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What's the Buzz?

Calling Youth ages 15 -19 ...

YOU can make a difference!

Heartwood Atlantic Youth Leadership Camp (AYLC) is one of the top youth leadership experiences in Atlantic Canada, teaching leadership skills, building confidence & independence, as well as engaging with the community. This year, from Aug. 15 - 21, AYLC will be traveling across the northern areas of NS, spending three nights near Wolfville, then one night in Truro, and spending the rest of the camp at an organic farm in Tatamagouche.

The camp is an excellent way for youth to learn leadership skills, while working together and spending time engaging with people who are making positive impacts in their communities - all while camping, rowing, hiking, canoeing, building campfires and cooking over an open fire ... it is a fun camp that will empower youth!

The deadline for registration is Aug. 6th; for more information and an application, please go to <http://www.heartwood.ns.ca> or call the Heartwood office at (902) 444-5885. Registration is \$350; there are still some bursaries available for attendance.



Mark the dates ... Nov. 4 & 5, 2010

The Provincial Gathering of Non-Profit and Voluntary Sector organizations to be held at the Holiday Inn Harbourview, Dartmouth.

Discuss and provide feedback on the Nova Scotia Local Gatherings Summary Paper and the Framework for Action by Imagine Canada, and give input into setting priorities for the sector - provincially and nationally. Share your thoughts on important volunteer issues! For further information, contact admin@nscommunitylinks.ca



Pepsi Refresh Project



Pepsi has funds available for individuals, community organizations and businesses with ideas that will have a positive impact on their community ... grants are available in amounts ranging from \$5,000.00 - \$100,000.00 per each of the six application periods during which you can apply under one of 6 categories (Health, Arts & Culture, Food & Shelter, Neighborhoods, Education, and the Planet).

Every other month, submissions will be accepted from the 1st through the 7th, or until they receive 300 ideas, whichever comes first. Submissions will be reviewed and approved projects will be posted and can then be voted on for the two months following the date.

After applying, simply get people to go onto the website to vote for your project—the idea in each category with the most votes receives a grant!

The Pepsi Refresh Project is looking for projects that are beneficial, achievable, constructive, and "shovel-ready" (meaning it can be finished within 12 months of funding). Keep in mind, too, that you can save your work on the website and come back later to revise what you've already filled out. You can even start working on your project application before submissions are open for the next cycle.

The next application period runs from August 1 - 7, with voting from Sept. 1 - Oct. 31. Other application periods are as follows: Oct. 1 - 7, Dec. 1 - 7, Feb. 1 - 7, April 1 - 7. For more information, go to the website <http://www.refresheverything.ca>. Remember to be creative with your application so it will stand out from the pack and capture the public vote!

Citizenship & Immigration Canada Funding for Events & Projects



Interaction: Canada's new Multiculturalism Grants and Contributions Program operated by Citizenship and Immigration Canada is now taking applications.

There are two funding streams: Projects and Events. The application deadline for the Projects stream is Oct. 15, 2010, and for the Events stream, applications are considered year-round. The purpose of the Project grants are to provide funding for long-term, multi-year community development/engagement projects to promote integration; funding may be in the range of \$25,000 - \$1.4 million, depending on the parameters of the project.

For the Events grants, the intent is to create concrete opportunities for interaction between cultural and faith communities; funding will be in the form of a grant of up to 50% of the total cash expenses of the event, but will not exceed \$15,000.

For more information, guidelines and application forms, please refer to the CIC website: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english//multiculturalism/funding/index.asp#il%20idil>

Be sure to check out your Volunteer website for resources for Volunteers in Queens ~ <http://volunteer.queens.ca>

Planning an event? Where to do it?

The Region of Queens Municipality owns and maintains many parks, playgrounds and open spaces, as well as Beach Meadows Beach. All are available to use free of charge, but you must submit a Request for Facility Use form, which can be found at <http://www.regionofqueens.com/index.asp?id=100>

For indoor events in the late Spring/Summer months, the Queens Memorial Arena is a large, dry indoor space well suited to that purpose. The hourly rental in the Summer is \$50 + HST, or \$500 + HST /full day for non-profit groups.

The Recreation Dept. can also help non-profit groups to promote their events through the banner loan program. Call us to borrow a banner, approx. 12 feet long x 4 feet high, for a deposit of \$75 for the 2-line, or \$150 for the 3-line banner (18 characters/line). There is also a 20' x 20' canopy tent available to loan to non-profit groups for events for a \$150 deposit

Community groups wanting to use the banner or tent may book them by calling the Recreation Dept., and are responsible for picking them up and setting them up themselves, as well as for applying for any permits or insurance required based on the intended usage.



For information about facility use, banner or tent loans, or other assistance available for volunteers, contact the Recreation Dept. at 354-5741.

Nominate a Volunteer Champion

Do you know someone whose volunteerism is having exceptional impact in their community, in Canada or on the planet? Nominate them for **CANADA'S CHAMPIONS OF CHANGE**, which celebrates the Canadian spirit of giving by honouring the Top 10 Canadian volunteers. The top ten finalists will be selected by an independent panel of community and volunteer leaders. Frank O'Dea, a co-founder of Second Cup and international philanthropist, will chair this selection panel.

Ultimately two winners – one national and one international - will be chosen by the Canadian public. Two grand prize winners receive \$25,000 each donated to their charity. Eight finalists receive \$10,000 each donated to their charity. Winners will be revealed on CBC TV News in January 2011, the 10th anniversary of the International Year of the Volunteer.

In addition, CBC News and Outpost Magazine will be giving these ten extraordinary Canadians the chance of a lifetime to bring attention to the issue that matters to them most. Along with monetary recognition, each Champion will be profiled on CBC News and the public will learn about the impact of their volunteer work. The top ten Champions of Change will also be featured in Canada's leading adventure magazine, Outpost.

Canada's Champions of Change is a program coordinated by Manulife Financial. For more information, or to nominate a local champion, please go to the website <http://www.cbc.ca/change/categories.html>. The person you nominate as an exceptional volunteer must have done some or all of their volunteering on or after July 1, 2009. **Nominations will be accepted until Sept. 30, 2010.**



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