

# VIEWPOINT



## VOLUNTEER HALTON NEWSLETTER

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### Volunteer Halton: By The Numbers

The volunteerism demand-supply issue was a top story in 2021. Lots of people willing to volunteer and many organizations found creative ways to engage as many volunteers as possible as safely as possible. Volunteer Halton supported our community with/by:

- 218K visits to our volunteer database
- 509 volunteer opportunities posted on the database
- Promoting 95 different volunteer opportunities, workshops, and events
- 10 presentations to community groups
- Providing 155 volunteer-seekers with customized information and support

### ONTARIO NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATIONS ACT (ONCA)

Ontario's Not-for-Profit Corporations Act (ONCA) took effect on October 19, 2021. Nonprofits who are subject to ONCA have until October 18, 2024 to transition to the new rules.

The legislation is the enabling corporate legal framework for most nonprofits incorporated under provincial law. ONCA compliance is not just about updating your documents but living with the new rules. It presents a learning opportunity for your board on governance issues.

Volunteer Halton is hosting an **ONCA Transition Presentation** on *Thursday January 20 at 9:30am*. Register at [www.cdhalton.ca/events](http://www.cdhalton.ca/events).





## Youth & School-Based Email Accounts

The Halton Youth Initiative has found that many volunteer position notifications & responses end up in the spam/junk folders of youth using their school-based email accounts. The flagging system by the school boards often identifies these types of emails as 'spam'. Consider putting a notice on application forms advising that using a school-based email account may result in information going into junk/spam folders AND encourage youth to use a personal email account whenever possible.

## 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.

The **Police Records Reform Act, 2015** has been amended as part of Bill 13, *Supporting People and Businesses Act*. The Police Records Reform Act, 2015 is amended to add the definition of volunteer as well as eliminating the fee charged for police records check (PRCs) conducted by the Ontario Provincial Police and local police services and that volunteers can receive up to five (5) copies of their results without cost to use if they volunteer at different organizations. This amended does not, however, cover Vulnerable Sector Check screenings. The changes will come into force on a day to be named by proclamation of the Lieutenant Governor.

## THANK YOU

### #GIVEOakville 2021

Many thanks to the community donors and the Oakville Foundation Vital Communities Fund: a total of \$5,405 was donated to Community Development Halton for the CDH Educates Workshop series!

