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1. Spread the Word – SALP applications open!

Applications for the 2009 Student Ambassador Leadership Program (SALP) close this Sunday 22 March.

To help promote SALP we rely on you to get the message out to fellow students and friends who would benefit from such a program and encourage them to apply. Better yet, collect some of our new SALP brochures and posters from the SALP Office (Baldwin Spencer Building) and post them in your faculty/dept.

2. SALP Deadline

A reminder to all 2008 SALPers that the April 30th deadline is fast approaching! By this date every Ambassador must have completed and submitted the following:

- 20 hours Uni Service (including any Exchange Points accrued).
- 40 hours Community Engagement completion report (individual reports with hours signed off or logbooks attached)
- ALG project report (refer to page 11 of the SALP Handbook for details on what to include)

3. Uni Service Opportunities

3.1) *Diversity Week Stall*

ALG 11 is running a stall to fundraise for SAIL (Sudanese Australian Integrated Learning program) as part of Diversity Week celebrations on campus this week.

The group needs volunteers to help out in the stalls. They are also looking for people who can play a musical instrument/perform magic tricks etc to enlighten the ears of pass-byers and the like.

Interested? Contact Nadia Wong nwongy@gmail.com or 0424 554 347 NOW!

3.2) LIVE Social Event

Are you keen to develop event management skills, expand your networks around campus and promote a worthy cause?

We need volunteers to assist with the planning and coordination of this event, which aims to raise awareness of volunteering, community engagement, building networks between student leaders, as well as celebrating 10 years of SALP and have FUN!

The Event is scheduled to take place on Friday 8 May but there is much to organise and we need your ideas!

Email: zldauth@unimelb.edu.au to register your interest.

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

3.3) SALP Welcome Day

We need 10 volunteers to help with this year's SALP Welcome Day registering students as they arrive, helping to set-up and other general tasks and most importantly to help make the new intake feel welcome.

Date: Saturday 4 April

Time: 9.30am – 3pm

Place: Uni campus

Interested? Email Rita if you are interested and available (and NOT a 2009 ALG Facilitator) by Thursday March 26.

Nominate: *'SALP Various Activities'* on the SALP database.

3.4) Community Volunteer Fair 2009

LIVE is seeking enthusiastic volunteers for the Community Volunteer Fair this Wednesday. Volunteers are required to meet and greet organisation representatives, assist with setting-up and packing-up, distributing information and other required tasks on the day.

When? Wednesday, 18 March (9am – 3pm)

Interested? Email Ali Kassem at akassem@unimelb.edu.au with time you are available NOW!

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

3.5) Peer Writing Tutor Program

The Arts Faculty will pilot a new Peer Writing Tutor Program in Semester 1 and you can be part of it! As a writing tutor, you will meet with other Arts students and advise on their writing.

Volunteers will help students with questions regarding style, grammar, structure, coherence and referencing. You might also give feedback on clarity of the argument and the use of evidence. However, you can't comment on content and you are not allowed to edit, proofread or rewrite. The idea is to help other students to develop their writing skills, not to do their work!

Volunteers must attend a 2-hour training session and commit to 2 hours of tutoring each week for 7 weeks (from week 7 till the end of semester plus SWOT Vac).

Interested? Contact Guido Ernst at g.ernst@unimelb.edu.au to register your interest ASAP!

Nominate: 'Various LLSU Activities – Language & Learning Skills Unit' on the SALP database

4. What Type of Learner are You?

Find out what type of learner you are and improve your study skills!

Explore the different ways of learning and find out which way is best for you! Learn the tricks and techniques to keep your mind alert, focussed and ready for your University journey.

When? Tuesday 17 March (12.30 -2pm)

Where? Public Lecture Theatre, Old Arts

5. Interested in mentoring?

5.1) For Early School Leavers

The Maribyrnong & Moonee Valley Local Learning & Employment Network aims to improve education, training and employment outcomes for young people in their communities through the Youth Mentoring Assisted Pathways (YMAP) program.

Volunteer Mentors are they key to YMAP, providing a supportive adult role model for young people at risk of leaving school. For 2 hours per week for 10 weeks, mentors meet with students in a school environment in the west of Melbourne.

Interested? For more info call 9376 7251 or email Greg Blake at gregblake@mmvlln.org.au

5.2) For Refugee and CALD Youth

The Refugee and CALD Youth Mentoring Program is a volunteer-driven intervention for young people aged 14 to 20 from refugee and culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds within the Cities of Greater Dandenong, Casey and Shire of Cardinia.

Volunteer Mentors make a 1-year commitment and act as positive role models by engaging young people in recreational, cultural and educational activities to help them achieve their goals.

Interested? Contact the Program Coordinator on 9706 8933

6. Make a Move – National Youth Week

April is National Youth Week (NYW) in Australia. This is your chance to showcase your talent, develop event management skills and spread a message! Do this by organising your own youth event to raise awareness of an area of your choice!

As part of NYW, Australia's largest youth talent competitions are NOW OPEN!

RockIT - Record an original song or instrumental.

DesignIT - Create a flat image.
WritelIT - Develop a piece of writing.
ShootIT - Produce a two-and half minute short film.
SnapIT - Take a creative photograph.

Interested? Follow this link: <http://www.youthweek.com/getinvolved.html>

7. Harmony Day Volunteers Needed

On March 19, 2009 a large community festival will be held on the Carlton public housing estate to mark the International Day for the Elimination of Racism.

Volunteers are required to assist with set up, BBQ cooks, food preparers, animal farm (supervise children handling animals), circus workshop and information stall.

Interested? Contact Michael McMahon, Carlton Housing Estate Redevelopment Project on 9347 0025 or email michael.mcmahon@nych.org.au

8. World Civic Youth Forum

The World Civic Youth Forum (WCYF) is an intellectual and cultural global event where college youth from all quarters of the world share and discuss global issues and their common concerns, and search for solutions to these problems.

WCYF is held as part of, concurrently with the World Civic Forum, which is jointly initiated by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs and Kyung Hee University. The 2009 WCYF will be held at the Global Campus of Kyung Hee University, Yongin, Gyeonggi-do on May 5-8, 2009.

The mission of the WCYF is to give college youth a voice by bringing them together through meaningful dialogue and action on global issues and also to provide valuable opportunities for growth and exploration as a young individual as well as a member of the global community.

For more information and how you can get involved visit www.wcyf2009.org

9. 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>



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