



Thursday 4 September

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1. Volunteer Information Sessions

The LIVE Unit's Student Volunteer Resource Service www.services.unimelb.edu.au/live/svrs/ is running a series of information sessions on volunteering in the community.

Learn about the great deal of personal satisfaction that you can gain from volunteering in disability services and supporting older people.

When: Wednesday 8 October (12.45 - 2pm)

Where: Chemistry-Cumming Theatre, Room 178

Interested? Go to <http://www.volunteersonline.unimelb.edu.au/StudentLogin.aspx> to register.

2. University Service opportunities

i) VCE Summer School

MU Student Union Ltd. VCE Summer School is a comprehensive, two-week program held annually in January. The program is designed to provide students from a range of disadvantaged schools and backgrounds with an inspiring and practical introduction to their VCE years. Dates for the 2009 Program are 12—23 January 2009.

VCE Summer School would not be able to run effectively without the work of volunteer tutors,. Committed people are required to fulfil an array of duties crucial to the success of the program. Applications for all positions close Monday, 7 September
Applications for Subject Tutors close on Monday, 27 October

Interested? Go to www.union.unimelb.edu.au/summerschool to download position descriptions and application forms.

Questions? Contact Stanley on 8344 8204 or summerschool@union.unimelb.edu.au

ii) Melbourne International Guides

Melbourne International requires volunteers to provide prospective students visiting from overseas with a guided tour and insights into the University of Melbourne from a student perspective.

If you would like to meet people from around the world, have a positive and welcoming disposition towards potential students and have a general knowledge of what the campus offers, you could be an official Melbourne International guide.

Volunteers must attend a briefing on Friday, 17 September (1-2pm).

Interested? Contact Zoe at zldauth@unimelb.edu.au to register your interest.

iii) Chinese SALPer required

Graduate Careers & Employment Expos will be held in Beijing and Shanghai this October. These Expos offer new graduates who have returned to China an opportunity to meet and network with key employers, industry representatives and recruiters.

The University's Advancement Office is seeking a SALPer who is fluent in Mandarin and from mainland China to help the University secure attendance by key employers at these Expos. The role involves phoning listed companies in China to invite their participation, providing companies with an overview of the events and the benefit of meeting with graduates (a script will be provided!)

The volunteer would be required for 4 hours on Thursday 11 OR Friday 12 September and would need to attend a briefing on Tuesday 9 September.

Interested? Email Annie at atre@unimelb.edu.au by 2pm Friday 5 September.

IV) SALP evaluation project

We need 10 committed volunteers to work on a SALP evaluation project. Volunteers will be required to design their own evaluation instruments, gather data from a sample of respondents and submit their evaluation findings to the SALP Office. As well as completing Uni Service over a few weeks, volunteers will be provided with a certificate acknowledging their work.

Volunteers need to attend two briefings on Thursday 11 AND Friday 12 September (1-2pm).

Interested? Email Hussain at s.hussain3@pgrad.unimelb.edu.au

3. Comedy Fundraiser - Stand up for those who can't

This year's ALG 23 is fundraising and awareness-raising for Youngcare - an Australian organisation supporting young people with severe disabilities in nursing homes.

As part of their project, they are organising a fantastic night of comedy for a good cause and are inviting you along!

When: 16 September from 7:30pm

Where: Dan O'Connell Hotel, 225 Canning Street, Carlton

Tickets: \$10

Interested? Email alg230@gmail.com or searching *Facebook* for ALG 23

4. Green Ribbon Project – China Earthquake

The Green Ribbon Project is a community engagement initiative of this year's ALG 12. The aim is to remember the victims of the May Chinese earthquake and to raise \$35,000 to donate to Project Hope to build a school in China. Early next year, a public human-chain ribbon event will be held as part of the wider awareness-raising campaign. Corporate donations for the campaign will go towards the school-building fund.

ALG 12 is currently looking for volunteers to assist with networking, advertising, advocacy and with various activities on the day of the ribbon event.

