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1. University Service opportunities

1.1) Exam Support Stall volunteers

The Exam support stall runs is a valuable service provided by the UMSU Education Academic Affairs Office for all students undertaking exams at the Royal Exhibition Building. The stall runs from June 9 - June 26, at the Royal Exhibition Buildings. Shifts are 8am-11:30am, 11:30am-2:30pm and 2:30pm-5pm.

Volunteers are required to run the stall and provide students with on-site information and support for their exams, refreshments, emergency stationary and advice for those who encounter problems with their exams. A short briefing for volunteers will be provided before their first shift, as well as a Guide and Frequently Asked Questions sheet.

Interested? Email Laura or Gemma on 8344 4809 or email educationacademic@union.unimelb.edu.au with your availability.

Nominate: 'Approved Student Union activities – Student Union' on the SALP database.

1.2) International Relations Office

The International Relations Office (IRO) oversees the University's partnerships with overseas universities, coordinates high-level international delegation visits to the Uni and runs internationally-focused events.

Volunteering with the IRO involves providing support to events and international visits on an ad-hoc basis. This may include event preparation and facilitation, campus tours, and some

meet & greet roles. Important traits in this role are a warm personality, cultural awareness, neat presentation and punctuality.

Interested? Email Christine Eckhardt eckhardt@unimelb.edu.au with your phone number and a copy of your current CV (or brief paragraph about yourself)

Nominate: *'Delegation Visits – International Relations Office'* on the SALP database.

1.3) Peer Support Program

Almost 1,000 students have their progress reviewed by faculty Progress (UPC) Committees every year. These Committees can restrict or even terminate a student's enrolment, so they can be a big deal.

The Student Union has developed a program through which student volunteers are trained to provide support to students who are called to a Progress Committee meeting.

They are seeking volunteers who are interested in the welfare of students and keen to meet people. As a volunteer you will have an afternoon of training and will attend faculty Progress Committee sessions in July as a support person. Volunteers will only be expected to assist for short periods at a time.

The next Volunteer Training Session will be held Monday 29 June at Union House

Interested? Contact Marisa or Howard at the Student Union Advocacy Service on 8344 6546 or email suashelp@union.unimelb.edu.au

Nominate: *'UPC Peer Support – Student Union'* on the SALP database

1.4) LIVE speakers

The LIVE Unit is looking for students interested in speaking about their volunteer or leadership experiences at a number of events that will be held during O'Week (July 20 – July 24) and on Open Day on August 16.

Interested? Email Theresa at theresa.li@unimelb.edu.au

Nominate: *'Various LIVE activities – LIVE'* on the SALP database

2. Grants, Grants, Grants

2.1) Easy Grant Newsletter

The LIVE Unit has a subscription to OurCommunity Easy Grants Newsletter. It is the only consolidated newsletter in Australia that provides monthly details of every Federal and State Government grant as well as philanthropic and corporate grants. It covers information for funding for all community needs - building improvements, environmental projects, community services, sports equipment to performing arts and festivals - perfect for ALGs undertaking their own projects!

You can request a copy by contacting Zoe at zldauth@unimelb.edu.au

2.2) EastWeb Fund

EastWeb gives small grants of up to \$2,000 to projects within Victoria working with Indigenous, Asylum Seeker or Refugee communities in the areas of health care, employment, education

and cultural heritage promotion. They fund projects that build the capacity of communities to create long term strategies for change and can help source in-kind support for your project, including assistance with grant-writing or businesses willing to donate their products or services.

Eastweb always welcomes applications. They have no closing dates or grant rounds. The Board sits monthly to make funding decisions.

For more information go to <http://www.eastweb.org.au/home.shtml>

2.3) Cultural Community Grants

The University's Cultural and Community Relations Advisory Group makes recommendations to the Vice-Chancellor on the use of special funding set aside each year for University-level cultural and community activities. Individuals and groups from within the University and from its community may apply for CCRAAG funding for eligible projects.

A number of previous SALP and ALG projects have received funding via this grant.

For more information go to:

www.knowledgetransfer.unimelb.edu.au/grants_and_awards/cultural_community_grants

3. Apply to be a Young Social Pioneer

The Foundation for Young Australians (FYA) is searching for the 2009 Young Social Pioneers of Australia. If you're an aspiring young leader, who is up to something great, let them know about your work. You could gain a place on their one-year program, which offers an environment to further develop your skills and learning. You'll have access to professional mentors, training, and networks, plus an exciting opportunity to gain recognition for your valuable work.

For more information go to: <http://www.youngsocialpioneers.org.au>

4. Natural Neighbourhoods Real Communities Conference

This Conference is hosted by the Centre for Civil Society, a public policy and social innovation think tank for the empowerment of ordinary people. <http://www.civilsociety.org.au>

Held on 22-23 June 2009, this may be an extremely useful conference to attend, particularly if your ALG project aims to build and strengthen real communities through activities such as visitor schemes, homework clubs, schools, welcomes for new arrivals, neighbourhood-based cultural exchange, initiatives in recreation, sport and the arts, etc.

For more information go to: <http://www.civilsociety.org.au/NNRCProgram.htm>

5. International Youth Leadership Conference

The International Youth Leadership Conference (IYLC), to be held in Prague, Czech Republic (19-24 July 2009) is welcoming 120 students from 40 different countries for an open-minded exchange of diverse perspectives on contemporary global challenges. The IYLC blends social interaction with cultural and academic components to create a cohesive experience that promotes cross-cultural youth participation and socially responsible leadership.

The next deadlines for the acceptance rounds are June 20 and June 30. The ultimate deadline for all applications is July 10! If they receive your completed application (including two essays) before one of these dates, you will receive a notification of your status within 5 days after completion of the corresponding round.

For more information go to: <http://www.czechleadership.com/index.php>

6. Community Engagement opportunity - iCAN volunteer

The iCAN computer centre is based at the Church of All Nations Drop-in Centre in Carlton. It is a new service (developed as one of this year's ALG projects) which will provide computer training and one-to-one personalised tutoring, free internet access and re-cycled computers with technical support.

The service is aimed at low-income public housing tenants living on the Carlton high-rise housing estate. Users will include children with no computer at home, older tenants learning about computers/internet for the first time, and recently arrived migrants, in particular from the Horn of Africa.

Volunteers are required 4-6pm during any day, Monday to Thursday.

- Mondays: general assistance using the Net. Can you help someone get an email address?
- Tuesdays: general assistance as well as one-to-one personalized tutoring
- Wednesdays: kids and parents night. Help with homework or teach dad about the Net
- Thursdays: general assistance and technical support for tenants

If you can spare 2 hours a week or fortnight, on a regular basis (commencing late July), iCAN wants to hear from you.

Interested? Contact Steve Dobson on 0412 865 840

7. LIVE Unit - Updated News, Events & Opportunities!

If you're interested in staying updated on current volunteering opportunities and related events, check the LIVE website regularly <http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/live/about/news.html>

The image is a banner for the Student Leadership Programs Team (salp). On the left, there is a red box containing contact information for Rita Manassis and Zoe Dauth. In the center, the word 'salp' is written in a large, white, lowercase font. Below it, the tagline 'interact...initiate...inspire...' is written in a smaller, multi-colored font. At the bottom right, the website URL 'http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/live/salp' is displayed. The background of the banner is dark with a subtle, swirling pattern.

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