



volunteering ireland

Volunteers Can Change the World for the Better!

Volunteering Ireland, the National Volunteer Development Agency, is a peak body for all organisations involving volunteers in their work and a representative voice for volunteering in Ireland. We are an independent membership-based organisation that inspires, promotes, supports and celebrates voluntary activity in Ireland as a way of strengthening participative democracy and building social capital. In addition to our remit within Ireland, we support the work of Irish-based overseas development agencies that involve volunteers in their work through a number of initiatives.

Volunteering Ireland is part of an international community of practice and represents Ireland in a number international arenas including The European Volunteer Centre (CEV) and the International Association for Volunteer Effort (IAVE). Through these connections we are afforded opportunities to learn and share best practice with organisations across the world who are working in the field of volunteerism. We host international experts in volunteer management at conferences and seminar series across Ireland and have access to international resources in the field of volunteer management. Through our membership of CEV we lobby and campaign at an EU level and have been part of the successful initiative to have 2011 declared as the European year of volunteering.

Our National office engages in a wide and comprehensive range of activities in all aspects of the development of volunteering and provides a high standard of support to the sector all over Ireland. Volunteering Ireland prides itself on its strong local program through the Dublin City North Volunteer Centre from which we offer supports and services at a local level and pilot new initiatives.

Our main areas of work are Advocacy, Research, Inclusive Volunteering, Organisational Development and Infrastructure Development.

Please visit www.volunteeringireland.ie for more information or call the head offices at 01 636 9446.

vision:

Our vision is for Ireland to be a country that brings alive the principles of active citizenship, enables participation and empowers everyone to be involved in all aspects of Irish society through voluntary activity in the neighbourhood, community and world we live in.

aims:

- To inspire everyone to get involved and make the best contribution that they can through volunteering.
- To promote volunteering and active citizenship in all its forms to the public media organizations and policy makers
- To support organisations in developing skills to make volunteering a fulfilling and rewarding experience for both the organisations and the volunteers.
- To celebrate volunteering.

There are a number of exciting projects in which Volunteering Ireland has undertaken which include:

Ireland Involved Awards—The Ireland Involved Awards is an awards scheme that makes a difference. By showcasing and shining a light on the work of volunteers across the country, recognising their contribution on a national stage. The overall awardee goes on to represent Ireland at The European Award for Voluntary Contribution on International Volunteer Day the 5th of December.

The Safeguard Programme—This is an awareness raising and capacity building programme which will support overseas development agencies to put structures and processes in place to protect children and vulnerable adults. In addition, as part of the project, a facility will be put in place to enable participating agencies to vet volunteers.

The Professional Association of Volunteer Managers Ireland (PAVMI)—A peer support network of individuals, both voluntary and paid, who spend the majority of their time directing, managing or coordinating the work of volunteers. PAVMI aims to support, represent and champion people who direct, manage or coordinate volunteers regardless of field, discipline or sector. It has been set up by and for people who manage volunteers.

services include:

Advocacy: On behalf of membership and those actively volunteering, Volunteering Ireland acts as a representative voice in relevant government and public arenas, both in Ireland and overseas.

Research: We undertake research in areas relating to volunteering in Ireland with the intention of providing evidence to support the need for development and funding in the sector. We disseminate the research conducted by others into volunteering related issues.

Organisational Development: We have a range of services and interventions that support organizations to build capacity for the effective involvement of volunteers. As experts in the field of volunteering we offer a consultancy service to help you identify and address the unique needs of your organization. We also offer a range of training courses in all aspects of volunteer management. Volunteering Ireland has extensive experience in the design and delivery of courses, having been established in 1997 with a remit to deliver training nationally.

Promoting Volunteering: At Volunteering Ireland, we aim to promote and celebrate volunteering as much as we can through various projects and events including the Ireland Involved Awards and Dublin City Volunteer Week.

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If your organisation agrees with these statements...

Volunteers can change the world for the better.
Good practice makes volunteering work better.
Volunteering is a powerful way of being an active citizen.

Volunteers should be recognised and celebrated

....then become a member today!

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Internationally, the need for developing volunteer managers has been recognised with professional associations for volunteer managers in Australia, Canada, England, New Zealand, Scotland, Singapore and USA.

mission

PAVMI will foster and embed a culture of recognition for the integral role that volunteers managers have in working with volunteers, to develop and enrich our society.

aims

The aims of PAVMI are to:

1. Enable mutual support for professionals in the field of volunteer management.
2. Provide a voice for the volunteer coordinator in Ireland.
3. Develop national recognition for the work of professionals in the field of volunteer management.
4. Identify, investigate and promote best practice in volunteer management.

activities

Facilitate the creation of local, regional, national and international networks of people and organisations involved in supporting, coordinating and enabling volunteers.

- Advocate for the development of accredited training courses and standardisation of career structures in volunteer management.
- Develop infrastructure and resources that will facilitate in opening lines of communication and sharing of information.

achievements

Since its establishment in 2000, PAVMI (originally the VOLT Network) has led the way in the development of best practice for the management of volunteers. **Key achievements to date include:**

- Diversify! Handbook developed as a resource for volunteer managers which promotes cultural diversity through volunteering as a positive tool for social change and integration.
- Report on Volunteer Vetting and Screening Report included recommendations to government that have influenced and shaped current thinking on the screening and vetting of volunteers.
- Best Practice in Volunteer Management Skills and practice development for volunteer managers and coordinators through a range of offerings including an annual conference, regional network meetings, working groups, mentoring and a volunteer management training programme.
- Small Grants Scheme Encouraged volunteer involving groups and organisations to recognise and value the input of their volunteers.

