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Thanking Canada's volunteers: Tell us what works for you

Volunteer recognition is crucial to keeping Canada's volunteers feeling appreciated and engaged in their volunteer work. As part of our work around National Volunteer Week 2014, Volunteer Canada has begun developing new tools and resources exploring best practices and innovative strategies in volunteer recognition in Canada. To this end, we want to learn about your experiences, challenges and perceptions with volunteer recognition.

We have developed two short surveys (one for volunteers and one for organizations), which will take no more than 10 minutes each to complete. Please submit your responses by June 27 and tell us what ways of saying "thanks" work for you.

If you are an organization/are involved in volunteer engagement, please click [here](#). If you are a volunteer, please click [here](#).

Federal Grant for Seniors

Do you know of a community-based project led or inspired by seniors, deserving of financial support? If so, the federal government wants to hear from you. [Human Resources and Skills Development Canada](#)'s New Horizons for Seniors Program is a federal Grants and Contributions program that supports projects led or inspired by seniors who make a difference in the lives of others and in their communities. Since 2004, the Program has funded over 12,200 projects in over 1,000 communities across Canada. Funding of up to \$25,000 is available for community-based projects of up to one-year in length. This year's deadline for applications is July 5. For more information on eligibility and to apply, click [here](#).

Innovative Office Space for Non-Profits



Interested in exploring shared office space for non-profits? [UnderOneRoof](#) unites Ottawa-based progressive groups, including non-profit organizations, entrepreneurs, home-based businesses, freelancers and consultants. With

both private office spaces and ‘hot desks,’ which allow for part-time tenancy, UnderOneRoof fosters an environment of interaction, collaboration and movement for social change. Membership links you to an active and diverse community, improves your visibility and offers a stimulating environment. If you’re interested in seeing the space, open houses will be held in Ottawa at 251 Bank Street on June 11th at 4:00pm – 7:00pm and June 12th at 1:00pm – 4:00pm. For more information, click [here](#) or contact Rima Zabian, Executive Director, at rima@underoneroof.ca.

Reminder: National Volunteer Week 2013 Survey

What were your favourite aspects of National Volunteer Week 2013? What do you think could have been better? With the NVW 2013 campaign wrapped up, Volunteer Canada would love to hear your comments and feedback to help plan for National Volunteer Week 2014. If you’d like to share your thoughts, [our brief, 10 minute survey NVW 2013 post-campaign survey](#) is open until June 7.