

## European Year of Volunteering 2011

### Volunteer! Make a difference

### Ways to get involved in EYV 2011

Here are some low cost ways that you and your volunteers can get involved in EYV 2011.

- Acknowledge the year by featuring the EYV 2011 logo on any materials you may be producing (promotional materials, annual reports, PowerPoint / Keynote presentations, etc.
- Feature the EYV 2011 logo in the signature of your outgoing emails.
- Feature an EYV 2011 banner ad on your web site and link it to your local Volunteer Centre web site.
- If there are any other items you are producing during the year such as T-shirts why not consider featuring the logo on them? You can get a copy of the logo in a variety of formats from your local Volunteer Centre.
- Download one of the EYV 2011 resource and information packs which will be available online in early 2011. Check your local Volunteer Centre Web site or [www.volunteer.ie](http://www.volunteer.ie)
- Your local Volunteer Centre will have a launch of EYV 2011 in early 2011 where you can meet other volunteer involving organisations in your county and can find out what is going on at a local level.
- Ask a local celebrity, politician or outstanding member of your community to attend your International Volunteer Day (IVD) event on 5th December to thank your volunteers for their contribution to your organisation during the year.
- Why not focus your recruitment drive for volunteers during the year? Engage tomorrow's volunteers – children and youth.
- Share information about your local activities with your local Volunteer Centre and the National Coordinating Body in Ireland (Volunteering Ireland).
- Why not send some of your volunteers along to attend local, regional or national conferences during the year to say thanks for their dedication?
- Attend the opening and closing ceremonies for EYV 2011
- Pay a visit to the EYV 2011 Roadshow, which is travelling around Europe and comes to Dublin from Monday 22 to Sunday 28 August 2011. Learn more about good practice in volunteer management and volunteering across Europe. Why not encourage your volunteers to attend as well?
- Encourage Volunteer Managers within your organisation to attend Volunteer Management Training organised by your local Volunteer Centre
- Create posters, flyers, calendars of activities, stickers and other promotional tools.
- Make and advertise a list of all the services, which would not exist if they were not accomplished by volunteers
- Invite people to participatory events where they may plant trees, clean up parks or paint buildings in your community.
- Develop an EYV 2011 page on your organisation's web site and highlight the role of volunteer in your organisation.
- Place EYV 2011 posters and flyers in libraries, government buildings, and community centers in your community
- Get involved in the National Day of Volunteering
- Recognise the contribution of the your volunteer managers on International Volunteer Managers Day, November 5th
- Host an event to distribute awards to outstanding volunteers and volunteer initiatives within your organisation
- Nominate your volunteers for any of the local, regional and national volunteer awards, you can find details on your local volunteer Centre's web site.
- Give certificates for volunteer solidarity action during 2011, templates can be downloaded from your local volunteer centre web site.

- Let the world know about your activities by sending out press releases and inviting the media
- Attract media attention through participation in EYV 2011 events and initiatives
- Appear in various media to talk about volunteer issues or personal volunteer experiences
- Create and/or contribute to volunteer-related publications
- Focus your press message on the one issue you want to convey, whether is news about an upcoming event or promotion of an opinion.

The most important thing you can do for EYV 2011 is volunteer! Here are just some of the areas of volunteer activities you may want to get involved in:

- Animals
- Arts, Culture & Media
- Befriending
- Campaign & Awareness Raising
- Childcare
- Church / Religion Based
- Computers
- Driver
- Education / Literacy
- Environment
- Fundraising
- Health / Disability
- Information Giver
- Management
- Mentor
- Office
- Older People / Active Retired
- Phone Line Help
- Practical Work
- Residential
- Shop / Retail
- Social Work
- Sport / Recreation
- Time Limited Commitment
- Virtual Volunteering
- Youth / Children

## Useful web sites

Check the following web sites for useful resources to help you plan events and activities for EYV 2011.

To find your local volunteer centre – check the map at [www.volunteer.ie](http://www.volunteer.ie) for your local centre. You can download factsheets and the EYV 2011 from your local Volunteer Centre's web site.

Check out these web sites, some of these web sites may not be live until January 2011:

- [www.eyv2011.ie](http://www.eyv2011.ie)
- [www.eyvolunteering.eu](http://www.eyvolunteering.eu)
- [www.europa.eu/volunteering](http://www.europa.eu/volunteering)
- [www.eyv2011.eu](http://www.eyv2011.eu)
- [www.eyv2011.be/site/eng/](http://www.eyv2011.be/site/eng/)
- [www.cev.be](http://www.cev.be)
- [www.worldvolunteerweb.com](http://www.worldvolunteerweb.com)
- [www.volunteer.ie](http://www.volunteer.ie)
- [www.volunteeringireland.ie](http://www.volunteeringireland.ie)

## Events and activities during 2011

There will be a number of national, regional and local events organised during EYV 2011. Details of these events and activities, can be accessed from your local Volunteer Centre's web site. You will also be able to find a calendar of events on [www.volunteer.ie](http://www.volunteer.ie).

**To find out more about the European Year of Volunteering why not download our information sheet "What is EYV 2011" from the web site of your local Volunteer Centre or from Volunteer Centres Ireland:**

**[www.volunteer.ie](http://www.volunteer.ie)**



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