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1. SALP Graduation

The SALP Graduation function will be held to recognise the achievements of Student Ambassadors from the 2007 intake. Professor Pip Pattison (Chair of the Leadership Program Advisory Board) invites all SALPers to the event which will be attended by staff from across the University (including Senior Executive and Faculty Deans), Student Ambassadors and community representatives.

When: Wednesday, 8 October (5 – 7pm)

Where: Executive Lounge, 1st Floor, Alan Gilbert Building

RSVP - Email Zoe zldauth@unimelb.edu.au by Wednesday, 1 October

2. Uni Service Opportunities

i) SALP Graduation volunteers

Four volunteers are required to assist with the SALP Graduation Function on Wednesday October 8. Volunteers must be available from 3 – 7pm to assist with the set-up of the venue, meeting and greeting staff, packing up and other general tasks.

Interested? Email Rita r.manassis@unimelb.edu.au by Friday 3 October

Nominate 'SALP Various Activities' on the database.

ii) SALP focus groups – the good, the bad and the ugly...

This year, ALG 10 is undertaking a major SALP review. The focus of the review will be on this year's SALP training series (including Welcome Day, seminars, ALG processes, etc).

Focus group volunteers are required between 1-2pm during the following days:

Tuesday, 21 October

Wednesday, 22 October

Tuesday, 28 October

Wednesday, 29 October

Your feedback is critical to the further development of SALP. If you have comments, ideas and suggestions on how to improve SALP this is your chance to have a say! All feedback will be treated confidentially (LIVE staff will not be present during the focus groups).

Interested? Email Zoe zldauth@unimelb.edu.au with your preferred day by 14 October.

iii) Future Students Website – postcards needed

The Future Students website is being redesigned and we want postcards from you to make it vibrant and fun! Each postcard should be about this long (150 words max) and be about something you're passionate about (a club, a trip, Uni events) and should be accompanied by a photo of you and your subject.

Questions? Email Michelle van Kampen at mjvk@unimelb.edu.au

Nominate 'Melbourne Uni promotion' on the SALP database.

4. Volunteering in the disability and elderly sector

The LIVE Unit's Student Volunteer Resource Service is running an information session on volunteering in disability services and supporting older people.

When: Wednesday 8 October (12.45 - 2pm)

Where: Chemistry-Cumming Theatre, Room 178

Interested? Go to Volunteers Online to register.

<http://www.volunteersonline.unimelb.edu.au/StudentLogin.aspx>

5. World Mental Health Day Forum

All SALPers are invited to attend the Office of the Provost's Student-Staff Forum with Professor Harry Minas, Director of the Centre for International Mental Health.

The forum 'Mental Health in the Developing World: towards citizen advocacy and action' is part of Mental Health Week, 6-10 October 2008. www.unimelb.edu.au/diversity/mentalhealthweek

When? Friday, 10 October (1-2pm)

Where? Public Lecture Theatre, Old Arts Building

6. Anxiety and Depression Awareness (ADA) Month

October is *beyondblue* Anxiety and Depression Awareness (ADA) month. It's an opportunity for workplaces, community groups and individuals to take part in activities to raise awareness of anxiety and depression and help reduce the associated stigma.

Depression is common and can affect anyone at any time for many different reasons. More than one million people in Australia experience depression, anxiety or related alcohol and drug problems each year www2.youthbeyondblue.com/ybblue

ABC Australian Story recently featured a story on Hannah Modra, a young girl who suffered from depression. She came from a close-knit Melbourne family and was a committed Christian. But within the pages of her diary, she kept a secret that ultimately took her life. <http://www.abc.net.au/austory/specials/leastlikely/default.htm>

Stay tuned for more information about the 'Wear Blue' Day to raise awareness and understanding of depression in the University.

7. UniBreak Program - Discover the world. Make a difference.

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.

Check out www.antipodeans.com.au for more information.

Interested? Contact Kirsten Cunningham kirsten@antipodeans.com.au (02) 9413 1522

8. time2rock

time2rock is a new nationwide initiative to encourage Australians to give two hours of their time to a worthwhile community-focused cause. Volunteers will be rewarded for their efforts with amazing musical content and tickets to exclusive concerts. Sorrento is to be one of three locations to host a concert featuring top-of-the-charts acts End of Fashion and Plug in City.

Check out www.time2rock.com.au for more information

9. Youth Central Survey

The Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission have launched a survey on youth central for all young people 25 years and under. They want to know what you think about the right to participate and to have a say.

Go to: <http://www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au/Know+Your+Rights/Human+Rights+survey/>

10. Are you a Green Ambassador?

2008 Commonwealth Bank Green Ambassador Awards will acknowledge Aussies aged 16-30 who are championing green initiatives across Oz.

Nominate online: www.commbank.com.au/greenambassadors

Applications close 24 October

11. Australian Youth Climate Coalition

Does climate change stir you? Do you want to actively participate in the fight for a greener future? Get involved with the Australian Youth Climate Coalition (AYCC)!

AYCC's mission is to build a generation-wide movement to solve the climate crisis, through uniting diverse youth organisations around this common challenge. Through their member groups, they inspire, educate, empower and mobilise young Australians to take action on climate change. AYCC coordinate, communicate and network with each other, and run shared projects and campaigns.

Check out www.youthclimatecoalition.org for more information.

12. World Aids Day volunteers required

December 1 each year is recognised internationally as World AIDS Day. World AIDS Day is preceded by AIDS Awareness Week, which begins on November 24.

The aim of World AIDS Day and AIDS Awareness Week is to raise consciousness in the community about HIV/AIDS issues, including the need for support and understanding for people living with HIV/AIDS, and the need for education and prevention initiatives.

Volunteers are required by the Vic Aids Council www.vicaids.asn.au to assist with the distribution and tracking of World AIDS Day resources; offer support for the Fundraising & Volunteer Coordinator and promote World AIDS Day Street Appeal, Friday November 28
OR

Run a self-managed project such as the Street Appeal Volunteer Recruitment Project or the AIDS Awareness and Merchandise Distribution Project.

Interested? Contact Zoe zldauth@unimelb.edu.au OR Sarah Collins sarah_collins@vicaids.asn.au 9865 6700



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