

## **Volunteer Edmonton News Update – October 14, 2008**

### **Promising Practices – Thank You for Your Support!**

We'd like to extend a big thank you to the participants of the first-ever Promising Practices workshop! It was an interesting learning event that brought together folks from the sector to share their stories, advice and suggestions on how we can strengthen and improve various aspects of our organization. We hope to offer similar workshops in the future – keep checking our [website](#) for more information and updates on workshops and events.

### **Supporting Newcomers to Canada in the Workplace - Three Days Left!**

Want to learn more about how to welcome and support immigrant volunteers to your organization? Seats are still available for the Supporting Newcomers workshop starting on October 24 so sign up now! The deadline to register is October 17—visit [www.volunteeredmonton.com](http://www.volunteeredmonton.com) for more details.

### **Cancelled – The Engage Page**

With a heavy heart, we're sad to announce that the Engage page will no longer be published. The last issue will appear in the October 26 edition of the *Edmonton Journal*. If you'd like more information, contact writer Shari Narine at [engage@thejournal.canwest.com](mailto:engage@thejournal.canwest.com).

### **Sign up for the First So What? Session on October 22**

Join Wendy MacDonald, Curriculum Co-ordinator for the Executive Leadership in the Non-profit Sector program at MacEwan College, for her session entitled “Building Campus-Community Learning Partnerships that Work.” Hosted by [RCVO](#), the event is free-of-charge, but participants must RSVP to 780-497-4780 or email [voluntarysectorevents@macewan.ca](mailto:voluntarysectorevents@macewan.ca) to reserve a spot.

### **Fund Raising Success Workshop Facilitated by Anne Kirkpatrick**

Organizations are invited to learn the basics behind fund development on October 25. Visit [RCVO](#) to find out how to pre-register and pay.

### **Learn About the Role of Volunteers In Public Health Disasters**

Dr. Thomas Barker, Visiting Scholar with the University of Alberta School of Public Health, is prepared to talk to you or your community group about the ways that communities can come together to address the threat of a flu pandemic: by volunteering as a caregiver, communicator, or in some other role to support the community. How can your group help find trained volunteers? Visit [www.volunteeredmonton.com/hottopics.php](http://www.volunteeredmonton.com/hottopics.php) to learn how to book a free session with Dr. Barker.

### **Volunteer Management Website**

Dr. Judy Esmond's website, [www.morevolunteers.com](http://www.morevolunteers.com), offers ideas on volunteer retention, recognition and more. Browse through the archive of newsletters to view past issues on topics related to volunteer management.

### **November 1<sup>st</sup> is International Volunteer Managers Day!**

Thank you to all the volunteer managers who help enhance and support volunteerism. Their ability to transform ideas and individual passions into action has helped ensure volunteerism

continues to exist in every facet of our community. Whether you are an administrator, a volunteer, a community leader or someone who receives the benefit of volunteer help, make sure the people who act as leaders and catalysts get the recognition they deserve! Visit the [IVMD](#) website to learn how you can celebrate and share this special day.