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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.

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: 7 November and 5 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.

Create, Involve, Recruit: Workshops about involving young volunteers

Interested in creating more opportunities for young volunteers? Want to discuss ways to recruit more young people? The next 'Create, Involve, Recruit' workshops take place between 2.00pm and 4.00pm on 11 November and 8 December (location as above).

You can find out more about the workshops on our [Involving Young Volunteers](#) page.

Support website update

Thank you to everyone who filled in the survey about our technical support website. We're currently working on the design and content of the site, which is due to go live this December.

Through the website, you'll be able to access technical support for V-Base and the Online Poster System 24 hours a day, through practical 'how to' support documentation. You will also have the ability to log technical support calls online.

Alongside the website, we will continue to provide phone-based support via our helpdesk from Monday to Friday, 10.00am-5.00pm.

forum3

Only one day now until forum3, the UK's only not-for-profit recruitment event. Feel free to come along and visit us at the Business Design Centre this Friday and Saturday (10 – 11 October).

do-it.org.uk and Greater London Volunteering will be sharing stand 21a – with the aim of letting the 10,000 expected visitors know about the benefits of volunteering and some of the opportunities available. Felicity Jones and Giuseppina Colamarco from the Partnerships team will be running seminars on 'How volunteering can help your career' on Friday at 2.15pm and Saturday at 12.15pm.

There's still time to register for your free ticket on the [forum3](#) website.

do-it in your local hospital

Here's the latest update from our project to promote volunteering in health and social care:

- do-it.org.uk had a stand at the National Association of Voluntary Service Managers in the Fields of Health and Social Care conference on 8 October in London and will also be present at the Professional Association for Managers of Volunteer Services in Hospices and Palliative Care conference on 10 October in Liverpool. See you there!
- We are working closely with Volunteering England to promote volunteering in health and social care. Their recent report, '[Volunteering and Health: What impact does it really have?](#)' shows that volunteering brings benefits to both volunteers and service users.

Working with Volunteers for Community Fundraising Success Conference

You – or the fundraisers in your organisation – may be interested in the upcoming 'Working with Volunteers for Community Fundraising Success' conference, which will be held in London on 20 November.

Run by the Institute of Fundraising, the conference will explore how community fundraisers can work with volunteers to strengthen their fundraising strategy.

Conference topics include:

- Understanding volunteers and volunteering trends
- Administering regional fundraising networks
- The Commission on the Future of Volunteering's Manifesto for Change – what does it mean for your organisation?
- Recruiting, training and managing volunteer fundraisers
- Best practice, health and safety, and legal advice.

To view the full conference programme on book online, visit the [conference](#) website.

2008 partner and volunteer surveys

We're currently working on our first ever do-it.org.uk partners survey – an opportunity for our partners to air their opinions and offer us feedback. This will be going out to all partners in November.

Our annual volunteer satisfaction survey will also be sent out this month to all registered volunteers on do-it.org.uk.

We look forward to sharing the results of these surveys with you in later issues of re@d-it!

Proofreading service available

Would you like your volunteering opportunities proofread? Our team of young volunteers are keen to review your opportunities – both for 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 nine new partners!

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

- Tomorrow's People
- Vital regeneration – Re-evolve
- Doncaster YMCA
- National Children's Bureau
- Trailblazers Muscular Dystrophy Campaign
- Southfield Community Action Forum
- YWCA England and Wales
- Outset Youth Action
- North Yorkshire Youth

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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