

Edition 1 – March 2008

## Welcome to our first Volunteer Centre Newsletter!

It is just over a year since the Volunteer Centre opened within VANL, and to date, over 600 volunteers have registered with us. Our newsletter will enhance the service we offer, by regularly circulating new and existing volunteering opportunities to registered volunteers and to potential new volunteers. We hope to promote the advantages of volunteering by providing regular stories of how people have benefited from the experience either through being a volunteer, or being supported by volunteers.

### *Becoming a Partner of the Volunteer Centre.....*

If you are an organisation that needs volunteers, you can register with the Volunteer Centre. We will then promote your needs to our existing and new volunteers.

It is very simple to register. All you have to do is request a Partnership Registration pack by contacting us (see below)

The type of information we need to know includes:

- What roles and responsibilities volunteers undertake within your organisation;
- How you support your volunteers;
- If volunteers are required to undertake a CRB check;
- If volunteers are expected to complete induction training prior to volunteering.

We also ask you about policies and procedures in relation to volunteers within your organisation. Don't be put off registering if you haven't got them – we can help! Just get in touch with us for further support.

VANL can also support your organisation through its Training Programme. Courses are open to paid workers as well as volunteers. Contact us for more information about training.

### *Becoming a volunteer.....*

Anyone can be a volunteer. It doesn't matter what age you are, where you live, if you are male or female, if you are employed or unemployed, or what your ethnicity, faith or sexual orientation or culture is.

*You can really make a difference*

All you have to do is get in touch with us – our contact details are at the bottom of the page. We will match your interests and needs with the most appropriate volunteering opportunities.


Volunteering offers many benefits:

- \* meeting new people
- \* learning new skills
- \* gaining confidence
- \* contributing to your local community
- \* having fun
- \* using and improving your skills
- \* being involved in something worthwhile


The Volunteer Centre is open:

Monday to Thursday – 9.00am – 5.00pm  
Friday – 9.00am – 1.30pm

### CONTACT THE VOLUNTEER CENTRE STAFF:

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[www.vanl.org.uk](http://www.vanl.org.uk) (download partner & volunteer forms, and training information through our website)

# Current Volunteering Opportunities...

(We have many, many more opportunities at the Volunteer Centre)

Please contact the Volunteer Centre Team if you are interested in any of these opportunities.

**VOLUNTEER HOURS** – The Volunteer Centre collects the number of hours your volunteers provide within your organisation, by asking volunteers and organisations to complete timesheets. We aim to demonstrate the extent of volunteering in North Lincolnshire through this evidence, and support your organisation so that you can use volunteer hours as an in-kind contribution when applying for funds.

**ASK THE VC TEAM FOR MORE INFORMATION.....**

## Lindsey Lodge Hospice

### Part-time Snack Bar Assistants

Looking for friendly, reliable, honest hardworking people who could contribute a maximum of 3-4 hours a week at the Magistrate's Court

### Complementary Therapists

3 – 4 hours per week at Lindsey Lodge Hospice

## Independent Living North Lincolnshire

Provides practical and general support for people who are elderly, disabled, carer's and/or isolated. The organisation currently needs volunteers to work in the Scunthorpe area and The Isle:

- Drivers
- Shopping Escorts
- Gardener's / Handyperson's
- Telephone Befrienders

## Fresh Start

Provides a wide range of services aimed at improving the lives of people over 50 in North Lincolnshire.

### Calling young people.....

The organisation currently needs young volunteers to show older people how to use their mobile phones.

## Study United

Sport is a great way of engaging young people in education to improve literacy and numeracy.

A new Study Support Centre has opened at Heslam Park Rugby Club. Volunteers are needed to support young people involved in healthy living activities. Contact the Volunteer Centre for further information.

The Volunteer Centre works in partnership with School Sports Partnerships and the Local Authority to support volunteering in sport through our local clubs.

### Local Sports Clubs need:

- Coaches
- Mentors
- Fund Raisers
- Admin Support
- General helpers

### Opportunities for young people age 16 – 19 years

#### Step into Sport

Placements with local clubs to gain work experience, leadership and coaching skills, and awards



## Committee Members Trustee's

Most local community and voluntary groups are managed by committee's. Trustees are always needed, in particular people who have the skills to take on roles such as:

- Chair Person
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Fund Raiser

Please get in touch with the Volunteer Centre if you are interested in these roles. We will match you up with an organisation in need of such support.

*Advancing Local Voluntary Action*