

Volunteer Awareness Week 19-25 June 2011

Well, it is almost here! Less than one week left and we will be in full swing in regards to events and activities surrounding Volunteer Awareness Week 2011!

And EVERY MINUTE COUNTS is still very very apt. If you have not yet joined in the events on offer you still have this week to register! Remember EVERYTHING WE ARE OFFERING IS FREE!!! Narda Nix Nothing!!! So, why not get involved??

The Expo in the Plaza is shaping up well, and an article will be in this weeks Tribune advertising this and other activities we have running.

If you would like to highlight your organisation by having a 1/2 day stall in the Plaza it is not too late! But contact us NOW to see which spaces we have available. See next page for more details.

In association with Settlement Support we are holding an Introduction to Volunteering in Aotearoa workshop for migrants and refugees in the region. This course is to demystify exactly what Volunteering is, and help newcomers

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—find their feet in this sector. It will be held on Tuesday 21st June from 9.30—1pm in the Training Room of the newly completed Community House! Please pass this on to your networks and any interested parties you know of. Registrations are required.

The Volunteer Awareness Week March will still be held on 23rd June at 2pm, even though there have been changes to the plans for the Community House opening. See next article for more information.

And of course we have been attempting to secure additional Windows along Broadway in which to display information about

our sector. Unfortunately, this has not been as successful as we thought, We have secured the Farmers Windows again and PNCC will be using the only other Window we secured to create a display relating to the Community House, its sponsors and tenants! See next page for more information on how to get involved in this activity.

Don't forget we have MOVED! We are now based in Community House, pop by and visit us!

We look forward to another successful week and thank everyone who has helped us put this together!

Volunteer Awareness Week March

2pm Sharp, 23rd June 2011

Assembly Point - Te Marae-O-Hine (outside PNCC Customer Services in The Square).

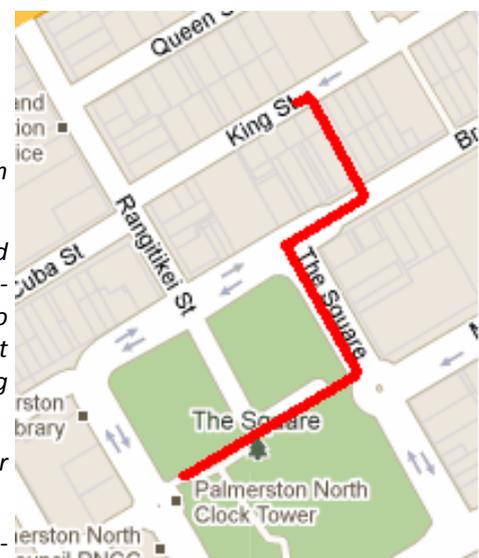
The march will follow this route: across The Square from West to East and turning left out onto the Road at the Main Street Roundabout, north towards Broadway Avenue. At the Broadway Avenue lights turn right into Broadway and continue down to the Regent. Turn left into the Regent Arcade and march from Broadway to King Street, turning left onto King Street and ending in front of Community House.

We are still to confirm a March Leader, but this will be announced on our Website & Facebook page as soon as it is confirmed!

Appropriate banners, posters, noise makers and flags welcome in the parade!

The March was originally planned to coincide with the Official Opening of Community House, however those plans have had to alter. We will now be hosting a Celebratory Volunteer Awareness Week Afternoon Tea and 1st Birthday Party for the Volunteer Resource Centre. This will go ahead from 2.30pm regardless of weather.

If you are interested in attending please RSVP for catering purposes on 3546027 and let us know your organisation and an estimate on numbers. You can also email us on info@vrcmanawtu.org.nz. If the weather fails us we will need to cancel the march and this will also allow us to notify you. You are welcome to join us for the parade only if that suits you also, no need to RSVP, however bear in mind the weather factor.



Volunteer Awareness Week Expo, The Plaza, 19th - 25th June

As we did last year we are again running a Full Week Expo in The Plaza, allow all Not-For-Profits who utilize Volunteers to recognise their Volunteers, and show off their organisation to many other potential volunteers **FOR FREE**.

Similar to last year we have arrange with the Plaza is to have two (2) sites This year they will be based outside Glassons near the T Intersection. **Again – this event is Free to any and all organisations!**

During the week long expo, we will rotate as many groups through the sites as possible (1/2 or day each depending on uptake). Subject to the demand and suitable partners we will decide if we have 2 or 4 groups on site at a time.

So, what we need to know from you: Which time and date do you want to book your organisation in for? Please respond by return email ASAP with your preferences in order – first, second, third preferences.

Example:

Day/Time	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
AM		2 nd			1 st		
PM			3 rd				
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We still have a number of slots left if you are still thinking about getting involved in this event! Emails to info@vrcmanawatu.org.nz Phone: 06 354 6027. There are detailed rules and restrictions which will be forwarded to you with confirmation of your stall booking.

There will be an article in the Tribune on the 15th June to let people know about this event, Any further registrations will be included in our Website & Facebook updates only. Don't forget to join us on Facebook!



Broadway Window Displays

As previously mentioned the plans to extend the number of windows along Broadway did not go as well as we had hoped, however we are still able to display in the old Farmers Building this year!

We have asked the Network contacts to help coordinate the installation of the windows again this year, and encourage you to first contact your appropriate network about being included in this event.

However, you are also welcome to bring your posters and display items to Janine at Access Manawatu so we can arrange for these to be included in the displays.

All display items need to be professional and reflective of what your organisation does or represents.

If you are interested in contributing to a display please email or call the office to arrange a time to drop off your items or to confirm access and setup details. Email info@vrcmanawatu.org.nz or phone 06 354 6027.

Displays are to be put in on Friday 17th prior to VAW (17th & 18th June) and will be removed the 27th & 28th.

Introduction to Volunteering

On the 21st of June in association with Settlement Support we will be hosting a workshop for migrants and refugees.

The workshop is "Volunteering in Aotearoa". The workshop comes to us courtesy of Volunteering Auckland. The aim is to demystify Volunteering, and ensure our newest volunteers are aware of their rights and expectations and are comfortable when taking on volunteer positions.

The workshop will be held in the Training Rooms in the newly completed Community House from 9.30am—1pm. Morning Tea and Lunch will be provided. RSVPs are essential as seats are limited and due by Friday 17th June at 5pm. Further workshops will be held as required.

Contact us on info@vrcmanawatu.org.nz or 06 354 6027. Also, you can [Like Settlement Support Manawatu](#) on Facebook to keep in touch with their activities in the region!

Martin J Cowling Training

Unfortunately, due to a change in circumstances we have had to change our Martin J Cowling workshop plans.

We will announce our full training schedule in the next few weeks. Keep an eye out for it!