

Volunteer Edmonton News—May 12, 2008

Festival Volunteer Fair

Join us on Wednesday, May 14 at the TransAlta Arts Barns (10330-84 Ave) to sign up for one or more volunteer opportunities with the 20 festivals that have signed on to showcase their opportunities. Stop by between 3 to 7 pm for your chance to sign up for one or more great volunteer positions and to learn more about Edmonton's festival scene. Admission is free. Visit our [website](#) for full festival details.

Volunteer Edmonton's New Website Launched!

Volunteer Edmonton launched their new website early this May. It's still has the same relevant information and resources but with an updated look that we hope folks will enjoy. Let us know what you think! We welcome comments and suggestions on how to make this website better for you.

Lights, Camera, Action: The Youth Mentor Program

The program invites youth aged 14 to 21 from all over the province to register for the Youth Mentor Program. The program will feature fun, interactive sessions and engaging speakers geared toward youth. The program is happening on June 13 to 14 as part of the Vitalize Conference at the Shaw Conference Centre. Youth must register with a mentor aged 21 and over. For more information, visit www.youthvolunteer.ca. To register, visit www.buksa.com.

Update: Community Spirit Program

The Community Spirit Program launched on April 30. The program includes an enhanced charitable tax credit and a new donor-driven donation grant program, allowing Albertans to decide where they want funding to go based on where they donate. The deadline for submitting donation grant applications is October 1. To read more about this initiative, [click here](#).

New Brunswick's "Delivering on the Blueprint"

Delivering on the Blueprint was developed in response to an earlier report called Blueprint for Action which examined the challenges faced by the nonprofit sector in New Brunswick. Delivering on the Blueprint includes recommendations that cover funding, respect and recognition, fostering a culture of volunteering and revitalizing partnership between the nonprofit sector and government. To read the new report, visit www.gnb.ca/cnb/Promos/CNP/Report-e.pdf.

Google Offers New Service for Nonprofits

Charity Village recently posted a notice about Google's new service called "Google for Nonprofits. This portal provides nonprofit groups access and instructional video tutorials on how to use their program, resources and tools. Use of each of the services is free of charge. The site also features examples of how some charities are already using the various tools to further their mission. For more information about Google for Nonprofits program, visit: www.google.com.

Call for Story Ideas – Send them to Volunteer Edmonton

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