

Community Information & Volunteer Centre

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What to expect at the volunteer fair

Are you interested in getting involved in our community? Do you want to make a difference? Are you unsure about where to start?

Start here. The annual Okanagan Volunteer Opportunities Fair showcases volunteerism in a family friendly atmosphere. Maybe you have yet to attend and you are unsure what to expect.

We have two large rooms filled with tables and displays. About 80 nonprofit organizations will explain how they serve our community and where you can best fit in. You have questions; they have answers.

You can view photos from last year's on our new Okanagan Volunteer Fair Facebook page or on our website at www.kcr.ca.

The Volunteer Fair is held at Parkinson Recreation Centre on Saturday, September 10, 2011 between 10am and 3pm. The address is 1800 Parkinson Way, Kelowna.

If you come for 11:00 am or 2:00 pm, you can participate in the Volunteer Speed Matching. Staff from six organizations will sit around a large boardroom table. It is a bit like musical chairs, with no chairs missing. You have four minutes to visit with one organization and at the sound of the bell, you move onto the next organization.

Here is a sample of comments from last year.

- "Learning experience"
- "Met a lot of great people"
- "Great event; lots of diversity"
- "Good mix of people attending"
- "Nice to see so many volunteers & booths'
- "Great energy levels; positive atmosphere; very well run!"

You can find out more about the Volunteer Fair through the Kelowna Community Resources website at www.kcr.ca. See the list of participating agencies. Sign up for Volunteer Speed Matching. Like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

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