

VIEWPOINT



VOLUNTEER HALTON NEWSLETTER

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OVCN
Ontario Volunteer Centre Network
Stronger Together

The COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted all aspects of life, including the state of volunteerism in this country.

Canada has one of the highest rates of volunteerism in the country. Recovery from the pandemic must include investments in volunteers, the organizations who safely engage them, and professionals to manage ongoing participation.

The September/October issue of **Foundation magazine** is devoted to volunteerism and features an Ontario Volunteer Centre Network (OVCN) editorial on the contributions of volunteers during the pandemic and how volunteerism must evolve to support Ontario's pandemic recovery. The OVCN article starts on page 18.

OAKVILLE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION CDH EDUCATES WORKSHOP SERIES: Selected Project for GIVEOakville 2021

Community Development Halton is so excited - our *CDH Educates Workshop Series* is a selected project for the Oakville Community Foundation's GIVEOakville! 2021 campaign.

The Covid-19 pandemic has impacted the nonprofit sector, and volunteer engagement professionals, especially hard. The CDH Educates Workshop series will provide high-quality educational workshops and seminars on-line and in-person. Attendees will be able to develop and/or revision their volunteer programs using the skills learned during these sessions to create meaningful and impactful volunteer opportunities for youth, adults, and elders in our communities.

DONATE TODAY! Help us reach our fundraising goal by donating through the GIVEOakville Campaign. GIVEOakville is open until December 13, 2021.





November Workshop:

Creating Age-Friendly Volunteer Programs

Volunteering is a good way to stay socially active, meet new people, and participate in your community.

On November 18, join Heather Thompson, Director of Age-Friendly Initiatives at Community Development Halton as she presents on ways to create age-friendly volunteer programs. You will learn the importance of providing a range of flexible options for older adult volunteers as well as understanding barriers which may reduce older adult participation.

Register by Tuesday
November 16 at 8:00pm

[Register Today!](#)

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.

Imagine Canada is releasing a new, revamped, and free online [HR Toolkit](#). This new toolkit will have resources and recommendations to guide people management in your organization. The toolkit will launch in November; [sign up](#) to be notified when it is released.

The Ministry of the Solicitor General is looking to support nonprofits and volunteers by reducing fees for police record checks (PRCs). The [current proposal](#) for free police records checks includes Level 1 and Level 2 but not Level 3 or Vulnerable Sector Checks (VSCs) which make up the bulk of the PRC requests. Make your voice heard and let the government know why Vulnerable Sector Checks need to be included in their proposal by completing this [online form](#), including what it is costing your organization or your volunteers to pay for VSCs.

I recently completed Bruce Feiler's book, [**Life is in the Transitions: Mastering Change in a Nonlinear Age**](#). A beautifully written book, Mr. Feiler debunks the myth that life is linear. Life is nonlinear and will be filled with disruptors, some of which will be lifequakes leading to a life transition. Released in 2020, it wasn't written specifically with the current pandemic in mind, however, it identifies strategies to adapt to significant life changes, offering wisdom, counsel, and inspiration that make the journey easier.

Let's Connect!

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