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

Hotmail issues: update

Unfortunately, all emails to do-it.org.uk to hotmail users - including both volunteers and partner organisations - are still being blocked. We are aware of the huge inconvenience this situation is causing our users and partners, and have been in continuous contact with Microsoft to try and get this issue resolved.

It seems that the problem has been caused by recent changes in Microsoft's spam filtering policy – and we understand that these changes are affecting not only YouthNet and do-it.org.uk but also other organisations across the world. We are now looking to escalate this matter with Microsoft's Senior Management and hope for a resolution in the near future.

You can read more about this issue on the do-it.org.uk website [here](#).

Hwyl a pob lwc

For those of you who don't speak Welsh, "hwyl a pob lwc" means "goodbye and good luck" – and very soon we'll be saying it to our Partnership's Director, Lesley Bourne. After almost seven years at YouthNet, Lesley will be leaving us to move to the wilds of Wales, live the 'Good Life' and grow spuds.

Upcoming training events

Online Poster System

Online Poster System (OPS) training takes place at YouthNet's office (first floor, 50 Featherstone Street, London). You can find out more information about the training and the dates of upcoming training sessions, download a booking form or register your interest on the [OPS training](#) section of the do-it.org.uk website.

V-Base

V-Base training also takes place at YouthNet (address as above). You can find out more information about the training and the dates of upcoming training sessions, download a booking form or register your interest on the [V-Base training](#) section of the do-it.org.uk website.

Create, Involve, Recruit: Volunteering for Young People

If your volunteering programme specifically target 16 to 25-year-old volunteers, or you would like more information about recruiting volunteers from this age group, you may wish to attend one of our 'Create, Involve, Recruit' workshops.

The next 'Create, Involve, Recruit' workshop takes place at YouthNet, on Wednesday the 18th June from 2pm to 4pm. You can find more information about the workshop and send us a message through our [Involving Young Volunteers](#) page.

V-Base contract information for Volunteer Centres

We recently sent all of our Volunteer Centre partners a letter about changes to your V-Base contract. If you haven't yet received this, please [let us know](#) and we will send you a new one.

Over the next few weeks, we'll also be starting to send Volunteer Centres the new V-Base contract. So we can better respond to queries, we'll be sending the contract out to partners in small batches – so don't worry if you don't receive one straight away.

Once you do receive your contract, please print out and sign two copies – one to send back to us and one to keep for your organisation.

Volunteering England Convention

It was great to meet some of our partners in the workshops and on the do-it.org.uk stand at the Volunteering England Convention last month. We hope you enjoyed the convention as much as we did!

Mentoring and Befriending Conference

The National Annual Mentoring and Befriending conference will be held on the 22nd of May in Manchester. The conference features workshops addressing a wide range of issues across the sector including mentoring for looked after children, volunteers and the law, fundraising, monitoring and evaluation.

You can book your place using their [online form](#) or by calling the Mentoring and Befriending Foundation on 016 1787 8600.

Welcome to nineteen new partners

In April, we welcomed the following organisations to the fold:

- National Osteoporosis Society
- Youth Music
- Raleigh International
- Young Enterprise
- The Kennet and Avon Canal Trust
- Shannon Trust
- Mencap
- Tess Valley involved Darlington YMCA
- Sustain (Solihull CVS and Volunteer Centre)
- Toynbee Hall
- LGBT Consortium
- EST v team
- Leicester City Community Health Service NHS
- SOVA
- Young Bristol
- Young Devon
- DISC
- Action 4 Youth
- Furniture Matters

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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