

Community Information & Volunteer Centre Kelowna Capital News 2011 July 21

Save this date for the volunteer fair

The 14th annual Okanagan Volunteer Opportunities Fair comes to the Parkinson Recreation Centre on Saturday, September 10th, 2011. It's one week earlier than usual. Be prepared and mark your calendar.

This is your chance to visit up to 80 displays. Learn more about what the not-for-profit organizations are doing to make our community a healthier and more vibrant place to get involved.

Maybe you want to make an impact through a short term group effort with your friends. Do you want to help youth or seniors? Perhaps you want to combine an interest in the arts or recreation with service to individuals with physical or mental difficulties. Are you looking for something different?

Have you heard of these organizations? OKtoSay? Hands in Service? Soroptimist International? Elevation Outdoors? IWEN Canada? Pets and People Visiting? Cool Arts? Dystonia Support? TRACS? Westside Health Network? Duke of Edinburgh's Award?

Are you a social media whiz or website guru? Do special events pique your interest? Leadership positions are open on boards and managing volunteers. Public speaking and promotion skills are eagerly sought.

Statistics Canada tells us that every other person you bump into volunteers their time. In fact, we average about three hours each week, giving of our skills, time and compassion. We make a collective difference.

We celebrate Canada Day. We help people learn to read. Community policing volunteers help keep us safe. We raise money for health research. We maintain hiking and biking trails and help those with disabilities remain physically active. We support music, dance and drama to enrich our lives.

Save the date: Saturday, September 10th, between 10 am to 3 pm at Parkinson Recreation Centre to visit the Okanagan Volunteer Opportunities Fair. It might change your life.

To learn more about getting involved in our diverse community check out www.kcr.ca.

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