

Calendar of Events

September 23, 2024
- October 11, 2024

ALIVE Membership Voting for Board members and Bylaw revisions Sept 23- Oct 11

All day long

Members will be emailed a link specifically for them on September 23. You can learn more about our candidates here.

October 9, 2024

AmeriCorps Seniors COP

03:00 PM - 04:00 PM EST

This COP is for those managing an AmeriCorps Seniors program(s) as a grantee or sponsor. This includes Foster Grandparent Program (FGP), RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program), and SCP (Senior Companion Program. Join us as we are a sounding board for sharing best practices and resources that are unique to federal grants and the older volunteers we work alongside.

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October 9, 2024

CVA Credential Information Session

Virtual event using Zoom

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM EST

Ashley Rieser, 14129308048

outreach@cvacert.org

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October 10, 2024

Faith Based COP

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

Faith Based Volunteer Programs - 1 Pm Eastern

This will be beneficial for anyone who is involved in faith based volunteer programs. There will be open discussion, topics presented for discussion and time to share training information and resources. Some of the topics we will cover are: Recruiting today's volunteers, Managing today's volunteers, and Leading today's volunteers.

Your thoughts and experiences are valued. We can learn so much from each other!

2024 Dates: June 13, Aug 8, Oct 10, Dec 12

2025 Dates: Feb 13, April 10

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October 10, 2024

Mastering Google Drive and Canva

Online - zoom invite will be sent after registration

09:00 AM - 10:30 AM EST

Christopher Auerbach-Brown, (216) 286 - 8614

Christopher.Auerbach-Brown@UHHospitals.org

Join this interactive workshop where we will dive deep into the world of Google Drive and Canva to empower you with the skills needed to streamline your projects. This workshop, led by Holly Bhatt CVA, is designed to enhance your marketing and organization skills. Google Drive highlights include exploring collaborative Google Doc features for real-time editing and feedback, exploring the many uses of Google Forms, and understanding sharing settings. Canva highlights include creating eye-catching visual content, learning to utilize many of the shortcut features, and mastering design elements, such as layouts, fonts, color schemes. No matter what level you are, we hope you will become better equipped with the knowledge and skills to use both programs to their full potential!

(Holly Bhatt)

October 15, 2024

Rural Programs COP (managing programs in Rural or Frontier Communities)

02:00 PM - 03:00 PM EST

This virtual Community of Practice supports volunteer engagement professionals managing programs in and across rural communities. These monthly peer-to-peer sessions address some of the challenges that come with operating in geographic areas with lower population numbers and that are located outside of more suburban and urban areas. Members use these sessions to troubleshoot issues, to give and receive support, and to share strategies, best practices, and resources for effective volunteer program management.

2024 Meetings will be held (All times 2 PM Eastern):

January 16, February 20, March 19,

April 16, May 21, June 18,

July 16, August 20, September 17,

October 15, November 19, December 17

To register for these dates, see the link below.

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October 17, 2024

Volunteer Programs in Local Government COP

02:00 PM - 03:00 PM EST

Let's talk about Government volunteer programs. This community of practice discusses the challenge and successes of operating a volunteer program within a government structure.

All times 2 PM Eastern for 1 hour.

2024: Jan 18, April 18, July 18, Oct 17

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NEW! Disability COP

This COP is for those leading volunteerism within the field of disability. Our conversations are aimed at prioritizing issues aimed at improving the lives and rights of those disabled. It's at the heart of why we do what we do.

We'll compare & contrast best practices helping each other shine.

We'll speak to the benefits of volunteering for a disability organization as well as helping those who are disabled volunteer.

We'll share what disability organizations wish others understood while recognizing that intersectionality and language matters.

Each month, we'll host different topics and perhaps guest speakers tailoring this COP to meet our needs. Join us!

Meeting monthly – the third Thursday each month – at 2 pm EST/1 pm CST/12 pm MST/11 am PST

For 2024, JUN 20; JUL 18; AUG 15; SEP 19; OCT 17; NOV 14; DEC 19.

