

Invitation for Abstracts

Volunteering Unleashed - New times bring new approaches

This two day conference is the place to look at volunteering today and discuss new directions for the future. It will also consider the advancement of the volunteer management profession.

Through keynote presentations, short papers, workshops, posters and networking, participants will explore ways to inspire people to volunteer and tools for successful program development.

There will be two main themes for the program

- **Volunteering Tomorrow:** New Opportunities - new ways for volunteering
- **Inspiring Leaders:** Advancement of the Profession of Volunteer Management

The **Volunteering Tomorrow** stream will be an opportunity to reflect on the diversity of volunteering and volunteers and the new ways in which they are being asked to volunteer. It will include:

- . Cultural diversity
- . Generational diversity
- . Episodic and major events volunteering
- . Volunteering in community development
- . New and interesting ways of doing volunteering
- . Changes in response to economic conditions

Inspiring Leaders, advancement of the Profession stream will be an opportunity to hear about and discuss what this means, why it matters and what different models might be used. Conference participants will be asked to consider which path New Zealand should follow and how this could proceed.

Seeking expressions of interest

In the **Volunteering Tomorrow** stream we are looking for visionaries in our midst and those with experience of innovative ways of working with volunteers; those whose programmes, projects or special events adapt to the current rapidly changing economic, social and political environment.

In the **Inspiring Leaders** stream, we are seeking people with a vision for the role of Manager of Volunteer Programs. We also need those with an interest and experience in adult education and various aspects of professional development who could contribute to ideas about how to advance the profession of Volunteer Management in New Zealand.

Submitting Abstracts

Are you interested in making a short presentation (20mins), running a workshop (60 or 90mins), contributing to a panel or presenting a poster (maximum of 2m high by 1m wide, portrait)

We invite you to submit an abstract which will become the basis of selection for inclusion in the programme. Abstracts will be maximum of 250 words. A short professional biography of less than 100 words is also required. Abstracts must be received by *Friday 29 May 2009*.

Please submit abstracts for consideration by the conference programme selection committee on the VNZ Call for Abstracts Template - Template available [here](#)

The conference programme selection committee reserves the right to select the abstracts that best develop the conference theme within the time and space available.

Abstracts:

All abstracts accepted for inclusion in the Volunteering Unleashed Conference will be printed in the conference handbook. Keynote and short paper presenters will also be asked to provide their presented papers for publication in the post Conference Proceedings.

Confirmation of Receipt of Abstracts

You will receive confirmation of the receipt of your abstract.

Abstract Acceptance Notification

All presenters will be notified whether their abstract has been accepted or declined by *Friday 12 June 2009*.

Presenter Registration Fees

All presenters will be required to pay the relevant registration fee to attend the conference and to meet their own travel and/or accommodation costs. A small number of Scholarships are available. *Details can be obtained from either Tim Burns, Executive Director Volunteering NZ ed@volunteeringnz.org.nz, phone 043843636 or Lu Budden, Lu@cmsl.co.nz.*