

Volunteer Edmonton News Update – July 13, 2009

NEW Workshop Opportunity: Welcoming Newcomers to Canada in the Workplace

Understanding how to successfully recruit and engage immigrant volunteers will prove to be an investment in the sustainability of your organization's volunteer program. Register today to participate in this six-session workshop that looks at the different categories under which immigrants/refugees enter Canada, evaluate your current workplace/volunteer policies and practices and gain important skills for communicating across differences. Visit our [Workshops and Events](#) page for more information about the sessions and how to register.

Edmonton Timeraiser Happening in October

This unique charity art auction is an event where instead of money, visitors bid the number of hours they are willing to volunteer for an organization of their choice. For details on how to purchase tickets to attend on October 17 or to view the list of participating agencies, visit www.timeraiser.ca.

Recruit Youth Volunteers: Space Still Available at High School Volunteer Fair

J. Percy Page High School is hosting their 2nd annual Volunteer Fair on September 25th. Take advantage of this opportunity to connect with youth one-on-one about the youth-friendly volunteer opportunities available at your organization. There are 60 spots available, and it's free-of-charge to attend. RSVP to BOTH Bruce Irwin at bruce.irwin@epsb.ca and Rick Adams at radam39@telus.net by August 25. For more details about the volunteer fair, visit our [website](#).

Electronic Recycling Association Seeking Donations

Looking to de-clutter the office or home? ERA is seeking old computers, laptops and other similar electronic items to donate to charities, nonprofit organizations and low-income individuals. Contact Emily at Emily@era.ca or call (780) 455-2088 to ask about tax receipts, or to arrange a pick up or drop off.

Group Volunteering

Occasionally 211 and Volunteer Edmonton receive requests from companies looking for group volunteering opportunities for their employees. If your organization is able to accommodate such requests, please email voled@volunteeredmonton.com. Please include the following info: agency name, contact person's email and phone number, type of group volunteer activity you have and how many volunteers you could accommodate at any given time and we will pass this information along to the folks in 211.

Tell Your Story and Win

The City of Edmonton is seeking stories from Edmontonians about their special "Edmonton moment". It can be about anything—so consider sharing a story about an outstanding volunteer you know or the work your organization has done. Written and video submissions are welcome. Submit your story by July 31 for a chance to win one of two grand prizes. Visit www.edmontonstories.ca for submission guidelines.