

Volunteer Centre Dundee Bulletin

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How is the recession hitting your organisation? Are you having more enquiries from people who want to volunteer? Want to make sure your organisation is best equipped to support and develop volunteers and at the same time get an award that demonstrates your commitment to involving volunteers? Then why not sign up for Volunteer Centre Dundee's **Volunteer Friendly Award**? It's a great way to assess and develop your existing practices through an easy to work through toolkit. We support and guide you through with this with help from a dedicated worker and a bank of resources. You can demonstrate to potential volunteers, funders and other stakeholders that your volunteer management is up to a standard based on the national Investing in Volunteers. Here are the latest 12 Volunteer Friendly organisations to sign up for the award:

- **NHS Tayside - Secondary Care**
- **Dundee Independent Advocacy Support.**
- **Advocating Together**
- **Alzheimer Scotland**
- **Whitfield Community Centre**
- **Ardler Environment Group**
- **Dundee Cyrenians**
- **Cancer Research UK**
- **Brae Partnership**
- **Under 12's Project, Web Project (The)**
- **Tayside Foundation for the Conservation of Resources**



Contact Phillipa Lyttle for further information on how to get involved. Congratulations to the following organisations who recently received their awards:

Dundee Healthy Living Initiative: Hearing Voices Network: Dundee Peer Education, Youth Sports Development.

Christmas Volunteering Opportunities

It's nearly that time of year again! Sorry to mention it so early but if you have anything that people can get involved in please let me know as we are starting to get enquiries. I plan to put together a list that we can publish on our website and email to anyone who is interested. Thanks for your help. That's it – won't mention again until December!

Human Rights Commission

COME AND MEET THE EQUALITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION LEGAL TEAM

Dundee – West Park 27th October 2009

The Equality and Human Rights Commission champions equality and human rights for all, working to eliminate discrimination, reduce inequality, protect human rights and to build good relations, ensuring that everyone has a fair chance to participate in society.

The Commission's Scotland Legal Team is visiting the above location, hosting a lunch and Information Session. You will have the opportunity to find out more about the Commission, discuss how we can work together and let us know what issues are most significant to you and your service users.

Who should come: The event is for advice giving organisations, as well as frontline representatives of voluntary, community and educational organisations who give advice or assistance directly to the public. If unsure whether this would be relevant to your work, feel free to contact us to discuss.

Agenda: A confirmed agenda will be sent out closer to the time. We would also like to hear your suggestions on the equality issues most relevant to you. Email or phone us with your thoughts.

Booking a place: This event is **FREE**. However, spaces are limited and will be available on a first come, first served basis.

Please email roadshow@equalityhumanrights.com if you wish to attend and we will send a booking form.

For further details please contact:

James Andrew on 0141 228 5917 / David Reilly on 0141 228 5967.

iT4C Mentoring Programme

iT4C has been sponsored by Nominet Trust to pilot a mentoring programme. We have volunteers who have an IT qualification but are not currently employed. They are supported by an experienced IT professional as their mentor to help them complete an IT project for you. Do you or an organization you know have a project that needs them?

We are looking for website work, database work, some strategy or research projects that are going to help your organization do what it does even better with good technology to assist.

Would you be happy to work with a less experienced volunteer in this supported way? There will be the chance to network with other organizations who are joining in, get access to wider advice and support from all the programme participants and via free advice and guidance seminars.

If you think you have a project that is right for a less experienced but qualified volunteer then please email the following details to email: info@it4communities.org.uk

A paragraph about your organization, address & contact details
A short paragraph about the project/s you have in mind
Confirmation that there would be someone within your organisation who could give 2 hours a week to manage your volunteer project from Nov '09-May 2010

For more information about the project please see:
<http://www.it4communities.org.uk/it4c/home/mentoring.html>

We will not be able to find a suitable match for everyone but we will endeavour to support as many as we can.

Student Placements for Health Sciences and Food, Nutrition and Health Students from University of Abertay

We are looking for placements for two different groups of year 3 students from the School of Contemporary Sciences, Division of Health and Food at the University of Abertay. We place students in a broad range of organisations including the voluntary and community sectors and would be delighted to hear from you if you are interested in hosting a placement. This does not include any formal assessment on the part of the placement supervisor who would work closely with a member of teaching staff at Abertay who would help with setting up the aims and objectives. Please contact Dr Elizabeth Downes, Programme tutor for Health Sciences, School Of Contemporary Sciences, University of Abertay Dundee, Bell Street, Tel. 01382 308669 or email e.downes@abertay.ac.uk

Volunteers Offering Services

Please note that we do not screen volunteers in any way.

Name: Albert Henderson

Services on offer: Bookkeeping/ Accountancy

Skills and Experience: Bookkeeping/preparation of financial statements (but no responsibility for compliance with legal requirements e.g payroll). Assistance with setting up new handwritten bookkeeping system. Producing typed versions of financial statements based on drafts supplied. I am an accountant and recently retired from a lecturing post at Dundee College.

Commitment: Office hours possibly some half days during each week or working from home.

Contact: snhwerba@btinternet.com

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