Starting in 2025 with JAN 16

Facilitated by Mark Heffner, CVA (He/Him)

New York - Atlantic Region

Volunteer Engagement Coordinator at ADAPT Community Network (formally United Cerebral Palsy NYC)

Mark has led volunteers for more than 20 years in the areas of cancer, diabetes, HIV/AIDS, and homelessness. prior to choosing volunteerism as his career, Mark taught Special Education for those who are disable or differently abled. In his current role, he is able to do both! His role was created to build a volunteer program with serve those with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities in an agency setting.

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Book Club COP - click to see all dates & titles

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM EST

Book club: We cover a different book every two months. Titles are voted on by the group.

All 2024 Dates: third Friday of the Month: July 19, Aug 16, Sept 20, Oct 18, Nov 15, Dec 20, Jan 17, Feb 21

Titles:

July 19/August 16- Spark the Heart: Engineering Empathy in the Workplace, Dr. Nicole Price

<https://drnicoleprice.com/book/>

September 20 /October 18 - Micro Activism: How You Can Make a Difference in the World Without a Bullhorn, Omkari L. Williams

<https://www.omkariwilliams.com/the-book>

November 15 /December 20 - The Art of Holding Space: A Practice of Love, Liberation, and Leadership, Heather Plett

<https://centreforholdingspace.com/the-art-of-holding-space/>

January 16 /February 21- The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World, Robin Wall Kimmerer (available for pre-order now)

<https://www.robinwallkimmerer.com/books>

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Animal Welfare COP

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

Meetings will be held bimonthly (every 2 months) with the first meeting on Wednesday, April 28th at 8-9pm ET (5-6pm PT). Following meetings will be 10 AM Pacific, 1 PM Eastern:

2024: February 22, April 26, June 28, Aug 23, Oct 25, Dec 27

The COP - Animal Welfare is designed to include a broad range of animal welfare organizations such as animal shelters, rescue groups, foster-based programs, sanctuaries, direct care for animals, and humane education programs. The objective of this COP is to connect volunteer engagement professionals within these organizations to share resources and best practices. This informal venue encourages open discussions for anyone seeking or offering advice in tackling the unique challenges facing volunteer leaders in the animal welfare field.

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Volunteer Managers Hybrid Conference (VMHC) "Creating Influence In Your Organization: Thi

Varies depending on time zone

Volunteer Managers Hybrid Conference (VMHC)

"Creating Influence In Your Organization: Thinking Beyond A Seat At The Table"

October 22, 2024 Pacific/Mountain time zones

What is a Hybrid Conference?

Our presenters and crew present the them in a unique and fun way. We 'live stream' direct to you with an opportunity to discuss and share locally and internationally throughout the day. This one-day conference is presented two separate days to accommodate time zones in North America. Nearly 50 remote locations in the US, Australia, and Canada participate with nearly 1000 attendees over the two-day period during past conferences.

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Individual registrants will be hosted by representatives from AL!VE and VMPC, and small group discussions will be in similiar cohorts.

Registration will open in May 2024; to join an informational mailing list with updates starting in February 2024 please register via the button on the left.

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October 29, 2024

AL!VE Member Webinar - All are welcome! October 29, 2 PM Eastern

02:00 PM - 02:30 PM EST

Meet your peers and colleagues at an AL!VE Member webinar!

October 29, 2 PM Eastern

In this 30 minute call, we will highlight:

Member benefits

Resources & where to find them

Associations goals for 2024

Discuss what's happening in the field on a regional or national level

Bring your own topic - have a question you need to discuss? We're happy to connect.

All members are invited to attend! Considering membership? You're also welcome to attend to learn more.

Can't make this meeting? Check our calendar for the next date. They are about six weeks apart.

We look forward to seeing you online!

October 30, 2024

Local Association COP 2024: March 27, June 26, September 25, Summit Oct 30

01:00 PM - 02:30 PM EST

Local Associations Communities of Practice

Join your peers involved in your local association (DOVIA, AVA, etc)

Q1 COP

Date: Wednesday, March 27, 10am PT/1pm ET

Topic: Membership recruitment, increasing participation, and AL!VE benefits

Subtopics: Reduced fees, scholarships, who are the stakeholders to contact and recruit for membership

Q2 COP

Date: Wednesday, June 26, 10am PT/1pm ET

Topic: Meeting and event planning/refresh

Subtopics: Event varieties (breakfasts, coffee hours, mid-day, happy hours, book clubs, professional development training, networking), out of the box ideas, planning calendars, increased costs

