

## Volunteer Action - Volunteer North Shore Newsletter

### Fabulous Filipinos



The Philippines is the 12th most populated country in the world with 94 million citizens. Another 11 million people from the Philippines live abroad in places like Canada. According to the 2006 Community Profiles there are over 1900 people on the North Shore who are Filipino, and approximately 1500 of those identify Tagalog, also called Filipino, as their mother tongue. Filipino is one of the two official languages spoken by people in the Philippines.

Like the other language groups highlighted this past year, Filipinos have a long and vibrant history. In Metro Vancouver Filipinos continue to celebrate their cultural traditions through events such as the Pinoy Fiesta. Held on August 6th this year at the False Creek Community Centre, the event was a huge success and saw Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson proclaiming it “Filipino Fiesta Day” in the City of Vancouver. I encourage you to check out the post festival information that can be found at [www.pinoyfiestavancouver.com](http://www.pinoyfiestavancouver.com).

Filipinos are known as caring and warm people and are skilled and passionate volunteers. Encouraging one Filipino to join your volunteer program will likely bring others of like mind to follow. It is a great way to enhance your volunteer team.

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- [www.northshorewac.ca/Resources.html](http://www.northshorewac.ca/Resources.html)
- [www.pinoyfiestavancouver.com](http://www.pinoyfiestavancouver.com)
- [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philippines](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philippines)

Check out **CELEBRATE!** for information on volunteer awards and recognition.

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**CELEBRATE!**

Celebrate your volunteers' contributions by recognizing their commitment and nominate them for one of the following awards.

**No Deadline**

 Order of Canada

[www.gg.ca](http://www.gg.ca)

 Governor General's  
Caring Canadian Award

[www.gg.ca](http://www.gg.ca)

**Deadline Specific**


 Prime Minister's  
Volunteer Awards

(September 9, 2011)

<http://www.pm.gc.ca/eng/feature.asp?featureId=25>

 BC Nesika Awards  
(September 19, 2011)

[http://www.embracebc.ca/embracebc/community/nesika\\_awards/index.page?](http://www.embracebc.ca/embracebc/community/nesika_awards/index.page?)

 BC Community  
Achievement Awards  
(November 15, 2011)

[www.bcachievement.com](http://www.bcachievement.com)

**Family Volunteering Tools & Resources**

In their latest research collaboration Volunteer Canada and Manulife Financial released two new tools, titled *Building Blocks*. The first tool, *Building Blocks for Family Volunteering: Tools and Resources for Organizations*, leads organizations through the various steps of implementing a family volunteering program. From determining the feasibility of a family volunteer program, to identifying engaging and creative options for recruitment and retention, the tool provides links to helpful research, policies and templates. To access the new *Building Blocks* tools go to <http://www.getvolunteering.ca/pdf/BBFamilyVolOrgEN.pdf>.

**Check out this 7 minute video called *What does Family volunteering look like?***

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yd6cEli\\_zVw&feature=relmfu](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yd6cEli_zVw&feature=relmfu)

The second tool launched is *Building Blocks for Family Volunteering: Key Resources for Families*. The interactive tool directs families to information and ideas on family volunteering. The tool introduces the concept of family volunteering and provides families with various options for volunteer activities. It also identifies key considerations for families looking for volunteer opportunities. To access the new *Building Blocks* tool for families go to <http://www.getvolunteering.ca/pdf/BBFamilyVolFamEN.pdf>.

For more information or if you have questions about these tools please feel free to contact Paula Speevak Sladowski at [pspeevak-sladowski@volunteer.ca](mailto:pspeevak-sladowski@volunteer.ca).

(Source: Volunteer Canada)

# GNPI 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Summit

## SAVE THE DATE!

### November 24, 2011

The Government Non Profit Initiative (GNPI) will host our fourth Annual Summit in Vancouver on Thursday, November 24, 2011.

It has been a year of significant change...both for the provincial government and for the nonprofit sector here in BC. Leaders from the nonprofit sector and government ministries that work closely with the sector are invited for a day of conversation and dialogue to reflect upon the changes at hand, how they are having an effect on the relationship between the two sectors, the specific policy issues of mutual interest and how we can most effectively work together to create strong and healthy communities across BC. Please join us for this important day of conversation.

Please hold November 24<sup>th</sup> in your calendars – a formal invitation and registration will follow in the Fall.

### Join us in September at one of the upcoming Regional Roundtables!

Leading up to the November Summit, join other community leaders in your region for a day of discussion and planning to:

- Identify priorities for the non-profit sector in your region
- Give GNPI Council Office feedback on the work of the past year
- Build local bridges between non-profit sector and government personnel
- Determine the agenda and priorities for the Provincial Summit and GNPI work for the year ahead.

To register to attend a regional roundtable, please visit:

<http://gnpiroundtables2011.eventbrite.com>

For more information on the GNPI, please visit our website or send us an e-mail: W: [www.nonprofitinitiative.gov.bc.ca](http://www.nonprofitinitiative.gov.bc.ca) E: [GNPI@gov.bc.ca](mailto:GNPI@gov.bc.ca).



## Volunteer BC 2011 Volunteer Futures

Information  
and  
registration  
can be found  
at

[www.volunteerfutures2011.wordpress.com](http://www.volunteerfutures2011.wordpress.com)

## Volunteer North Shore Planning & Information Meeting

Thursday October 6, 2011

9:30 am - 11:00 am

North Shore Community Resources  
The Community Room 203  
2nd Floor Capilano Mall,  
#201 - 935 Marine Drive  
North Vancouver, BC

Mark Your  
Calendar



A meeting reminder and agenda will be circulated 1 week prior to the meeting. If you haven't already, please RSVP to Nancy Hollstedt by phone at 604-982-3311 or by email to [nancy.hollstedt@nscr.bc.ca](mailto:nancy.hollstedt@nscr.bc.ca).

# Resource Books on Sale



The Canadian Society of Association Executives (CSAE) was established in 1951. The primary focus of CSAE is to serve the needs of association professionals and the business

members who provide vital products and services to support the sector . CSAE is having their fall book sale. Until September 23rd you can receive a 20% discount on some resource books for non-profit organizations. Subjects range from Board governance, strategic and succession planning, volunteer management, running meetings and more. For additional information or to view a list of books on sale go to CSAE’s website at [www.csaecanada.com/Resources/Bookstore/BookSale.aspx](http://www.csaecanada.com/Resources/Bookstore/BookSale.aspx) .



(Source: CSAE)

**Volunteer North Shore** is the volunteer centre that serves the communities of Bowen Island, City of North Vancouver, District of North Vancouver, District of West Vancouver, and Lions Bay.

Volunteer North Shore:

- Helps people find volunteer work
- Helps organizations find volunteers
- Promotes volunteering as a benefit to the community
- Works with organizations to develop, implement and maintain effective volunteer programs

Volunteering is a vital part of our community and Volunteer North Shore is here to make sure voluntary effort is encouraged, sustained and increased.

Volunteer North Shore is just one of the valuable programs and services offered by North Shore Community Resources . North Shore Community Resources, conveniently located on the 2nd floor at Capilano Mall, is the North Shore’s multi-service information and referral agency.

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