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**Volunteer Canada kicks off National Volunteer Week with the Governor General**

Volunteer Canada is celebrating the start of National Volunteer Week with His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada. Today, we are participating in a series of celebrations in Ottawa, as well as a virtual event for volunteers and organizations across the country.

[Click here for a complete listing of today's events.](#)

**Volunteer Recognition Facebook Conversation with Volunteer Canada and Investors Group**

On Tuesday, April 17 Ruth MacKenzie, President & CEO of Volunteer Canada, and Richard Irish, Vice President of Community Affairs at Investors Group, will lead a volunteer recognition chat on the [Volunteer Canada Facebook page](#). Join in between 3 and 4 p.m. EST to ask your questions and share your views on how we can recognize Canada's 13.3 million volunteers.

**NVW resources available online**

Need any last-minute tools and materials for National Volunteer Week? The [Campaign Kit section](#) of the National Volunteer Week website features customizable recognition certificates, downloadable promotional materials, and a variety of resources.