Q3 COP

Date: Wednesday, September 25, 10am PT/1pm ET

Topic: Board Insurance, Liability & Risk Management

Subtopics: Board insurance basics, why it is important; liability issues and oversight, risk management issues for Local Associations

5th Annual Summit

Date: Wednesday, October 30, 10am PT/1pm ET

Topics: Round table topics to be voted on by registrants

2023 topics can be found in the members only area, under Resources/File Archive and include:

Financial and Legal –

Financial Frameworks

Board Insurance

Fundraising

Marketing and Outreach

Communications and Networking

Member Recruitment and Benefits

Program Planning and Event Logistics

Succession Planning

Leadership Implementation and Sustainability

Board Structure and Support

Administrative Framework and Removing Barriers

AL!VE local association members can invite as many attendees as they like; within this registration you can register everyone.

You can access these Local Association COP past recordings in the file archive section on the members only page.

October 30, 2024

How to Improve Your Volunteer Recruitment Journey

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM AEST

From our Sponsor Better Impact:

October 30, 2024

12:00pm - 1:00pm Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST) / Melbourne Time

How to Improve Your Volunteer Recruitment Journey

In this webinar Christine will guide you through some of the key principles of Lean Six Sigma and share practical steps you can take today to improve the volunteer recruitment journey.

Presented by Christine Stankowski, Flutterby | REGISTER NOW

Attend live to earn Professional Development Units (PDUs).

October 31, 2024

Volunteer Management Software for Enterprise-Structured Organizations

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM GMT

October 31st, 2024

11:00am - 12:00pm Greenwich Mean Time (GMT)

Volunteer Management Software for Enterprise-Structured Organizations

Join this webinar to explore Better Impact's Volunteer Impact Enterprise Edition – volunteer management software.

Presented by Daniel Green | REGISTER NOW

Attend live to earn Professional Development Units (PDUs).

November 4, 2024

Museums & Cultural Institutions COP

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM EST

Museums & Cultural Institutions Community of Practice:

This is an ALIVE Communities of Practice for those managing volunteers in museums, galleries, cultural and arts centers. Join us as we discuss and share insights and experiences that we are all having in the arts education/enrichment communities. COVID has posed certain challenges and changes for us all so let's rely on each other for ideas and inspiration! This will be a time for networking, sharing ideas, asking questions, and brainstorming with your peers.

Note, new dates & times

2024: Jan 18, Mar 21, May 13, July 15, September 16- all dates Noon Eastern

May 13 - Part of our discussion will be a AAMV conference preview

July 15 - Part of our discussion will be an AAMV conference recap

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You can learn more here.

November 4, 2024

Education & Reading Programs COP

03:00 PM - 04:00 PM EST

Education & Reading Programs Community of Practice is a group of professionals with the interest of improving reading levels for youth and adults. We convene bimonthly to offer support, share best practices, provide a safe space for discussion, and networking.

For more information contact Brandy Tolbert, Facilitator. Register from our calendar on the next available date.

2024: February 20, April 16, June 18, September 9, November 4

2025: January 6, March 3, May 5, July 7

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November 5, 2024

Food Banks COP

03:00 PM - 04:00 PM EST

Join your peers for discussions for those who manage food banks, hunger organizations, or nutrition programs. This COP will meet Monthly on the first Tuesday @ 3 PM Eastern. See dates below.

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2024 Dates:

Jan 2

Feb 6

Mar 5

Apr 2

May 7

Jun 4

Jul 2

Aug 6

Sep 3

Oct 1

Nov 5

Dec 3

For more information, contact facilitator Elizabeth Garrabrant.

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November 5, 2024

Is Volunteer Impact the right software for your volunteer organization?

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

From our sponsor, Better Impact:

November 5, 2024

10:00am - 11:00 am Pacific Standard Time (PST) / 1:00pm - 2:00pm Eastern Standard Time (EST)

Is Volunteer Impact the right software for your volunteer organization?

Get in the know about the many ways THIS volunteer management software (VMS) solution can make you smile!

