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## NVW 2013 Video Seminar Features Ruth Vant of the CJVRM

In addition to the four NVW video seminars already available in the [NVW 2013 Campaign Kit](#), Volunteer Canada has produced a brand new [Volunteer Recognition Seminar](#) to act as an overarching guide to organizations' approaches to their NVW/volunteer recognition activities. The seminar is facilitated by Ruth Vant of the [Canadian Journal of Volunteer Resources Management](#) and stems from her article on the evolution of volunteer recognition practices in the Journal's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition. To supplement the seminar, Ruth also produced a [take-away tool](#) viewers can refer to when honing their volunteer recognition strategies.

We will host an interactive Facebook conversation with Ruth on Wednesday, February 27, 2013, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. EST. Visit the [Volunteer Canada Facebook page](#) during that time to learn more about the "volunteer recognition challenge"!



### NVW 2013 Gift Store Now Open!

Volunteer Canada's National Volunteer Week [online gift store](#) is the place to find a variety of affordable and meaningful gifts – from travel mugs to shopping bags, posters, thank you cards and more – which you can use to thank your volunteers. As an added bonus, Volunteer Canada is pleased to offer a 10% discount to all members! Members will receive an email with their promo code in the coming days.

## Thanks to Volunteer Centres in Attendance at 2013 Pan Canadian Knowledge Exchange

On January 30 and 31, 2013, Volunteer Canada hosted the Pan Canadian Knowledge Exchange in Québec City. The Pan Can Knowledge Exchange provided a forum for volunteer centres across the country to share experiences, knowledge and best practices with one another. It also offered a platform

Twenty participants from our network of volunteer centres, provincial and territorial associations of volunteer centres gathered to engage in numerous opportunities for interactive learning and sharing on key topics such as [skills-based volunteering](#), [Building the Bridge](#), [10 Steps of Screening](#) and the new volunteer recognition program, PREB. This second edition of the Pan Canadian Knowledge Exchange also gave Volunteer Canada the opportunity to provide PREB program training to a pilot group of volunteer centres, who will now begin delivering workshops in their own communities. Stay tuned for information on our upcoming “virtual ribbon cutting” ceremony to launch PREB nationwide during [National Volunteer Week 2013](#)!

## **Don't forget to renew your Volunteer Canada membership!**

The renewal period for the majority of Volunteer Canada members is fast approaching! Please keep an eye out for your renewal notice coming soon by mail.

This past year has been an exciting and productive one for Volunteer Canada and our partners and members throughout the country. Here are just a few of the initiatives we've pursued:

- Launched a new version of the Canadian Code for Volunteer Involvement, which includes two new standards for technology and risk assessment;
- In collaboration with Public Safety Canada and the RCMP, we developed the 2012 Edition of the Screening Handbook, which covers social policy and legislative changes;
- Hosted the first Governor General's Round Table discussion on professional standards for volunteer engagement, where participants identified challenges and inspiring practices for organizations of all sizes;
- Launched our newly refreshed website, [www.volunteer.ca](http://www.volunteer.ca) – your connection to Canada's volunteering community.

Maintaining a Volunteer Canada membership supports the national organization that promotes and strengthens volunteerism in Canada. Your membership demonstrates belief in and support for the many volunteers that contribute to organizations such as yours across the country. Simply put, a Volunteer Canada membership enables our efforts to strengthen citizen engagement and catalyze voluntary action.

If you have any questions surrounding your membership renewal, please contact Chantale Bessette by email at [cbessette@volunteer.ca](mailto:cbessette@volunteer.ca) or by phone at 1-800-670-0401 ext. 298. We thank our members in advance for their ongoing support.