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## Explore volunteering and social inclusion at our Public Policy Summit

About 13.3 million volunteers contribute 2.1 billion hours every year. Imagine the impact on your community if volunteers didn't exist. Join Volunteer Canada, in collaboration with the University of Ottawa's Centre on Governance and Deloitte, for a Public Policy Summit on citizen engagement and social inclusion. Together, we'll explore how volunteers build resilient communities.

The keynote speaker for the Summit is Dr. Katherine Loflin, an expert in the field of placemaking. [Read more about Dr. Loflin here.](#)



To register now, please visit [this website.](#)

## New exclusive funding software offer for Volunteer Canada members

At Volunteer Canada, we're passionate about supporting your organization to achieve its mission. We recently polled thousands of volunteer-involving organizations, including our members. We discovered organizations place high value on *discounted access to software that identifies grant opportunities*. We listened.

Volunteer Canada is pleased to offer its members discounted access to **Ajah Fundtracker**. It's Canada's best and most complete online database of funding opportunities for the voluntary sector.

[Become a member today](#) and enjoy a free two-month trial of Ajah Fundtracker.

## CCVI at the CAVR National Forum

The Canadian Administrators of Volunteer Resources held its [annual national forum](#) on June 7 in Calgary. The event was held in conjunction with the [Vitalize Annual Provincial Voluntary Sector Conference](#). Volunteer Canada staff members were on hand at both events to present key information from the 2012 edition of the *Canadian Code for Volunteer Involvement*. Volunteer Canada presented the Code to nearly 200 attendees. The audience received practical advice on integrating the Code to engage volunteers more effectively.



To download the 2012 edition of the CCVI, visit [this website](#).

## Microsoft Canada offers non-profits software grants

Volunteer Canada thanks Microsoft Canada for its generous support of the non-profit sector. The company recently donated more than \$177,000.00 to Volunteer Canada in support of our core work.

Microsoft Canada offers non-profits access to new software. Organizations may receive software donations, training, and monetary grants. [Visit Microsoft's Corporate Citizenship page](#) to learn more.

Microsoft also champions volunteering in the workplace. Employees can spend up to 40 work hours per year volunteering in the community. Since 2003, Microsoft Canada employees have contributed more than 20,000 volunteer hours.

## Scotiabank recognizes young Canadians for their community contributions

Scotiabank launched its Bright Futures Program to encourage and reward young Canadian volunteers. Scotiabank invites youth between the ages of 16 and 24 to apply. Eligible participants must have volunteered at least 100 hours. Applicants must write a personal essay about their volunteer experiences. Winners are awarded \$2,500.00 to donate to the charity of their choice, and receive a tablet computer for themselves.

Visit [www.scotiayoungleaders.com](http://www.scotiayoungleaders.com) for full contest details.