Presented by Amy Weiner | REGISTER NOW

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November 5, 2024

International Volunteer Managers Day

All day long

International Volunteer Managers Day! Learn more at www.volunteermanagersday.org

Mission / Statement of Values

We celebrate the profession of volunteer leadership because:

Volunteer Managers have the skills and knowledge to help people be part of the solution in meeting community needs. Even in cynical times, they practice the art of the possible.

Volunteer Managers change lives — both the lives of volunteers themselves and of those served by well-led volunteers. It is a life-changing profession. Volunteer managers provide the leadership and direction that allows people to build a good and just society and to mend the social fabric. Without professional leadership, people's time, talents and efforts could be wasted.

A well-run volunteer program shows the community, including potential donors, that the organization is not afraid of public scrutiny and involvement and endeavors to make the most efficient use of monetary assets.

Well-led volunteers become an advocacy and public relations force for an agency or program — a force no amount of money could buy.

November 6, 2024

Advisory Boards & Committees COP

03:00 PM - 04:00 PM EST

The Advisory Boards & Committees COP group will be a chance to network, share expertise, ask questions, and solve problems with your peers.

Meeting times are 3 PM Eastern on:

2024: February 7, May 1, August 7, November 6

For more information, contact COP facilitator Marcelle Austin.

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Is Everybody Welcome? An Introduction to the Equity in Action Toolkit
ALIVE Academy November 6, 2024 2:00 PM Eastern for 60 minutes

When segments of the community do not feel welcome in volunteer spaces, they may choose not to engage. The Assessing Diversity and Equity in Volunteer Inclusion (ADEVI) project is a multi-faceted investigation of the diversity of volunteer engagement professionals and the equity journey of organizations they work in. The project's guiding principle is that organizations that are attuned to inclusiveness will be able to engage a more diverse cross-section of their communities. ADEVI is a partnership between Arizona State University (ASU) the Council for Certification in Volunteer Administration (CCVA). The project is funded by AmeriCorps, a federal agency in the United States.

Join ALIVE member Faiza Venzant, Mark Hager, and Teresa Oswald as they take you through the journey of the ADEVI project. This workshop begins with a brief overview of the survey and focus groups that involved many ALIVE members. From there, the presenters will take attendees through the Equity in Action Toolkit. This field-building toolkit consists of resources to help leaders of volunteers apply an equity lens to the various aspects of their practice. It was created by over 25 CVAs (Certified in Volunteer Administration) in the US and Canada. Learn more about ADEVI at cvacert.org/adevi

Presented by:

Mark Hager, Ph.D., & Teresa Oswald, CNP, & Faiza Venzant, CVA,

Mark A. Hager, Ph.D., is emeritus professor of nonprofit leadership and management at Arizona State University and an associate at Civance Research. He is co-leader of Assessing Diversity and Equity in Volunteer Inclusion, a research and field-building project funded by AmeriCorps (a U.S. federal government agency). Hager was on the teaching faculty at ASU from 2008 to 2022. Before moving to Phoenix, he was a senior research associate in the Center on Nonprofits and Philanthropy at the Urban Institute, a Washington D.C. think tank. His research includes studies of the scope, dimensions, administration, and financial operations of and reporting by nonprofit organizations. Hager earned his doctorate in organizational sociology at the University of Minnesota with a study of the causes of nonprofit organization closure. He currently works from his home office in Houston.

Teresa Oswald is a research assistant for the ongoing Assessing Diversity and Equity in Volunteer Inclusion (ADEVI) study. Her contributions include survey design and programming, focus group moderating and transcribing, infographic creation, survey brief design, and support for field building teams. She holds a Bachelor's in Education and is currently pursuing her Master's degree in Nonprofit Leadership and Management from Arizona State University. She is a nonprofit leader who takes on many roles at A Love for Missions Abroad (ALMA). Teresa leads volunteers, directs fundraising efforts, and anchors administrative duties.

Teresa has a passion for ongoing learning, which is reflected in her research work, her education goals, and the mutual exchange of ideas between ALMA volunteers and the local community in Guatemala. Teresa is a lifelong learner. Teresa is a Certified Nonprofit Professional, a certification issued by the Nonprofit Leadership Alliance. In her personal time, Teresa enjoys watching Alabama football, spending time with her

family, and teaching tricks to her two mini-Australian shepherds, Bama and Champ.

