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'Hi, and welcome to our newsletter updating you on what we have been doing in July, August and September, and what is coming up in the next couple of months.

### Did you know?

Volunteer Centre Camden is currently promoting 362 volunteering opportunities?

Camden Volunteer Coordinators' meeting to share ideas about managing volunteers. Next meeting on:  
**4th November 2009**

## Volunteering Strategy for Camden & AGM Tuesday 3rd November 5pm

VCC will be holding its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 3<sup>rd</sup> November, at the Town Hall. The AGM is part of a wider event to celebrate Camden's Volunteering Strategy.

The Camden Partnership Volunteering Strategy has now been launched and as part of its delivery a Volunteering Partnerships

'Coordinator has been appointed who will work in partnership with Volunteer Centre Camden. Nyla Ali will be seconded for 2 days a week to VCC. It's an exciting opportunity to play a significant part in the delivery of the strategy and also to represent the needs and views of the voluntary and community sector. Come and find out more

about the strategy and what key people have to say about it at our event on 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

### Free Workshops

As part of our event on 3rd November we are holding the following workshops:

#### Good Practice in Volunteering

Last year Terrence Higgins Trust won the Camden Volunteering Organisation of the Year Award. Come along and get tips on how the organisation has successfully involved volunteers in running its services and its excellent management and training techniques.

#### Understanding Time Banking

What is a Time Bank? How does it work and who gets involved? Time Banking isn't just for individuals. Come and find out how your organisation could benefit from Time Banking.

#### Budgeting for Volunteer Involvement

Do you include all of the costs of involving volunteers in your organisation? If you are already working with volunteers, or are thinking or are thinking about doing so, come along and find out what costs you might need to include in future funding applications.

Contact us to book your place

## Promoting Members Volunteering Roles

In order to interest people in volunteering, and promote opportunities registered on our website, we have attended:

- Elfrida Rathbones, and Castlehaven Community Association open days
- Been to the Maryward Centre and Hampstead School to talk to students about volunteering
- Attended Mental Health Day Services events and spoken with staff at the Mental Health Trust

about the benefits of volunteering

We also ran information stalls promoting volunteering at Brunswick shopping centre for 4 days and at the Cooperative Store (in Kentish Town and went to the Maynard Centre and Hampstead School to talk to students about volunteering.

We have lots of requests to attend other events. If you would like us to come to your event, or talk to your service users, please contact Sheila, on 020 7424 9990

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# Camden Volunteer Coordinators' Forum & Workshop

## Next meeting Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November

The Camden Volunteer Coordinators' Forum is an opportunity to network with other volunteer coordinators and share ideas, access support and find out what is going on. The next meeting is on 4<sup>th</sup> November.

**2-3.30pm Workshop**  
'Selecting the Right Volunteer For The Role' This will be an opportunity to learn

### Mind the Gap!

Do you have gaps in your organisation? Could these be filled by volunteers?

'Mind The Gap' is a new VCC service. The service has been created in response to volunteer coordinators saying they are too busy to register new volunteering opportunities, or that they need a helping hand!

The event: The Mind The Gap launch event will take place on Wednesday 2nd December. There will be two sessions, 11am-1pm

from one another about how to get volunteers with the skills you need.

### 3.30-5pm Camden Volunteer Coordinators' Forum

The forum allows people working with volunteers to put forward their ideas and questions. It's a chance to learn from one another, tell Volunteer Centre Camden how they can best support you, and

and 3-5pm and bookings will be made in 30-minute slots.

There will be membership coordinators on hand to help you add your volunteering opportunities to our database and the Do-It website straight away and in good time for the surge of volunteer enquiries in January.

We hope to repeat this event several times throughout the year.

The event is open to VCC

to get some fresh ideas!

In July we held a workshop to look at the impact of the recession on volunteer projects in Camden. The groups that attended reported that they are still looking for volunteers, but raised some questions about how volunteering can be seen whilst being promoted to people funding themselves unemployed. Thanks to those who contributed!

members, and organisations thinking about joining VCC who can get their volunteering opportunities registered with us on the same day.

To book your place at the event please contact our Brokerage Service Manager, Sheila Norris, [sheila@volunteercentrecamden.org.uk](mailto:sheila@volunteercentrecamden.org.uk) or 020 7424 9990.

## Volunteer Management Training

There are currently 3 training courses that we are offering, for those working with volunteers. Training could be useful for people working with volunteers as paid or unpaid volunteer coordinators, management committee members, or people with volunteering added onto their role.

They are all 1 day courses. To the already popular 'Volunteers and the Law' and 'Support and Supervision' sessions we have added 'Selecting the Right Volunteer for the Role', developed specifically for VCC as a result of feedback from our members.

For more information on the training programme including to check dates

and book your place visit: <http://www.volunteercentrecamden.org.uk/training.php>

In 2010, we hope to be able to bring you a shared training timetable from all of the Central London Volunteer Centres.

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*New website:*

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