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Please share this newsletter with other members of your team, especially those who are V-Base and Online Poster users.

Upcoming training events

Online Poster training: 5th September

Information about Online Poster training and the dates of future training sessions are now available on the do-it.org.uk website. If you are interested in attending on September 5th, or would like to register your interest for future sessions, please fill in and send us the [Online Poster training booking form](#).

V-Base training: 22nd August

Information about V-Base training and the dates of future training sessions are also now up on the do-it.org.uk website. If you are interested in attending on 22nd August, please fill in and send us the [V-Base training booking form](#).

Please note that, due to capacity issues in the Partnerships Team over the next couple of months, we will only be able to provide V-Base training at YouthNet's offices. As soon as we're up to capacity again, we will be able to consider requests for training at alternative venues. Thanks for your understanding.

Create, Involve, Recruit: 22nd July & 20th August

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 22nd July (2-4pm) and 20th August (2-4pm). You can find out more information about the workshops and send us a message through our [Involving Young Volunteers](#) page.

Location

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

New member of the Partnerships Team

After a sad farewell to Lesley and Susana, we're pleased to welcome a new member of the team! Jennifer has joined us for three months as Partnerships Team Assistant. We're sure you'll join us in wishing her all the best in her new role.

Technical support website

We're planning to develop a new technical support website that will help you to get the most out of our products, such as V-Base and the Online Poster System. To help us create a site that best meets your needs, we'd be grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete [this survey](#) about the features that you would find most useful in such a website.

Thanks for your help. We'll keep you up-to-date with the progress of the technical support website in future issues of re@d-it!

V-Base 3.0 update

The V-Base 3.0 development team is still hard at work on the new version. To keep up-to-date with V-Base 3.0's progress, visit the [development team's blog](#).

The Partnerships team has been attending Volunteer Centre regional meetings to talk about V-Base 3 and syndication. We appreciate the feedback we have received so far and we'll be sharing this feedback with the network. If you have any feedback about V-Base or syndication please email: feedback@v-base.org.

Promoting your opportunities

If you've got a particular volunteering opportunity that you'd like to promote, please let us know. [Send us an email](#) with a link to the opportunity on the do-it.org.uk website, and we may be able to feature it in the 'how about this?' section of the do-it.org.uk homepage.

Promoting do-it.org.uk with Google AdWords

do-it.org.uk is currently running a campaign with Google AdWords, with the aim of raising the profile of volunteering and letting people know about the opportunities available through do-it.org.uk. Look out for us if you're searching Google for keywords around volunteering, voluntary work, employee volunteering, and so on.

do-it in your local hospital

At the beginning of June, the Department of Health launched a four-month consultation to improve support for volunteers in health and social care, and to encourage more volunteering opportunities.

The consultation, '[Towards a strategy to support volunteering in health and social care](#)', seeks to engage health and social care organisations across the public and third sector, in debating the potential for volunteering to contribute to improved health and well-being for patients, carers and service users.

The consultation will lead to a national volunteering strategy, which will aim to:

- raise the profile and evaluate the benefits of volunteering;
- improve support for volunteers and;
- allow more coherent investment in volunteer involvement.

We contributed to this consultation as part of our own project to promote volunteering in health and social care, 'do-it in your local hospital'. do-it.org.uk has over 210,500 opportunities in health and social care and we are currently promoting these opportunities on the do-it.org.uk homepage. If you have any health and social care opportunities, please send us the links and we'll include them on our homepage.

For more information on the consultation, please contact:
Third Sector Partnership Team, volunteeringstrategy@dh.gsi.gov.uk

Welcome to 18 new partners

June has been a busy month! We welcomed 18 new organisations into the fold:

- VSU in Kent Seven Oaks
- VSU in Kent Tonbridge
- VSU in Kent Dartford
- VSU in Kent Maidstone
- Suffolk Education Business Partnership Ltd
- Diverse
- Milton Keynes YMCA
- Kent Youth
- Cranleigh Volunteer Centre (Part of Guildford Volunteer Centre)
- Cardigan Centre
- Blackpool involved Team (Lancashire Education Business Partnership)
- Youth Federation
- SPW UK
- Don't Dump That
- Volunteer Reading Help
- Aaina Asian Women's Group
- Ambios Ltd
- Rock Challenge®

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

Congratulations everyone!

We're thrilled to announce that do-it.org.uk was recently shortlisted for the Community Activism category of the [New Statesman New Media Awards](#) and won the Open Internet category of the [Nominet Best Practice Challenge](#). Of course, do-it.org.uk is about more than the website. It's about all of the amazing volunteering opportunities which are uploaded by our partner organisations – so it's congratulations to all of us!

Until next time,

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