Faiza Venzant, CVA

From a young age, Faiza Venzant's parents instilled a strong sense of volunteerism in herself and her two older brothers. They, as immigrants to Canada from Uganda in the early 70s made a successful transition into Canadian life with the help of many generous volunteers. A volunteer herself from a very young age, she has been an advocate for volunteer engagement and excellence in volunteer management for 25 years. As a facilitator for the Community Action Poverty Simulation, Faiza is passionate about equity and access amongst volunteers and leaders of volunteers. Faiza immigrated to the United States with her family in 2021 and now serves as the Executive Director with the Council for Certification in Volunteer Administration. She is co-leader of Assessing Diversity and Equity in Volunteer Inclusion, a research and field-building project funded by AmeriCorps (a U.S. federal government agency) In 2018, Faiza published her first children's book entitled, My Mamma Wants to Eat Me Up! As a mother of two young boys, she has not actually eaten any of her children.

AL!VE Academy Webinars on any BDEAI topic are free for everyone. The general public is welcome to attend, and will receive a copy of the slide deck, recording, and attendance certificate upon request. The webinar recording will be on our home page under 'About Us' / Commitment to Community tab.

Learn more about AL!VE membership at our website.

November 7, 2024

Volunteer Wellbeing ? How a positive volunteer culture leads to engaged volunteers

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM EST

Presented by our sponsor, Better Impact

November 7, 2024

3:00pm - 4:00pm Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) / 10:00am - 11:00am Eastern Standard Time (EST)

Volunteer Wellbeing – How a positive volunteer culture leads to engaged volunteers

We will explore the ways we can provide support for our volunteers and highlight some of the new and innovative ways that volunteer involving organizations have supported their volunteers.

Presented by Stuart Garland, Learning and Capacity Building Manager, Volunteer Ireland | REGISTER NOW

Attend live to earn Professional Development Units (PDUs).

November 12, 2024

Am I Making the Right Decision? The Role of Ethics in Volunteer Engagement

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84451234567>

12:00 PM - 01:30 PM EST

Faiza Venzant, 412-901-9598

execdir@cvacert.org

We all encounter ethical dilemmas in our daily work with and for community, but rarely do organizations focus on ethics related to volunteer engagement. This session provides an opportunity for practitioners to understand the difference between personal, organizational and professional ethics. The core values and principles identified by the Council for Certification in Volunteer Administration (CCVA) will be shared. Participants will learn a process for ethical decision-making that can be applied in any situation, and then practice this using real-life scenarios related to volunteers. Finally, several specific strategies will be offered for increasing awareness of ethics within an organization and helping both volunteers and staff become more effective at handling ethical dilemmas. Hosted by the Council for Certification in Volunteer Administration (CCVA). For more information, visit <https://www.cvacert.org>.

November 12, 2024

Reporting the Full Value of Volunteer Engagement

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM EST

From our sponsor, Better Impact: November 12, 2024

10:00am - 11:00am Eastern Time (ET)

Reporting the Full Value of Volunteer Engagement

The hours your volunteers contribute are an important metric, but those alone do not accurately communicate the value to the community that is created through the volunteer engagement you manage.

Presented by Tony Goodrow | REGISTER NOW

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November 14, 2024

Health Care COP Meeting Noon Eastern

Noon Eastern

This is an ALIVE Communities of Practice for those involved in managing volunteers or programs in health care settings such as hospitals, hospice, Blood Banks, Health care facilities, long-term health centers, etc. Health care can have some unique situations, requirements, and environments for volunteers! Join your colleagues in discussion about your questions, situations, needs, and share your experiences with others as well. Let's support each other!

*Upon registering, we will email you the meeting log in information (and a reminder, too).
(All times Noon E)*

2024: Jan 11, Mar 14, May 16, July 11, Sept 12, Nov 14

January topic: Data Collection: What do you want to measure in 2024?

March topic: Volunteer Recognition

May topic: Summer teens

July topic: Creating / Utilizing a Volunteer Advisory Council

September topic: Lessons Learned From Falling Flat

November topic: Creating/Utilizing a Mentor Program

For more information about this COP, please contact Marie Howell, Health Care COP facilitator.

