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Is it volunteering?

Our understanding of what volunteering is, and what it means, can change in response to social developments, as can the reasons people volunteer. Over the past 100 years in Australia, volunteering has been seen in different ways, and some of the activities we call volunteering today would once have been seen just as part of women's domestic workload or being a good neighbour.

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How to Guides: How do I manage volunteers?

This section provides the tools and resources required for effective management of volunteers. The articles under "Essential reading" below will guide you through the various aspects of volunteer administration. There are also current articles and resources on the subject.

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Why isn't everyone doing this?

"Why aren't all of our organizations doing this?" That was the question that was posed during a recent meeting I participated in after the Coordinator for a large group of ministries witnessed examples of how other nonprofits are utilizing e-philanthropy tools within their fundraising programs.

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A Few Pointers On the Unpleasant Topic of Firing Volunteers

One of the greatest fears of those not experienced in working with volunteers is the misconception that volunteers cannot be fired. Although firing or removing a volunteer is the clearly not a desirable task, it can be done, and indeed at times must be done.

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Motivated online volunteers inspire volunteer scheme development

Andrew Benton of the International Network for Bamboo and Rattan (INBAR) shares in his

recent article how their online volunteers' energy, motivation and professional skills have given rise to the idea of a full volunteer scheme that combines on-site and online volunteers. INBAR is a multilateral development organization focused on natural resource management based in Beijing/China.

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6 Advantages of online campaigns

Websites can be significantly cheaper than glossy publications and can reach many more people, as long as people know about them.

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7 The impact of information technology on civil society: how will online innovation, philanthropy, and volunteerism serve the common good?

The amazing growth of information technology has implications for every aspect of civil society and raises questions about how technology is being used to serve public purposes. So far there is little research that reveals how technology has and will continue to change the dynamics of civil society and the nonprofit sector.

At INDEPENDENT SECTOR's 2001 Spring Research Forum in March, researchers, nonprofit leaders, foundation executives, corporate philanthropists, and technology experts from six continents gathered to discuss new research and implications for nonprofit practice.

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