

Volunteer Management

April 2018

Cheering Volunteering 2018 Awards

Nominations for Cheering Volunteering 2018 Awards are now closed. 82 nominations have been received so a big thank you to everyone who sent one in.



Cheering Volunteering 2018 Awards and Celebration Evening

Tickets are still available for the Cheering Volunteering Awards and Celebration Evening on Tuesday 5 June 2018 at the Grove Theatre in Dunstable. You can book tickets for this event online on either the [Central Bedfordshire Council website](#) or the [Grove Theatre website](#). It should be an excellent evening of entertainment for you and your volunteers with a free buffet supper for all those attending and lots of entertainment. Please come along with your volunteers to celebrate the work of volunteers across Central Bedfordshire.

Would you like to showcase your volunteers at the Cheering Volunteering Event?

There is still the opportunity to book a display space to show your organisation's appreciation for all your volunteers and the work they do. These stand spaces will be available before the presentation of the awards at the Cheering Volunteering event on Tuesday 5 June 2018. The stands will be in the upstairs buffet area where VIPs, local dignitaries, volunteers nominated for awards and other visitors will be networking. To reserve a space, please email gina@cabeds.org.uk or telephone 01525 850559.

Request for photographs of volunteers for Cheering Volunteering

We still need photographs of volunteers undertaking their volunteering roles. Please could you send them to gina@cabeds.org.uk.

These pictures will form a significant part of the Cheering Volunteering celebrations and will be an excellent way for you to demonstrate the contribution your volunteers make to your organisation and to the community. They can be pictures of either a group of volunteers working together or volunteers on their own.

Please make sure that any photographs you send has everyone's consent to their being

used for publicity purposes.

Volunteer Connect

The number of volunteers in the Volunteer Bank grows each month and there are now nearly 200 who are keen to offer their skills and experience. Have you checked to see whether these volunteers might be suitable for your roles?

Volunteering roles on Volunteer Connect continue to expire because organisations have not extended their advertising end date. Are your volunteering roles on Volunteer Connect up-to-date? If not, then these roles will disappear and volunteers will not be able to access the information about the roles or apply for them until you have extended the advertising end date.

Volunteer Connect can be accessed by clicking [HERE](#) or by visiting our website www.cabeds.org.uk and then clicking the “Volunteer Connect for organisations” link in the footer of every page:



From here you can register or log in and then add or edit your volunteering roles as well as your organisation profile.

If you need help or advice about Volunteer Connect and/or your organisation's volunteering opportunities, please do not hesitate to contact Kay Henderson on 01525 850559 or email kay@cabeds.org.uk

Are you Volunteer-ready?

A programme of four half-day free workshops is being delivered in Luton in June and July 2018. These workshops are for volunteer managers and for all those who have responsibilities for recruiting, supervising or managing volunteers. The workshops will focus on the key aspects of volunteer management: preparing for volunteers; signing-up volunteers; managing volunteers; and retaining volunteers.

If you are delivering services in Luton and you or your colleagues would like to find out more about the workshops, please email volunteering@voluntaryworks.org

Free Safeguarding Awareness Sessions

Free Safeguarding Awareness sessions are available for workers, volunteers or trustees from small voluntary organisations or community groups in Central Bedfordshire who:

- are working with vulnerable adults, families or children
- are new to safeguarding
- want to refresh and up-date their knowledge
- need to undertake 'approved safeguarding training' to meet funding requirements.

If you would like to book yourself, members of staff or volunteers on to one of the sessions, please email training@cabeds.org.uk or call 01525 850559.

Alternatively, if you have a large number of staff or volunteers who would like or need to do safeguarding awareness, we can arrange to deliver it at a venue of your choice in Central Bedfordshire. For further details, please email training@cabeds.org.uk

Date For Your Diary - Networking and Sharing Good Practice

Our Networking Events for Volunteer Managers in Central Bedfordshire are extremely popular. They provide volunteer managers and co-ordinators with the opportunity to learn about new developments within volunteering and to network with each other. The next Networking Event for Volunteer Managers in Central Bedfordshire is on Thursday 28 June 2018 at Parkside Hall, Ampthill. For further information, please email kay@cabeds.org.uk

Changes in the Volunteer Centre

Vicki Drummond, our Volunteering Adviser for Volunteer Management, is leaving Community Action Bedfordshire. For any help or advice on volunteering, please get in touch with either Kay Henderson, the Volunteering Adviser for Volunteer Recruitment kay@cabeds.org.uk or Gina Croxford, the Community Engagement Manager

gina@cabeds.org.uk, or please call the office on 01525 850559.

And in other news ...

Job vacancies

Volunteer Adviser (Volunteer Management) – Community Action Bedfordshire, £21,962 pa [pro rata], part-time. Closing date is Monday 21 May 2018. For further information, please visit [our website](#)

Assistant Engagement and Volunteer Co-ordinator – Healthwatch Central Bedfordshire, 17 hrs per week. Closing date is Monday 21 May 2018. For further details, please email info@healthwatch-centralbedfordshire.org.uk

For other job vacancies, please visit [our website](#)