Look forward to seeing you there!

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Emergency Response Volunteer Programs COP

02:00 PM - 03:00 PM EST

Emergency Response Volunteer Programs COP

Join in the conversation about volunteers programs that manages volunteers who respond during an emergency. This is a very broad range from citizen corps, Red Cross, government, state, federal and non-profit. Share success and struggles during blue skies, gray skies and black skies. How to keep your volunteers engaged year around when things are (enter Q word here). Between meetings, share burning questions or share resources on the Emergency Response Volunteer Programs message board

here https://mms.volunteeralive.org/members/forum/board_list.php (Must be signed in to Member Log In). This is where we can share best practices, ask questions, brag, vent and connect.

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Examining Decent Volunteer Engagement: Anti-Oppressive Approaches to Recruitment and S

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/91013200132>

01:00 PM - 02:30 PM EST

Faiza Venzant, (412) 901-9598

fvenzant@cvacert.org

Over the last few years, formal volunteering rates have been declining and organizations are reporting sustained shortages of volunteer labour. While efforts to recruit and retain volunteers are ongoing, this session will ask us to consider how organizations can promote Decent Volunteering (as aligned with Decent Work philosophies) and foster anti-oppressive approaches to volunteer recruitment and screening. Come ready to engage as we critique how systems of volunteer engagement exclude, harm, or marginalize some community members and imagine new ways of fostering communities of belonging in volunteer programs.

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In this session, you will learn about the CCVA, why certification may be right for you, how the exam is created, what the application, preparation, and certification process is, and when you will be ready.

November 21, 2024

Parks & Recreation COP

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM EST

AL!VE Parks & Recreation Community of Practice

The Parks & Recreation Lunch and Learn COP is designed to include a broad range of topics regarding urban and rural parks, botanical gardens, parks, and nature preserves. The objective of this COP is to connect volunteer engagement professionals within these organizations to share resources and best practices.

This informal venue encourages open discussions for anyone seeking or offering advice in tackling the unique challenges facing volunteer engagement professionals in the Parks & Rec field. Bring your lunch/brunch and beverage! If you're not sure if you fit with us, please join us!

This COP is facilitated by

Meagan Patterson, Gateway Arch Park Foundation, Volunteer Manager

Yvonne Dunphe, Five Rivers Metroparks, Volunteer Coordinator

This COP will meet from noon-1pm Eastern.

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For more information please contact:

Megan Patterson

Yvonne Dunphe

November 25, 2024

National Networks COP Jan 22, Mar 25, May 20, Jul 22, Sep 23, Nov 25

02:30 PM - 03:30 PM EST

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Those working at a national level face different issues than those operating on a local or regional level. Often national level leaders are engaged in big picture, strategic or policy decision-making. Sometimes those operating at a national level don't work directly with volunteers, but rather help empower others in their organizations who do. Join the discussion to connect and learn from others working nationally. We invite anyone looking to brainstorm around the unique issues facing volunteer leaders on a national level. This COP group will be a chance to network, share expertise, ask questions, and solve problems with your peers.

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Food Banks COP

03:00 PM - 04:00 PM EST

Join your peers for discussions for those who manage food banks, hunger organizations, or nutrition programs. This COP will meet Monthly on the first Tuesday @ 3 PM Eastern. See dates below.

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Feb 6

Mar 5

Apr 2

May 7

Jun 4

Jul 2

Aug 6

Sep 3

Oct 1

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December 2024 ALIVE Academy - No Is A Full Sentence: Protecting Your Sanity and Prioritizi

02:00 PM - 03:00 PM EST

Registration opens early October.

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ALIVE Networking Social - All Are Welcome!

04:00 PM - 04:45 PM EST

All are welcome to join our quarterly networking social for anyone involved in Volunteer Engagement.

All Volunteer Engagement Professionals are welcome to attend a networking social event, quarterly at 4 PM Eastern for 45 minutes. Feel free to leave early or come late as your schedule allows. Connect and network with your peers for live discussions - ask questions and let us know what's on your mind!

