



THE CANADIAN CODE FOR VOLUNTEER INVOLVEMENT TRAINING PROJECT LAUNCHED IN ONTARIO

FREE TRAINING AVAILABLE FOR EARLY APPLICANTS

St. Catharines, Ontario – November 23, 2017 - The **Ontario Volunteer Centre Network** (OVCN) is pleased to announce the introduction of their new training project based on the Canadian Code for Volunteer Involvement (CCVI), which will provide training and tools to support volunteer engagement across Ontario. The Canadian Code for Volunteer Involvement was created by Volunteer Canada, and provides guiding principles and standards of practice for organizations that engage volunteers. Volunteer involvement is fundamental to building strong and vital communities, and the CCVI supports organizations to establish effective volunteer involvement strategies and practices that meet the needs of the organization and its volunteers.

Originally launched in 2001 by Volunteer Canada, the 2017 release of the CCVI contains updated standards, reflects the current social context and incorporates a more streamlined format. In addition to the updated CCVI, Volunteer Canada has revised the online Code Audit tool to help organizations assess and analyze the way they involve volunteers.

With the launch of the 2017 edition of the CCVI, the Ontario Volunteer Centre Network in partnership with Volunteer Canada, Volunteer Toronto, Volunteer MBC and People in Information Network, will be launching the rollout of their training program across Ontario starting today.

In Ontario, a grant from the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration will allow for early applicants to receive free training on the CCVI, along with access to the Code Audit tool that accompanies the code. To support the rollout across Ontario, OVCN has built an online learning centre that will host the learning modules which allows for easy access and convenient training. Volunteer Centres across Ontario have also been trained on the Canadian Code for Volunteer Involvement and will be able to provide in person training for their local communities.

Subsidies are available to organizations in Ontario, which will grant them access to the CCVI training, free of charge, and access to the Code Audit tool for one year. The subsidies are available on a first-come, first-serve basis and organizations are encouraged to apply early.

Apply Now to Receive Free CCVI Training

The application only takes 2 minutes to fill out and is available at: bit.ly/freecvvi

To find out more about this unique and exciting training opportunity, please contact your local Volunteer Centre or call OVCN directly.

About OVCN

The Ontario Volunteer Centre Network (OVCN) provides a provincial network and voice to strengthen the individual and collective ability of Volunteer Centres in Ontario, to promote and develop volunteerism.

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