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New Date for National Volunteer Week 2011

April 10-16 is the revised date for National Volunteer Week 2011. Our priority is to ensure that Canadian volunteers are the national focal point during NVW. As such, the date change was made to avoid overlap with other holidays that fall within the same time frame. This update has been adopted by both Volunteer Canada and its American affiliate, Points of Light Institute. NVW was originally slated for the third week in April. We look forward to celebrating NVW 2011 with you.

Mythbusting and Volunteerism

True or false: There are not enough people in Canada who are willing to volunteer. Answer: False. A recent case study of Vantage Point (formerly known as Volunteer Vancouver) reveals that volunteers are looking to engage in lifelong volunteer opportunities. Unfortunately, these opportunities are in short supply from coast to coast. *Skills-Based Volunteering: A Discussion Paper* by the Centre for Voluntary Sector Research and Development will cover case studies such as this and collect information on the effective recruitment, integration, and management of skills-based volunteers. This data will be used to create a volunteer job design resource, which includes training tools as well as a train-the-trainer component.

For additional details on this project, contact Lyn Guerin, Programs Manager, at lguerin@volunteer.ca.

Membership Reminder

Please note that the membership renewal date of March 31, 2010 has passed. Please contact Chantale Bessette, Membership Coordinator, Volunteer Canada at 1-800-670-0401 ext. 298 if you wish to renew your membership or if you have questions about your organization's status. There is still plenty of time to take advantage of the numerous benefits of a Volunteer Canada membership. Thank you to all our members for your incredible support.