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Welcome to the January 2009 edition of re@d-it! the monthly newsletter from do-it.org.uk

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Please feel free to share this newsletter with other members of your team, especially those who are V-Base or V-Base Recruiter (formerly Online Poster System) users.

## Noel's HQ

Noel Edmonds is back with a new series of Noel's HQ on Sky1, and this year he's launching a campaign to get Britain volunteering!

Noel wants every hour of 2009 to be accounted for by volunteers, so he's calling on Brits to pledge their time. do-it.org.uk will be promoted on the third episode of the show as a resource for finding opportunities, and do-it.org.uk volunteers have also been helping Noel rally support in Bristol town centre – see them in action on Saturday 31 January at 7:30pm! The results of the call to volunteer will be broadcast on a subsequent show, at 7:30pm on Saturday 14 February.

The Noel's HQ website will be updated with more information shortly.

## Cabinet Office volunteer initiative

The Minister for the Cabinet Office, Liam Byrne has [announced plans](#) to recruit 20,000 volunteers across Britain who will link the generations. The announcement came as charities across the UK were reporting a record increase in the number of people volunteering over Christmas.

The £3m Government initiative will encourage volunteering programmes that increase interaction between generations to tackle critical issues in their communities. This is on top of the £117m fund the Government will invest over the next three years, which aims to develop the next generation of volunteers and create a million more volunteering opportunities for young people. Further details of how the fund will be tendered and run will be available early this year.

## National Student Volunteering Conference

The National Student Volunteering Conference is organised by Volunteering England and is an excellent opportunity to meet student volunteers and volunteer coordinators from around sixty different universities and colleges across the country, as well as representatives from other organisations with an interest in volunteering.

The conference will be taking place from Friday 6 March to Sunday 8 March, 2009 at The Yarnfield Park Training and Conference Centre, Staffordshire.

This year's conference features include:

- A choice of over forty training and development sessions, focused on development of skills for student volunteers and staff co-ordinating volunteering;
- Facilitated networking: exchange ideas with workers and student volunteers;
- An exhibition of not-for-profit and corporate organisations.

A registration form is available to [download here](#). If you are interested in exhibiting at this event or advertising in the delegate guide, please contact [Jocelyne Boorman](#) for further information.

## Partners' Survey

Last week we sent out our [partners' survey](#) to all our V-Base, Online Poster System and syndication partners. The aim of the survey is to increase our understanding of how you work and how we can improve our services, so that, as we go forward, we can continue to meet your needs.

If you haven't already done so, we would appreciate it if you could take ten minutes today to fill out the survey and send back to us. We look forward to sharing the results with you in future editions of re@d-it!

## V-Base Recruiter

From early 2009, the Online Poster System will be known as V-Base Recruiter. This name change will bring the name of our online product in line with our volunteering management software, V-Base, and clarify our communications to new users. Online Poster System users will be sent an email later this month detailing the change.

## Upcoming training events

'Create, Involve, Recruit': 26 January and 25 February  
Interested in creating more opportunities for young volunteers? Want to discuss strategies to recruit more young people? The next 'Create, Involve, Recruit' workshops take place on 26 January (2-4pm) and 25 February (2-4pm). You can find out more information about the workshops and information on how to book on our [Involving Young Volunteers](#) page.

Online Poster System training: 30 January 2009  
Information about [Online Poster System training](#) and dates of future sessions are now available on do-it.org.uk. If you would like to attend on January 30 or wish to register your interest for future sessions, please fill in and send us the [Online Poster training booking form](#).

V-Base training: 23 January and 13 February 2009  
Information about [V-Base training](#) and the dates of future sessions are also available on do-it.org.uk. If you are interested in attending the training sessions in January or February, please fill in and send us the [V-Base training booking form](#).

### Location

All training sessions take place in YouthNet's office: First floor, 50 Featherstone Street, London, EC1Y 8RT.

## Promoting your opportunities

Are you recruiting for 16-25 year old volunteers? Is your project leading the way in challenging the perceptions of volunteering by offering exciting and unusual opportunities? Get them promoted in the 'featured opportunities' section on [www.vinspired.com](#). These featured opportunities appear at the top of the search results on vinspired.com. If you would like to promote your opportunity in this way, email [Jemima](#) or call her on 020 7960 7003.

## Welcome to seven new partners!

This month, we're welcoming seven new organisations to the fold:

- Bangladeshi Football Association (UK)
- YMCA Watford and District
- Tunbridge Wells Volunteer Centre
- Young Suffolk
- involved Wiltshire
- Refugee Advice and Support Centre
- Depaul Trust

We look forward to working in partnership with these organisations and promoting their opportunities on do-it.org.uk.

Until next time,

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Comments

*'Thanks soooooo much for this! Never before have been so excited about being able to access a database!!!'*

Emma Johnson, Wiltshire Volunteers

Suggestion

Tell us what you think about re@d-it!

Please post any feedback, suggestions and ideas you have for re@d-it! [here](#).