

# VRC UPDATE

## VOLUNTEER RESOURCE CENTRE MANAWATU & DISTRICTS

November 2010

### Update on the Activities at the centre

Due to unexpected circumstances, we have had a change to the volunteers manning our office, and therefore in office hours, please keep an eye on our website for our current opening hours, as these are still growing!

A huge thank you to Jerry who has come on in the past few weeks, and has picked up the systems we have in place and is charging through our data-entry and ensuring our records are updated so we can truly begin our matching processes.

Wayne from Whanganui Volunteer Centre is assisting us on Thursdays for a short time, to ensure our office is open, and our processes are in place. He will also be providing training for other volunteers who will be manning the office.

We are looking for more volunteers who would like to spend 3-4 hours a week (or more) in our office helping to grow our opening hours, and assisting our growing

membership. If you know someone or are keen please get in touch so we can arrange the appropriate training.

The national Hui for Volunteer Centre's is on in Wellington next week, and we are sending a delegate to help gain further ideas for our centre's services.

Also, Volunteering New Zealand has their AGM on during the same period, and we will be attending this.

We continue to meet with many groups around the city, and look forward to meeting more of you over the coming weeks. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to get in touch and we can sit down and have a chat!

And don't forget you can download all our forms from our website! We have recently created a Members page including links to their websites, so you can find out more about them. We have just begun a Sponsors page also, to acknowledge all our fabulous supporters and sponsors, in whatever form they take! (I hope we

### Christmas Quiz Night—25th November



On the 25th November we will be hosting our first Quiz Night—which will have a Christmas Theme (being that it is only 1 month to Christmas by then!)

We have limited tables available, and it will be a case of first in first served.

Tables are \$60 (for a team of up to 6 people). However, if you do not have a team do not worry! Call us, and we can put you into a team on the night (individual registrations are \$10 per person).

Prizes are coming in, and questions are being prepared! A light supper will be provided and from past experiences a great night is on offer!

Please spread the word, and encourage your friends and colleagues to come along and join in the fun!

Registrations can be made through our office 00 354 6027 or via Email [info@vrcmanawatu.org.nz](mailto:info@vrcmanawatu.org.nz)

We look forward to seeing you there!

Thursday 25th November,



### International Volunteer Managers Day 5th November



International Volunteer Managers Day that will be celebrated on November 5 and many will either use the opportunity to acknowledge the work of the volunteer

managers around them or mark the day by providing a platform for further enhancement of the profession through training, forums and other activities.

We want to take this moment to thank all of you out there who undertake such a vital role within your organisation.

In 2011 the VRCMD intent to find innovative ways to celebrate this and other important dates in the volunteering calendar, however this year a HUGE THANK YOU is the best we can manage! Please forgive us.

For more information check out this link...

<http://www.volunteermanagersday.org>

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make an appointment

## International Volunteer Day 5th December 2010

International Volunteer Day is a United Nations initiative which started in 1985 and is celebrated throughout the world on December 5 every year.

IVD offers an opportunity for volunteer organisations and individual volunteers to concretely show their contributions to peace and development. Over the years, rallies, parades, community volunteering projects, environmental awareness, free medical care and advocacy campaigns have all featured prominently on IVD all over the world.

We would like to have some feedback from you as to how you would like to see the day celebrated in Palmerston North in 2010. A breakfast, Coffee gathering, media coverage, a float in the Christmas parade... you tell us and we will do our best to achieve a balance and find a fabulous way to acknowledge the day. BUT BE QUICK!!! The day is coming fast.

## Training Program 2011

Thank you to those of you who returned your training needs surveys, we are currently setting our calendar for next years training. We are planning to offer two training sessions a month—one will be focused on Volunteer Managers/coordinators and the other will be focused on volunteers.

If you have any programs you would like us consider and include in our calendar please make contact, also if you know some great facilitators we could contact to help with delivery we would love to hear from you.

We would encourage you to return any outstanding surveys you may have also, as this will help us to ensure you are invited to the appropriate training.

If your organisation runs a training program please send us your schedule so that we can help promote your programmes, and to avoid any clashes in dates where-ever possible! It would also assist us when we are assessing volunteers to send your way, if we have an idea of when your training programmes are occurring.



International  
Volunteer Day



Facebook fan?!

Join us on Facebook...

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Volunteer-Resource-Centre-Manawatu-Districts/114535011942123>

And send us your links too!

## Volunteerings Voice—AccessManawatu Radio programme

To help promote our services, grow our membership and of course to promote the great work our members do we are going to begin a regular radio programme on AccessManawatu.

BUT we can't do this without you!

If you would like us to have a chat with us about your organization, your volunteers and volunteering opportunities or even have one of your volunteers involved in the conversation we would LOVE to hear from you ...call or email!!!

It is not scary and it does not matter if you make a mistake (or lots of them!) we can edit them before we broadcast the program!

We plan to have a standard set of questions we will ask each group, and then have a freestyle section where you can tell us about any special activities or events coming up that relate to volunteers.

We also would like to include a few musical selections, so if your organization has a link to any particular song, artist or style, let us know and we can tailor our music to suit your organization as well as our purpose!

We would like to book studio time at AccessManawatu on a regular basis to chat with our members. But if it would suit you better for us to come to you we can do this too.



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So, who will be our first guest!!!

Watch this space!

Thanks to AccessManawatu for supporting this programme!