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Volunteering Development Team - What can we offer?



Advice and Guidance

The SVS Volunteering Development Team (VDT) can offer support to you as volunteer coordinators. There is often only one Volunteer Coordinator in an organization, meaning sometimes when it comes to specific issues you may need somewhere to turn.

We can give advice on issues such as the following:

- **Recruitment of volunteers**
- **Volunteer Policies and Procedures**
- **Training volunteers**
- **Promoting volunteering opportunities**
- **Retaining volunteers**
- **Support and Supervision of Volunteers**
- **Valuing Volunteers**

This can be provided via email, over the phone or during a one-to-one meeting arranged with the VDT.

Volunteer Brokerage

The VDT can promote your volunteering opportunities online and at

in-house Volunteering Information Sessions. We can promote multiple volunteering roles at one time and we will then send you details of anyone who is interested. With around **150 enquiries a month** coming through SVS there is bound to be some volunteers out there for you.

New Resources

We have recently re-vamped the Volunteers Charter following some consultation in a Volunteer Coordinators Group meeting. Thank-you to those of you who had input to this.

We also have two new resources '**Involving Volunteers - Have you got everything in Place?**' and '**Recruiting Volunteers Guide**'.

All the above can be found on the SVS website

<http://www.southamptonvs.org.uk/volunteering/manage-volunteers/>



Have You Any Christmas Volunteering Opportunities?

It could be a one off event or just an extra pair of hands for the busy periods. Lots of people are willing to volunteer on Christmas day, boxing day etc. It is a great way to give someone a taster of your organisation and could help you in recruiting some long-term volunteers.

Examples of previous opportunities:

- Christmas Conservation Days
- Host UK
- Night Shelters
- Packing Christmas Boxes for needy Children
- Day Centre - Kitchen Assistants, Receptionists
- Support for the Elderly
- Steam Railway - Santa Train Rides

If you have an opportunity

please contact the Volunteering Development Team on

volunteer@southamptonvs.org.uk

Volunteer Certificate Scheme - October 2011

The event was very successful with 33 volunteers receiving certificates. Due to unforeseen circumstances the awards were held at SVS, however the magic of the event was not lost.

With thanks to his Worship the Mayor, Councilor Terry Mathews.

For more photos from this event click on

<http://www.mediafire.com/?ycnfg8ebdg31tje>



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Changes to Criminal Records Bureau Checks

Recently there have been some extreme changes to the criteria of determining who needs a Criminal Records Bureau Check (CRB) and who does not. SVS is a registered umbrella body for the CRB, this means that we can countersign CRB Checks for community and voluntary sector. If your organisation is interested in registering with the SVS CRB service go to <http://www.southamptonvs.org.uk/volunteering/manage-volunteers/>.

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Regulated Activity is a statutory term used to describe working or volunteering with children or vulnerable adults.

It covers work, whether paid or unpaid, which is carried out on a frequent, intensive or overnight basis, but does not include family or personal arrangements.

A	Of a specific nature	C	Frequently, intensively and/or overnight
OR			
B	In a specified place ***	C	Frequently, intensively and/or overnight
		D	Gives the person the opportunity for contact with C or VA

*** - Or is a specific role – includes fostering and “defined office holders”

A... Of a specific nature	B... In a specified place
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teaching • Training • Supervision • Advice • Treatment • Transport 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools • Childcare premises • Residential children’s care homes • Children’s Hospitals • Children’s detention centres • Children’s centres in England. • Adult care homes
C... Frequently, intensively and/or overnight	D... Gives that person
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Once a week for most services, but once a month or more for health and social care services involving personal care. • Takes place on 4 days in one month or more. • Overnight between 2am – 6am 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The opportunity, in consequence of anything he is permitted or required to do in connection with the activity, to have contact with specifically children or specifically vulnerable adults.

Southampton LINK

Local Involvement Network

What is Southampton LINK?

Southampton Local Involvement Network (LINK) is part of a number of LINKs across the country, our primary concern is to find out what the public thinks about their local Health and Social Care services. We, as your local LINK then talk directly to senior professionals and service managers about the services they provide, working with them and you to ensure local citizens get the services they deserve.

Southampton Voluntary Services - Southampton LINK's New Host

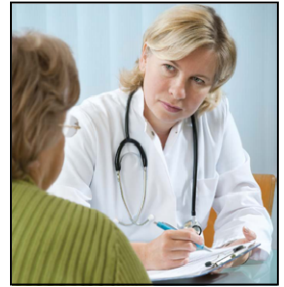
As of the 1st July 2011 SVS successfully secured the contract with Southampton City Council to act as host for Southampton LINK.

Southampton Voluntary Services first piece of work as host of Southampton LINK is to increase the LINK's membership. Over the coming months we will be running a number of campaigns to raise awareness of the LINK and encourage participation from all of Southampton's vibrant communities.

If your group is interested in becoming a LINK member please contact:

Roxane Kalidas, Southampton LINK Development Worker

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Upcoming Events

5th December 2011 International Volunteer Day

Celebrate the achievements and time given by your volunteers.

Saturday, 5th December, is [International Volunteer Day](#) - set up to give volunteer organisations and individual volunteers the opportunity to show their contributions to peace and development.

1st February 2011 Volunteer Coordinators Group (VCG)

The Meeting will be held at Southampton Voluntary Services
The Voluntary Action Centre 2pm - 4pm

This is the forum that offers support for anyone involved with volunteers and volunteering. Whether you're a Volunteer Coordinator managing a large team of volunteers or a volunteer yourself supporting other volunteers, this forum is for you.

Contact Us

If you have any questions or enquiries regarding volunteer management best practice or need support with volunteer recruitment, don't hesitate in contacting the Volunteering Development Team.



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SVS Training Programme

29/11/11 Investing in Good Information £10

13/12/11 How to Develop Corporate Support
£60 SVS members, £85 Non members

20/12/11 Thinking Differently about Fundraising
£60 SVS members, £85 Non members

16/01/12 & 17/01/12 Effective Fundraising Practice
£120 SVS Members, £170 Non members

24/01/12 Duties of a Company Secretary
£60 SVS members, £85 Non members

31/01/12 Bid Writing for Commissioning
£60 SVS members, £85 Non members

14/02/12 & 15/02/12 Effective Fundraising Strategy
£120 SVS Members, £170 Non members

21/02/12 Effective Marketing for Small Organisations
£60 SVS members, £85 Non members

Lunch is included with all courses apart from 29/11/11

All training takes place at:
The Voluntary Action Centre
Kingsland Square
St Mary's Street
Southampton
SO14 1NW



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Or visit: [www.southamptonvs.org.uk/
updates/training-events](http://www.southamptonvs.org.uk/updates/training-events)

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