

Useful websites

This resource list provides some of the key websites and on-line resources which provide information for developing a volunteering programme, and which will enable managers of volunteers to network outside of their usual local group.

<http://www.volunteering.org.uk/resources/goodpracticebank/>

Volunteering England provides support and information relating to volunteering. It links policy, research, innovation and good practice. Basic information can be accessed via the Good Practice bank link above. For more in-depth resources, it is worth considering becoming a member. Details of this can be found on the website.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/UKVPMs/>

UKVPMs, stands for UK Volunteer Programme Managers and is an on-line forum for anyone involved in managing volunteers. It is mainly a networking and communication resource and it enables individuals and organisations to access a wealth of expertise and information from its members. Membership is free and there is a vast archive of discussion threads featuring common topics and challenges relating to managing volunteers. It also provides the opportunity for individuals to post questions and gain support from fellow professionals.

<http://www.i-volunteer.org.uk/>

Described as a social action networking website, i-volunteer connects volunteers and volunteer managers and provides a platform to join and set up groups, plus links to events and training. In addition, it can be a great resource for gaining insight into key issues within the volunteer management profession via the lively blogs and discussion comments.

<http://www.knowhownonprofit.org/>

Focusing on all things relating to working in a non-profit organisation, this website provides more generic resources relating to charities and voluntary organisations. However there are some resources focusing on volunteer management here as well.

<http://www.energizeinc.com/>

This is a fantastic website with some really useful resources, ranging from books and articles, to podcasts and bite-sized training. Further resources can also be accessed via membership. Although it often provides an international perspective, it is worth noting that the website is based in the US and therefore be aware of some differences regarding domestic policy and legislation relating to volunteer involvement.

<http://www.oursharedresources.com/>

The idea behind Our Shared Resources is to provide a platform for managers of volunteers from around the world to share information and useful documents relating to running a volunteering programme. Again, it is worth noting that some resources will be from countries outside the UK. However this is still a useful place to look at for ideas and examples.