

VIEWPOINT



VOLUNTEER HALTON NEWSLETTER

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September is often seen as the "new year" in volunteer engagement. This month usually hails the return to routine after a carefree summer. As Ontario continues in Phase III of reopening, this September is cautiously feeling a bit like Septembers of the past; it is also stirring up uncertainties as the Delta variant continues to impact all aspects of daily living. It can be difficult to know what direction to go, what questions to ask, and what information to share with volunteers asking about returning to your programs.

Volunteer Halton is here to help with information, education, and resources to support you, your volunteer programs, and your organizations.

This fall, Volunteer Halton is offering workshops addressing issues of equity and diversity, power, and privilege in volunteer engagement and board governance, as well as looking at implementing age-friendly strategies to support older adult volunteers.

Check out the full offering of events hosted by Community Development Halton on our website in [Events](#) or call 905-632-1975 ext. 2 for more information.





Virtual Volunteer Fairs

Volunteer Halton is partnering with organizations in Halton Hills, Milton, and Burlington to host Virtual Volunteer Fairs! These "Ted-Talk" style events will allow volunteer-seekers to connect with organizations to find out how to get involved. More information coming soon!

Let's Connect!

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SOURCES & RESOURCES

Things to know to help you and your organization grow

Each month I will share some sources and resources selected to support your professional development and/or to address needs or issues your organization may be facing.

Serving on a Board of Directors is a role filled with real and important responsibilities. Why, then, do many organizations spend a lot of time recruiting for their Boards and then skimp on providing orientation, training, and resources on how to do their job well? Here are a couple of resources to help train Board members on their role in supporting your organization:

- **Canada Revenue Agency**: A toolbox of information to help understand the obligations of maintaining charitable status.
- **Volunteer MBC**: The Volunteer Centre of Mississauga, Brampton, and Caledon has a free online program called Board Essentials, suitable for new and seasoned Board members.

The **Ontario Not-For-Profit Corporations Act** will be proclaimed on October 19, 2021. Nonprofits will have three-years to transition to the new rules (after proclamation). The Ontario Nonprofit Network has a summary of information and resources to help Boards and staff implement the required changes and adapt to new online processes.

Mental well-being and mental health are hot topics as organizations look to welcome back clients, staff, and volunteers following 18+ months of doing things differently. Check out **Volunteer Halton's Resources** page for information from recent workshops and Focused Conversations.

