage.com/cv/news/cover.asp>

Education and Training

INTRODUCING THE KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE

Introducing the [Knowledge Exchange](#)! : Our Online community at Imagine Canada's [Nonprofit Library Commons](#).
[The Knowledge Exchange](#) is an online community where sector participants can communicate about issues and share questions or experiences from the vast and varied Canadian NPO sector. As part of the Imagine Canada's Nonprofit Library Commons, we have created a virtual space to forefront "real life" experiences. Whether you are new to the sector or an experienced specialist, your knowledge and inquiry is what drives us to discover more valuable information.

WORKING IN DIFFICULT SITUATIONS

A workshop with Bob Shebib. CARP approved for Continuing Education credit#5572

Topics: Engaging hard to reach clients, Involuntary clients, dealing with resistance, conflict management, motivational interviewing, suicide risk assessment and intervention, working with clients who have personality disorders, responding to angry and potentially violent clients, understanding mental health and addictions issues, recognizing and avoiding power struggles. Registration is \$325 pp or \$275pp when 3 or more register together.

Contact Kate Hill at 604-721-7929 or kmhill@shaw.ca

Penticton Lakeside Resort, 21 Lakeside Drive Penticton, June 10-11, 2008. 9:00 am-4:30pm

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