

## 9 May 2019 Volunteer Coordinators' Network Meeting

### Aim of the network:

- Provide support on common issues that Volunteer Coordinators (VC) experience
- Provide good practice and resources on volunteer recruitment and management
- Provide relevant training for VCs

### Actions from previous network meeting:

- Circulating minutes
- Next meeting time and location TBC ASAP
- Information regarding chair nominations to be sent out
- The theme of our next session will be 'Retaining Volunteers: How to appreciate and recognize your volunteers'
- Share a description of the organisations that attended
- Online registration for the following network to be sent out

### Minutes:

18 organizations were present. Apologies from Matt Hatt.

1. Guest speakers: **Shelly Galea** from **ValueYou** and **Maria Agiomyrgiannaki** from **Tempo (Time Credits)**. Discussion about the importance of recognising volunteers.
2. Discussion about different methods to make Volunteers' Week in June a great success. Ideas included:
  - Outreach; Libraries, Job Centre, Educational institutions etc.
  - Organising talks/presentations about volunteering at formal events such as Citizenship ceremony
  - Attending Groundwork's Volunteer Fair
  - Inquiring about booking stands at different community fairs/events
  - Liaise with existing charities or organisations that work with people who are unemployed or work part-time
3. **Matt Hatt** from **Imperial Health Charity** appointed as Chair and **Toni McSherry** from **Home Start** as Vice Chair gave short presentations about their careers to date.
4. Upcoming topics and events:
  - Managing Challenging Volunteers
  - Team London website – new layout
  - One Westminster Volunteer's Fair

### Action plan:

- Circulate minutes
- Circulate slides from previous presentation on Recruiting & Retaining volunteers

- Circulate guest speaker's contact details
- The theme of our next session will be on Volunteer Recruitment 'An Introduction to DBS'
- The next network meeting is on **Wednesday, 11 Sep 2019** at 37 Chapel St, NW1 5DP
- Online registration for the next network to be sent out