Interested? Contact Chantel on 0412 932 404 or c.mapperson@ugrad.unimelb.edu.au

5. Let's Talk!

Would you like to improve your English conversation skills? Or would you like to learn a new language, like Japanese, Korean, Mandarin, Spanish, Thai, Indonesian or Persian? Are you new to Australia, and want to find out a bit more about Melbourne? Or are you planning to travel, and want to get some 'local' facts about the countries you're going to?

If YES, then come along to the 'Let's Talk' Conversation Club (LTCC)! The LTCC is one of this year's ALG projects and is a group of people from around the world who meet weekly to practice speaking their non-native languages. Through chatting and listening, they learn about each other's cultures, and their speaking skills improve greatly as well! They also do things like go out for dinner together and organise trips to explore the city. This is your place to meet new people, make friends, and improve your language skills!

Interested? Email letstalk.bysalp@gmail.com or call Anchana 0448 487 972

6. Join the High Resolves Initiative

The High Resolves Initiative program www.highresolves.org/ aims to create a critical mass of today's youth, to develop the desire, the skills, the creativity and the confidence to accomplish what previous generations have failed to do: acting with solidarity in the collective interest of humanity.

You can volunteer as a Global Leadership Fellow to teach high school students about how their choices create their world. For more information attend the High Resolves info session on campus.

When: Tuesday 9 September (1-2pm)

Where: Baldwin Spencer Theatre, Level 1, Baldwin Spencer Building

7. World Indigenous Peoples Conference – Volunteers required

The World Indigenous Peoples Conference: Education (WIPC:E) is a triennial conference of international significance that attracts peoples from around the globe to celebrate and share diverse cultures, traditions and knowledge with a focus on world Indigenous education. This year, WIPC:E will be held in Melbourne on 7- 11 December.

Conference Volunteers will be provided with training, a Certificate III in Volunteering and food during the event. Applications close 12 September.

Interested? Go to <http://www.wipce2008.com/> to download the application form or contact April Clarke on 9486 1599

8. Rotary Youth Leadership Award

Young people aged 18 - 25 interested in learning more about themselves, developing their leadership skills and having fun can apply for the 2008 Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) program. RYLA is a seven-day residential leadership and personal development program that brings together young people from a diverse range of backgrounds to gain a better understanding of their strengths and the unique qualities and abilities of others.

The 2008 program will take place from 6 - 12 December. Each participant is sponsored by a Victorian Rotary Club ensuring the program is at no cost to those who attend. Transportation to and from the outer Metropolitan venue is also provided.

Interested? Go to www.ryla9800.org.au or contact your local Rotary Club.

9. Invitation for Your Brain

Future Leaders in partnership with Melbourne Conversations invites you to attend a free brain-stimulating conversation.

Dr Norman Doidge, author of best selling book *The Brain That Changes Itself* will explain his research and relay personal stories of great achievement against the odds. Local brain scientists Professor Fred Mendelsohn AO and Ms Emma Burrows will also discuss the latest research with ABC Radio National's Natasha Mitchell, presenter of *All in the Mind*.

When: Wednesday 10 September (5.30-7.30pm)
Where: BMW Edge, Federation Square

10. Friends of Kolkata Scholarship Programme

Friends of Kolkata (FoK) www.friendsofkolkata.org works in partnership with an Indian not-for-profit organisation named the Institute of Social Work (ISW) to prevent poverty in India from being a barrier between students and their future goals. In 2006, FoK started sponsoring girls attending a tuition centre run by ISW, located in Kidderpore, a slum area in Kolkata city, and have been providing funds for 21 students to complete their studies. For only AUD\$200-350 a year, a student can pay tuition fees for study and afford transport, clothes and books.

FoK is currently urgently seeking sponsors for girls and boys living in Kolkata, who are unable to study because of poverty and gender discrimination. Support from the programme allows students to continue their studies where this would otherwise have not been possible, but this year they have not yet reached their target of sponsoring 10 girls.

Interested? Contact Beth King at scholarships@friendsofkolkata.org or 0407 504 456 for more information about the program.



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