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Please feel free to share this newsletter with other members of your team, especially those who use V-Base or V-Base Recruiter.

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## Dave's dos and don'ts

*"When entering opportunities, make sure you don't leave the 'organisation's name' field blank, or put the name of your Volunteer Centre there. Our feedback from volunteers shows that they want to know the name of the organisation who they will be volunteering with."*  
Want more? Check out our top tips for writing opportunities.

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## Wanted: great examples of volunteer management

Here at do-it.org.uk, we're looking to collect best practice case studies looking at volunteer recruitment. Do you have a story which demonstrates how you've used do-it.org.uk, V-Base or V-Base Recruiter to offer an excellent volunteer service? An example might be how you dealt with an unsuccessful do-it.org.uk application or how you found the perfect placement for someone who applied online.

The best five case studies will be featured on the do-it.org.uk website in the coming months, so if you have a story to share, please get in touch.

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## The Do-it Product Support website

You will be happy to hear that the Do-it Product Support website is almost ready to go live (three cheers!). Our Technical Team are making the final tweaks, and we'll send out an email when it's online.

The new Product Support website aims to answer all your questions about V-Base, V-Base Recruiter and Do-it syndication (and just in case it doesn't just yet, you will also be able to submit your queries online).

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## What the Partnerships Team has been up to this month

As usual we have been busy boys and girls here in the Partnerships Team. Dave and Jenni met Boris Johnson at a volunteering fair to promote Volunteers' Week held at City Hall. We were very persuasive in showing people the benefits of using do-it.org.uk so don't be surprised if you have a large influx of new volunteers!

Dave hobnobbed with Mike Gatting (ex-English Cricket Captain) and Kevin Brennan (ex-Minister for the Third Sector) at an event hosted by Volunteering England at Twickenham Rugby Stadium to celebrate Volunteers' Week's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Fiona and Simon attended the v National Conference. Fiona ran a 'How to write good opportunities' workshop at the conference which was well attended and popular amongst the delegates.

Partner's Homepage

Products & Services

V-Base

V-Base Recruiter

Syndication

How do-it works

Posting opportunities

Information and resources

Comments

Training feedback: "Excellent and well delivered!"

Katie Hill, Southend YMCA

Suggestion

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

Please post any feedback, suggestions and ideas you have for re@d-it! here.

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## Goodbye Sophia

Sadly, Sophia will be leaving the Partnerships Team at YouthNet in early July. She has done a great job writing re@d-it! each month – and many other things besides – and we'll miss her lots. We wish her all the best and every success.

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## V-Base 3.0 developments

You'll be pleased to hear that V-Base 3.0 has been sent out to our V-Base Development Advisory Group for testing. When it's ready for general release depends on the feedback from these early testers, but we're excited about the progress that's being made.

You should have received a V-Base 3.0 newsletter with further details, but if you didn't please [click here](#) to view it. We promise it's worth the read.

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## Holding a meeting? Guarantee a cup of tea and we'll be there!

If you are holding a regional meeting and you would like one of us to pop along, then please just send us an email. We'd be happy to give a verbal update on the latest do-it.org.uk/V-Base developments as well as answer your questions.

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## Safeguarding young people as volunteers

Volunteering England's new publication, 'Safeguarding student volunteering in the Further Education sector' has been launched to help Further Education Colleges to support more vulnerable adults and students under the age of eighteen to volunteer. It can be downloaded by clicking [here](#). We would be grateful if you could circulate this as appropriate.

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## Upcoming training events

V-Base training: 24 July 2009 and 24 August 2009

Information about V-Base training and the dates of future sessions are now available on do-it.org.uk. If you are interested in attending the training sessions, please fill in and send us the V-Base training booking form.

V-Base Recruiter training: 14 July 2009

Information about V Base Recruiter training and dates of future sessions are also available on do-it.org.uk. If you would like to attend a session or wish to register your interest for future sessions, please fill in and send us the V-Base Recruiter training booking form.

Location

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

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## forum3

forum3, the UK's biggest third-sector recruitment fair, is happening later this year, so you might want to get your diaries out now. The annual event will be held on September 10 and 11 at the Business Design Centre in Islington. As well as a chance to recruit new staff, volunteers and board members, forum3 is also a great way to raise the profile of your organisation and attract potential donors, funders and partners. Exhibitors include Save the Children, RSPCA, British Heart Foundation, World Vision, VSO, and once again – Greater London Volunteering and do-it.org.uk.

For more details go to [www.forum3.co.uk](http://www.forum3.co.uk) or contact Zoë Buswell at [zoeb@forum3.co.uk](mailto:zoeb@forum3.co.uk)

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## A big welcome to six new partners!

They've seen the light and this month we're welcoming six new organisations into the fold:

- Groundwork Oldham and Rochdale
- TrueTube
- Girlguiding UK
- Centrepoint
- We Are What We Do
- SIFE UK

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

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## And finally

If you ever have any questions or points that you would like to raise about what you've either read in re@d-it! or seen on the website then please do [contact us](#).

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Until next time,

The Partnerships Team

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