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Welcome to the November 2008 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 Online Poster System users.

The Community Channel and International Volunteer Day

International Volunteer Day is coming up on December 5. Throughout the whole month of December the Community Channel will be running a campaign to celebrate the volunteers and demonstrate what individuals can get out of volunteering on a personal level, as well as the valuable contribution that they make.

The campaign, which will be running in London, Yorkshire and the North East and North West of England, will consist of a week of programming on the Community Channel, supported online with a micro-site. Respondents to the campaign can also call a free helpline (0800 0681 800) for advice on volunteering.

The Community Channel will also be holding a conference in Liverpool on December 5 to highlight the best practice in engaging under-represented communities and encouraging these priority groups to get involved with volunteering. Visit the [event website](#) to register your place.

do-it in your local hospital

Events
do-it.org.uk will have a stand at the Managers in Partnerships (MIP) conference "Managing Our NHS: Putting Patients First" on the November 26 in London. See you there!

Involving young volunteers
Want to reach more young people? We are offering a free workshop about recruiting and involving young volunteers to our health and social care partner organisations. Next workshop is on the December 8, 2.00-4.00pm. For more information and to book a space please [contact us](#).

Extra promotion for your health and social care opportunities
If you have any volunteering opportunity that you are finding hard to fill, send us the link to the opportunity on do-it.org.uk and we can add them to the 'how about this?' section of the homepage.

V-Base 3.0

The team have been working hard to create the next generation in volunteer information management software.

Many new features have been added to the system to improve both the user friendliness and functions the software offers. These have been researched and designed for volunteers, organisations and opportunities alike.

- New and exciting features include:
- More flexibility in the recording of contact details. Contact details for an opportunity can now be different from the location address, where appropriate.
 - Association of multiple locations with opportunities, so that opportunities taking place in more than one location do not need to be duplicated.
 - Recording of a volunteer's motivations for volunteering.
 - Recording of a volunteer's current skills and skills wanted, so that these can be used for matching with suitable opportunities.
 - A volunteer can now have more than one set of contact details associated with them.

We'll keep you posted!

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. More details will be provided to Online Poster System users prior to the change.

New syndication partnerships

Charity Trustee Network

We are pleased to inform you that we are now working with Charity Trustee Network (CTN), who will be syndicating opportunities from the do-it.org.uk.

CTN are a national charity which provides opportunities for trustees to share knowledge and experience, and works towards giving trustees a voice in changing national policy.

Ideas Tap

We also want to let you know about another syndication partnership we're developing with Ideas Tap. Ideas Tap is a new website which aims to support and develop people with an interest in creative arts, pulling together opportunities for funding with advice, mentoring and a place to display work. The website is due to launch on December 1 at www.ideastap.com, and we will provide you with more details in future editions of re@d-it!

Upcoming training events

Online Poster System training: 10 December 2008
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 December 10 or wish to register your interest for future sessions, please fill in and send us the [Online Poster training booking form](#).

V-Base training: 1 December and 15 December 2008
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 November or December, 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.

Proofreading service available

Would you like your volunteering opportunities proofread? Our do-it.org.uk proofreading volunteers are keen to review your opportunities - both in terms of their appeal and attractiveness to young volunteers, as well as their grammar and spelling.

If you provide opportunities for 16 to 25-year-olds and would like your opportunities proofread, please [contact us](#).

Welcome to fourteen new partners

This month, we welcome fourteen new organisations to the fold:

- Partnership Council
- Kirklees vinolved Team
- Football Unites Racism Divides
- Voluntary Action North Lincolnshire
- Mid Sussex South CVS Volunteer Information Point
- One World Foundation Africa
- Scout Enterprises Western Ltd
- Harrogate Hospital and Community Friends
- Hamp 25 (Wolverhampton vinolved Team)
- Hampstead School
- Mobeble
- Thomas Pocklington Trust
- Nottingham Trent University
- Worcestershire Council for Voluntary Youth Services

We 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

I'm really pleased with the number of applications we've been receiving through the website - it seems to be working well!

Rose Blackie, Read International

You guys are first class!!! There is never a time that you are unable to help me with V-Base and adding our organisation's opportunities on your homepage of the do-it website. There's always a quick response from you. I appreciate your support big time and want to say a very BIG thank you.

Loti Deterville, Volunteer Centre Camden

