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### 1. Welcome to the 2008 SALPers!

160 lively and enthusiastic students make up the 2008 SALP intake. This year we kicked off with Welcome Day on Saturday 19 April. Ambassadors met their ALG members and facilitators and took part in a range of team building activities. Thanks to everyone involved in making it a great day, particularly SALP volunteers for putting on a plentiful BBQ lunch.

### 2. Community Volunteer Fair

The Community Volunteer Fair is on again! This annual event offers a great opportunity for SALPers to find out more about voluntary work and connect with organizations offering a diverse range of volunteer experiences. This year, more than 60 not-for-profit organisations will be represented including, Australian Red Cross, Fitzroy Learning Network, People Outdoors and Starlight Children's Foundation.

When: Thursday, 8 May (12-3pm)

Where: Wilson Hall, Parkville campus

See you at the Fair!

### 3. Working with Children checks

All people working or volunteering with children must apply for a Working with Children check. The process can take 3-8 weeks so SALPers who want to volunteer/work with children under 18 years, should register for this process as soon as possible to decrease delays when joining a volunteer program. The process can be started through an Australia Post Office.

For more information you can access the Department of Justice website and follow the links:

<http://www.justice.vic.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/Working+With+Children/Home/>

### 4. Get connected – Project Australia

Project Australia are a group of young Aussies who seek to "connect Australians to new ideas, people, & projects through online discussions, action nights & project databases". They seek greater participation in projects that strengthen Australian communities and believe that the more we are all actively involved in creating our shared future, the brighter it will be.

Check out how you can get involved by visiting their website: [www.projectaustralia.org.au](http://www.projectaustralia.org.au)

## 5. Uni service opportunities

### 5.1 Join PandA

Each year, the PandA (Programs and Activities) team plans and runs a calendar of social events for all ambassadors. SALP needs a bunch of PandA team members to get the party started for 2008. If you love organising social events and getting people together, then we need you.

Interested? Contact PandA leader, Zeljka Sabo at [zsabo@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:zsabo@unimelb.edu.au)

Nominate: 'SALP Team Work' on the SALP database.

### 5.2 International Relations Office

The International Relations Office [www.iro.unimelb.edu.au/](http://www.iro.unimelb.edu.au/) currently needs volunteers for the following activities:

1. Six Australian SALPers to participate in a welcome BBQ for students from Vanderbilt University, Nashville, USA. The Vanderbilt students are in Melbourne for a one-month study abroad project on 'Sustainable Water Resource Development in Australia'.  
When: Thursday 8 May OR Monday 12 May (12pm – 2pm)

2. Volunteering with the office on the International Visitors Program. The Office is seeking 8 to 10 SALP students to assist with senior level international visits to the University (Heads of diplomatic missions, foreign government executive and university representatives). You may have an interest in a certain country/region, and/or are interested generally in diplomacy and event management.

Interested? Contact Christine Eckhardt at [eckhardt@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:eckhardt@unimelb.edu.au) or 8344 4557 right NOW!

Nominate: 'Delegation Visits' on the SALP database.

### 5.3 International Pre-Departure Briefings

The purpose of Pre-departure briefings is to introduce new and prospective international students to life in campus and in Melbourne before their arrival.

International Student Services are seeking current or completing students who are already planning to return to, or visit one of the countries below to assist with Pre-departure Briefings on the following dates:

- Singapore: Saturday 28 June
- Kuala Lumpur: Sunday 29 June
- Bangkok: Sunday 29 June (TBC)

Volunteers must attend ONE VOLUNTEER GROUP INTERVIEW which will be held on either:

- Wednesday 21 May (1-2pm) at Alice Hoy 316
- Thursday 22 May (1-2pm) at Alice Hoy 210

Successful applicants will need to attend one hour training session which will be held on the following week.

Interested? Register online at <http://iss-forms.acs.unimelb.edu.au/volunteer.aspx>

Under 'Reason to Volunteer' section, state which interview session that you can attend.

For more information contact Cindy Chandra at [chandrac@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:chandrac@unimelb.edu.au)

Nominate: 'Pre-departure briefings' on the SALP database

## 6. Community Engagement opportunities

### 6.1 TAX Help

The Australian Taxation Offices Tax Help Program provides assistance to taxpayers on low incomes with their individual tax returns.

Two volunteers are required to assist on campus. Full training will be provided on campus by the Australian Taxation office on May 20.

Interested? Contact Ben McCarthy at [mcb@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:mcb@unimelb.edu.au)

### **6.2 Ethiopian Community Association (ECA)**

The Ethiopian Community Association urgently requires volunteer tutors to run tutorial classes in English, Maths and Science for year 9 to 12 students from disadvantaged backgrounds. Volunteer tutors are required to help once a week and possibly on a Saturday from 2-4pm at Level 2, 289 Barkley Street Footscray

Interested? Contact: Meaza Abetted at [meaza.abetew@gmail.com](mailto:meaza.abetew@gmail.com)

### **6.3 SYN FM**

A volunteer is required to produce and co-present a radio program for SYN FM (located at RMIT in the city). The volunteer will assist to prepare and host a weekly radio show. The program's aim is to provide music and in particular to present various issues and activities available and of interest to the disabled community.

Duties include attending training, preparing and submitting a Demo, researching and scripting the weekly program material (which can be carried out in the volunteer's home) and presenting the weekly program.

Please forward expressions of interest to Flora Chew on 9882 4806, 0422-007-275 or email [f.chew@bigpond.net.au](mailto:f.chew@bigpond.net.au)

### **6.4 Jesuit Social Services' African Project**

Jesuit Social Services runs an African Project based at the Flemington high-rise flats in Racecourse Rd on a Wednesday and Thursday evening from 5pm-7pm.

Volunteers are needed to tutor students with their homework, assignments and computer skills. The children mainly originate from the Horn of Africa and most have arrived here under refugee status. Their lives have been a real challenge on virtually every level and school is no exception.

Interested? Contact Paul Huggett, on 9427 7388 or email [paul.huggett@jss.org.au](mailto:paul.huggett@jss.org.au)

## **7. More Volunteer Opportunities**

For more volunteer opportunities, log on to Volunteers Online:  
[www.volunteersonline.unimelb.edu.au/](http://www.volunteersonline.unimelb.edu.au/)



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