

Volunteer Management Newsletter

July 2019

The Volunteer Centre join in the action at the Linslade Canal Festival 2019!



The rain didn't stop play at this year's Linslade Canal festival in Tiddenfoot Waterside Park! This was a great opportunity for us to promote your volunteering opportunities, meet new potential volunteers and other volunteer involving organisations.

Volunteer Managers' Networking Event July 2019

Thank you to everyone who joined us at our recent Volunteer Managers' Networking Event on 11th July 2019 and for your valued input during our discussions around the topic of 'Managing Volunteers' Expectations.' Around 30 Volunteer Managers/Co-ordinators attended, representing a huge variety of different volunteer-involving organisations in Central Bedfordshire.

We discussed what volunteers expect from an organisation, and the importance of considering how to manage these expectations throughout the entire Volunteer Management process; from initial discussions around involving volunteers, writing policies and role descriptions, to the recruitment, induction, management and retention of volunteers.

Feedback on what attendees found useful included:

"Very welcoming and presented clearly"

"The whole day was useful and informative"

"Learning about all the different volunteer networks we have locally"

Meeting other people working with volunteers in a variety of settings and sharing best practice"

"Liaising with other organisations"

FREE Safeguarding Awareness Sessions

Our **free Safeguarding Awareness sessions** are 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 your knowledge
- need to undertake 'approved safeguarding training' to meet funding requirements.

We currently have the following date available:

Thursday 12th September, 10am – 1pm at Bossard House, West Street, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 1DA

If you would like to book yourself, members of staff or volunteers on to one of the sessions, please click [HERE](#) to download a booking form or contact us on 01525 850559 or volunteer@cabeds.org.uk for more information. Please note that all those attending are required to complete a separate booking form.

Are you a small organisation or community group in Central Bedfordshire, with a group of 10-12 workers, volunteers or trustees who would benefit from a Safeguarding Awareness session?

If so, please get in touch and we can discuss delivering a session at your premises, if you have a suitable training room. Please contact kay@cabeds.org.uk to discuss this in more detail.



Luton & Bedfordshire Community Awards 2019

'The Luton & Bedfordshire Community Awards is an annual ceremony, celebrating the unsung heroes of our diverse and multicultural community and applauding those that seek to make the lives of others, easier, happier and more fulfilled. The Community Awards is now in its **10th successive year** and continues to see great support from the local community.'

[Click here to view the Award Categories](#)



Nominations are now open - the closing date for nominations is Midnight on Monday 19th August 2019.

[Click here to nominate your hero!](#)

Volunteer Connect

Volunteer Connect is our online volunteering platform, accessed via our website: www.cabeds.org.uk. As an organisation, it only takes a few minutes for you to register your organisation and once registered, you can add and manage your volunteering opportunities.

Once you have registered and added your roles we will help to promote them via a number of channels including;

- Local press
- Face-to-face meetings with potential volunteers
- Community events
- Recruitment fairs
- Partnership working
- Social Media channels
- Nextdoor App

Individuals can also register on Volunteer Connect, create a profile, search and apply for your volunteer opportunities – putting you directly in touch with potential volunteers.

Volunteer Connect also automatically suggests **possible matching volunteers**, based on their skills and interests. You can then invite over **400 potential volunteers** to apply for your roles!

If you haven't already registered with our online volunteering platform – [Volunteer Connect](#) – register today and expand your volunteer recruitment in Bedfordshire!

[Find out more here!](#)

We would be happy to arrange a meeting at your premises to discuss how we can support your organisation with volunteer recruitment and management.

Contact us on volunteer@cabeds.org.uk or call 01525 850559. We look forward to hearing from you!

Job Vacancies

RSPB – Multiple roles including **Partnership Development Manager, Science Fundraiser, Employee Relations Adviser, Quality Assurance Manager**. [Click here for more information](#)

Creative Support – Registered Manager – Bedford - £26,343 - £28,387 per year - Permanent, Part-time, Full-time. An exciting opportunity has arisen for a Registered Manager to join a leading organisation supporting adults with learning disabilities. [Click here for more information](#).

Beds SU – Roles include: **Digital Assets Coordinator, Policy and Campaigns Coordinator, Campus Development Coordinator**. [Click here for more information](#)

Victim Support – IDVA – Luton, Beds – Up to £20,000 – contract, part-time. Victim Support is recruiting for an IDVA based in our Luton office to be part of our dynamic IDVA team supporting survivors of domestic abuse across Luton. [Click here for more information](#).

Do you have information about events and training opportunities for the Voluntary and Community Sector in Central Beds?

Send us details of anything particularly relating to volunteering and volunteer management and we can include it in future newsletters.

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