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1. Happy New Year!

A belated Happy 2009 greeting to all SALPers! This year is going to be a busy one with lots of new opportunities and events! Keep watching this space for stuff you can sign up for, conferences you can apply to, volunteer work that you can get involved in and lots more.

Zoe and I are looking forward to working with you all and seeing you during the year!
Our location is still Room 2.06, Level 2, Baldwin Spencer Building

2. SALP deadline coming!

A reminder that the SALP deadline of 30 April 2009 is fast approaching! All 2008 SALPers must complete and submit all of the following:

- 20 hours University Service (and any exchange points)
- 40 hours Community Engagement and completion report
- ALG project report (only one per group)

If you have any concerns or queries about any of the above, please contact Rita r.manassis@unimelb.edu.au or Zoe zldauth@unimelb.edu.au ASAP

3. University Service opportunities

3.1) *KLDFYP Welcome Day Hosts*

The Kwong Lee Dow First year Program (KLDFYP) will be hosting a Welcome Day event for all new KLD students on Saturday 7 March (9am – 3pm). Participants will meet KLD staff, familiarise themselves with the aims of the program and participate in a number of activities across campus.

Volunteers are required to host small groups of students and to run team-building/initiative games during the day, as well as assisting with general tasks. All volunteers will be properly briefed during O'Week and the first week back at Uni.

Interested? Contact Zoe at zldauth@unimelb.edu.au to register by February 16.

Nominate: 'KLDYFP volunteers' on the SALP database.

3.2) SALP Info Sessions

We are running a number of info sessions for prospective SALP applicants. They will be held on March 3, 5, 9, 11, 13, 17 and 19 in Theatre D, Old Arts Building. All info sessions are held between 1-2pm and are run by Rita for the first 30 mins. The rest of the session is Q&A led by 3-4 SALPers.

Students at the sessions may ask SALPers about why they joined; what they gained as an ambassador – skills, friends, networks; current projects/community engagement/uni service. Volunteers only need to speak for about 5 minutes. Each session counts for one Uni Service hour.

Interested? Email Zoe zldauth@unimelb.edu.au by Friday 13 March with the date you can help.

3.3) Carlton Community Day

As part of Victoria's Harmony Day activities, the University is inviting the Carlton Community, in particular, families from the Carlton high rise estate, to explore the University and enjoy a number of activities

When? Sunday 1 March (9.30am - 2pm)

Where? University Student Union Lawn and Sports Track

Volunteers are required to assist with the information booth, barbecues, university tours, Kids Art competitions; health, education and finance seminars and football, soccer and basketball clinics

You must be enthusiastic, like working with different cultures, take responsibility and work under limited direction and supervision (that's SALPers!)

Successful applicants will need to attend a briefing session on Friday 20 February at 12pm.

Interested? Email your CV & a brief statement of your skills including volunteering to Lynda Gilbert l.gilbert@unimelb.edu.au by Friday 6 February 2009

Nominate: 'Carlton Community Day' on the SALP Database

4. Become a Ucan2 Mentor

The Centre for Multicultural Youth (CMY) www.cmy.net.au are currently looking to recruit volunteers for 2009 to work with young people from newly arrived refugee backgrounds. If you have experience balancing part-time work, study and family life and are able to commit to volunteering for one afternoon per week (12 – 2pm, or 1:30 – 3:30pm) from February – July then this volunteer opportunity could be for you!

CMY will be holding an info session for interested volunteers, on campus on Tuesday 26 January (1-2pm)

Interested? Register for the info session via Volunteers Online
<http://www.volunteersonline.unimelb.edu.au/StudentLogin.aspx>

5. World Vision – Connecting Lives

Connecting Lives is an interactive exhibition designed to give visitors a unique multi-sensory experience of living in poverty. Through a creative audio track and visual stimulus visitors are directed through the exhibition and into the lives of three African children living in poverty.

World Vision are currently seeking volunteers to manage visitors through the exhibition in Geelong from 20 February – 8 March 2009. For further information, check www.connectinglives.com.au

Interested? Email connectinglivesvols@worldvision.com.au or (03) 9287 2570 with your contact details

6. Got something Eco on your Mind?

Step up to the challenge to create a sustainable future by entering the Eco-Minds competition and be in with the chance to represent Australia.

Three students have the opportunity to represent Australia as environmental youth ambassadors and win an all-expenses paid trip to New Zealand to attend the Eco-Minds youth forum for sustainable development from 25-30 May 2009. Applications are open to students who are enrolled in an Australian university, aged 18 - 24 years, from any discipline, available to travel overseas and able to work well within a group.

Interested? Check out www.ecominds.com.au to register and submit your application before the closing date (Friday 28 March 2009)

7. UniBreak placements

Antipodeans Abroad invites you to spend 1-3 months on a UniBreak volunteer placement in a developing country. Add life experience, personal growth and travel to your resume, at the same time as making a difference to a disadvantaged community and creating lifelong memories.

This year the UniBreak Program is placing volunteers in destinations such as India, Vietnam, Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, Ghana, Kenya, Tanzania, Nepal, Argentina, Peru and Ecuador. Placements consist of community work in a variety of fields including medical, social work, construction, and teaching.

Interested? Go to www.antipodeans.com.au for more information or contact Kirsten Cunningham kirsten@antipodeans.com.au or (02) 9413 1522

8. Apply for EVA Junior Fellows Network

EVA Junior Fellows Network for students, researchers and young graduates was launched in 2003. The network aims to build partnerships between young talents and the Finnish business community. Each year EVA selects 20 new Junior Fellows for a period of two years. Junior Fellows are invited to a two-day seminar, which is organised in Helsinki at the end of August every year. The seminar provides the Junior Fellows a possibility to exchange ideas with Finnish business leaders and experts from different sectors.

For more information and how to apply check out: <http://www.eva.fi/eng/index.php>

9. Volunteer for Spain

Two opportunities to volunteer in a cultural and social experience with the colour, energy and passion of Spain and Latin America!

La Plaza del Mercado will take place on 19 April at the Queen Victoria Market. It is a food and music festival which aims to raise money for CELAS (The Spanish Latin American Welfare Centre).

La Mirada, Spanish Film Festival is being held April 2 -12.

Interested? Contact Sally at cunningham.sally@yahoo.com.au or info@lamirada.org.au

10. More Volunteer Opportunities

For more volunteer opportunities, log on to Volunteers Online at <http://www.volunteersonline.unimelb.edu.au/StudentLogin.aspx>



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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