

Volunteer Coordinator Network Meeting

Start time: 27 July 2020 from 2.30pm – 4pm

Location: Remotely via Zoom

Chair: Toni McSherry

Facilitators: Nigel Barber, Peshang Arkawazi

1. Aims and objectives of VCN meeting in general covered by **Toni McSherry, Chair.**
 - Share good practice with other volunteer coordinators in Westminster
 - Find out about your current volunteer needs and if support is required for recruiting
2. Our CEO, Jackie Rosenberg gave a talk about the development and the future of the Westminster volunteering programme.
 - Gave a close understanding of the main aims and objectives of the Westminster Connect Service
 - How the Westminster Connect Service could provide support relating to future recruitment of volunteers for Westminster Volunteer Involving Organisations
3. Round robin introduction ran by **Toni McSherry, Chair given the attendees the turn to answer below questions:**
 - What your current needs with recruiting volunteers
 - What current roles do you need promoted
 - How many volunteers do you need for each role

To sum up the above questions:

- In general, most of face-to-face roles were paused or lapsed because of the restrictions.
- Current roles to be promoted: Food/medication Delivery, telephone befriending, running online activities and admin role from home, wellbeing chat volunteering role
- Most organisations are satisfied with their current capacity and have enough volunteers to cover current need because of the limits of volunteering roles.
- Current situation made volunteer coordination and retaining a challenging and confusing effort for many organisations.

4. **National Volunteers's week video clip was isplayed and shared:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tcpOon71yBM&feature=youtu.be>

5. **News and Updates**
 - Do-it Website
 - Introduction to volunteering programme
 - Gardening days
 - Other Training Opportunities

6. Network - Open discussion

- Future Network meetings – planning on having a speaker to present on:
 1. **Social Media** and how to keep our company present
 2. Or Do-it/ new Eco system

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