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1. Winter Sleepout 2008

This year, SALP will hold the first-ever Winter Sleepout at Melbourne Uni! By participating in the Sleepout you will raise awareness of homelessness, raise funds for the Melbourne Citymission Homelessness Campaign as well as have a fantastic night.

We'll bring the games, activities (and maybe a movie!) to keep you entertained and warm. You bring warm sleepwear, blankets, pillows, a sleeping bag and a gold coin to donate.

When: 7pm on Friday 29 August until 9am the following morning, Saturday 30 August.
Where: Redmond Barry courtyard. There is ample covering and toilets nearby.

To register, email Zoe at zldauth@unimelb.edu.au by Friday August 22.

2. Two great speakers at next week's seminar

Do not miss the opportunity to hear from two inspiring speakers! We are extremely lucky to have Nic Frances and Sana Nakata share their insights, experiences and perspectives over two upcoming SALP seminars. All Ambassadors are invited and attendance at both seminars is welcomed. Please arrive promptly.

TUESDAY 19 AUGUST 1-2pm (Rivett Theatre, Redmond Barry Building):

Nic Frances is a world leader in showing how social enterprise can lead the global market agenda to address society's big challenges like climate change and poverty. Nic was the chairman of the Australian company EasyBeingGreen and is currently the CEO of coolnrg. He holds an MBE from the British Government, an Australian Centenary Medal and is a frequent speaker at international events, including the annual World Economic Forum. He has also recently published, 'The End of Charity'.

WEDNESDAY, 20 AUGUST 1-2pm (Rivett Theatre, Redmond Barry Building):

Sana Nakata is an Indigenous University of Melbourne Law graduate (LLB Hons 2006). After completing her Law degree in 2005 she spent some time in the US as an intern for an African-American senator. Sana is currently studying a PhD in Political Science. Sana Nakata touched the hearts of millions of Australians in her opening address to the Australia 2020 Summit told her story of growing up between two Australias - one is a Torres Strait Islander history, the other a white Australian history.

3. University Service opportunities

3.1 VITAL tutors

The Volunteer IT Assisted Learning (VITAL) program aims to introduce senior citizens to basic IT skills. This year, ALG 4 is taking charge of VITAL and is again offering free introductory classes covering basic Internet and word processing skills for both beginners and advanced participants. Tutorials are run on a one-to-one ratio between participants and tutors.

The VITAL coordinators need 20 volunteer tutors.

When: Tuesday 23, Wednesday 24, Thursday 25 September

Time: 9.30am - 12.15pm and/or 1.30pm - 4.15pm

Where: Percy Baxter Collaborative Learning Centre, Baillieu Library, University of Melbourne

IT knowledge: Email/ Internet/ MSN messenger/ Ms word/ Ms publisher(optional)

Volunteers must attend a briefing session a week before the program (details to be confirmed).

Interested? Contact ALG 4 Avril Lim at yyulim@hotmail.com

Nominate 'VITAL tutor – SALP' on the SALP database.

3.2 Student Appeal

The Student Appeal is a student-led fundraising campaign that aims to build awareness of the University's need for philanthropic support. This year we're aiming to raise \$5000 to support student financial aid housing grants and we need YOUR help to do it.

The Student Appeal is all about students supporting students and we are looking for volunteers to promote the Appeal on campus during lunchtime in Semester 2. The Appeal will be officially launched on 19 August. Volunteers will hand out leaflets and speak to people about the Appeal. Training is provided and you will receive a T-shirt. If you can commit to 4+ hours to the Appeal, you will receive a certificate of participation.

As well as making a difference to the University experience of a fellow student, you will also gain experience in fundraising skills which are fast becoming an important part of various industries in Australia. Further information is available at:

<http://www.unimelb.edu.au/giving/student>

Interested? Email student-appeal@unimelb.edu.au

Nominate 'Student Appeal and Thank-a-Thon - Advancement Office' on the SALP database.

3.3 Uni Tour Guide

A Student Ambassador is required to conduct a 1.5 hour University campus tour for a 22-year old student from the Netherlands. The volunteer will be required from 1:30 - 3:00pm on 23 September.

Melbourne International will provide a full briefing.

Interested? Contact Rita at r.manassis@unimelb.edu.au

4. Book Vouchers and Uni Service

If you recently completed a Uni Service activity, received a book voucher and want to claim the hours for SALP, please remember to submit your signed Uni Service card (extra cards can be collected from the SALP office) with the attached voucher, at least 60 days before the vouchers expiry date. The voucher is then donated to a non-profit organisation.

Alternatively, you can keep your book voucher and not claim SALP hours.

And don't forget to nominate on the SALP database so that your hours can be updated.

5. Homeless World Cup Team Liaison Officers

Organisers of the Homeless World Cup are currently looking to recruit volunteers as Team Liaison Officers (TLO). TLOs are required to assist the 50 HWC teams arriving in Melbourne, in particular with language translation. The TLOs will work in shifts to accompany their allocated team to all the events on their HWC schedule. The primary TLO relationship will be with the team manager and coach, who have direct operational responsibility for the team and can speak English.

TLOs must be available for daily shifts (maximum 8 hours) from 30 Nov to 8 December. Organisers are looking for volunteers who are reliable, have good interpersonal and communication skills, can handle high pressure situations, and like to have fun! They are especially keen to recruit people who speak Spanish, French, and African languages.

Interested? Email Zoe at zldauth@unimelb.edu.au who will forward you the relevant forms which must be completed by August 30.

More information? Contact Jill, Julie or Sally at hwcteams@bigissue.org.au or 9658 9941

6. St Vincent de Paul Soup Van volunteers

The St. Vincent de Paul Soup Van operating out of North Melbourne is currently looking for volunteers to help on Saturday nights once a month or as required. As part of the team you'll find yourself providing meals, conversation and friendship to homeless people from a mobile soup van around the CBD fringe. The role may also involve simple food preparation. No prior experience is required.

Interested? Contact Trish on 0488 217 296

7. Youth Activist training

The SEARCH Foundation is initiating a new training program for young activists interested and engaged in left/progressive social change. The dates of the training are Saturday September 13 and Saturday September 20.

The sessions will consist of an inter-generational dialogue and exchange with veteran activists who will share their experiences, knowledge and ideas with younger activists. The veteran activists involved have had considerable experience in successful mass movements, which include: the environment movement, union activism, women's movement, indigenous rights, refugee and asylum seeker campaigns, human rights, as well as many more. Particular skills sharing sessions will also take place, focused on how to organise campaigns and develop strategy and tactics.

This is an opportunity to make some new activist friends, be supported while being active and gaining some insights into progressive political strategies for Australia's future.

Interested? Go to www.search.org.au or email Celine at celinem@search.org.au



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