All times 4:00-4:45 PM Eastern

December 4

March 28

June 17

September 12

December 4

When you register, we will send the meeting information, and you'll be signed up for the following sessions for the rest of the year. You can always opt out by emailing us.

Door prizes, networking and camaraderie will be on hand. Don't miss it!

Open to all in the field of volunteer engagement. We look forward to seeing you!

December 4, 2024

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05:00 PM - 06:00 PM EST

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AL!VE Annual Meeting

02:00 PM - 03:30 PM EST

Thursday, December 5 - 2:00-3:30 PM Eastern

AL!VE's 2024 Annual Meeting

AL!VE Board President Cathy Thoma, CVA, and President-Elect Darlene Laird, CVA will present our initial 2024 Annual Report.

Hear short presentations from

President's Report

Results of Board Elections & Introduction of New Board Members

Vote on revised Bylaws (will be available for review November 1)

VP's of Marketing, Membership, Programs, Advocacy

Equity Leader

Finance

Service Enterprise

Review of 2024

2025 Goals

Executive Director

Special Announcements!

All AL!VE members and interested parties are welcome to attend. Please pre-register, we will send you reminders.

December 5, 2024

- December 6, 2024

MAVA 2024 Dismantling Inequities Conference - The Empathy Effect: Transforming Volunteer

Online - event link provided after registration

970 Raymond Avenue

St. Paul, MN 55114

09:00 AM - 04:00 PM CST

Polly Roach, 612-756-8088

proach@mavanetwork.org

Join MAVA for two days packed with keynotes and experience-centered breakout sessions, focused on the implementation of DEI practices in volunteer engagement. Attendees will leave with new energy, skills, tools, and plans, ready to impact and influence their organizations!

This virtual conference is unlike any other as it promotes empathy and transforms volunteerism through the dismantling of inequities within your work and your community. The content is geared towards all levels of an organization; while focused on volunteer engagement leaders, we encourage participation by funders, executive leadership, board members and key volunteers, to explore ways to increase organizational effectiveness by cultivating a culture of belonging.

Now is the time to transform volunteerism with the empathy effect!

Link: https://www.mavanetwork.org/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=286912&module_id=658613

December 10, 2024

ALIVE Member Webinar - All are welcome! December 10, 2 PM Eastern

02:00 PM - 02:30 PM EST

Meet your peers and colleagues at an ALIVE Member webinar!

December 10, 2 PM Eastern

In this 30 minute call, we will highlight:

Member benefits

Resources & where to find them

Associations goals for 2024

Discuss what's happening in the field on a regional or national level

Bring your own topic - have a question you need to discuss? We're happy to connect.

All members are invited to attend! Considering membership? You're also welcome to attend to learn more.

Can't make this meeting? Check our calendar for the next date. They are about six weeks apart.

We look forward to seeing you online!

December 11, 2024

AmeriCorps Seniors COP

03:00 PM - 04:00 PM EST

This COP is for those managing an AmeriCorps Seniors program(s) as a grantee or sponsor. This includes Foster Grandparent Program (FGP), RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program), and SCP (Senior Companion Program. Join us as we are a sounding board for sharing best practices and resources that are unique to federal grants and the older volunteers we work alongside.

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Am I Making the Right Decision? The Role of Ethics in Volunteer Engagement

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwpceurqz0iEtCPo36je0ILF-E7I8ygsQoS#/registration>

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We all encounter ethical dilemmas in our daily work with and for community, but rarely do organizations focus on ethics related to volunteer engagement. This session provides an opportunity for practitioners to understand the difference between personal, organizational and professional ethics. The core values and principles identified by the Council for Certification in Volunteer Administration (CCVA) will be shared. Participants will learn a process for ethical decision-making that can be applied in any situation, and then practice this using real-life scenarios related to volunteers. Finally, several specific strategies will be offered for increasing awareness of ethics within an organization and helping both volunteers and staff become more effective at handling ethical dilemmas. Hosted by the Council for Certification in Volunteer Administration (CCVA). For more information, visit <https://www.cvacert.org>.

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Education & Reading Programs COP

03:00 PM - 04:00 PM EST

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For more information contact Brandy Tolbert, Facilitator. Register from our calendar on the next available date.

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Book club: We cover a different book every two months. Titles are voted on by the group.

All 2024 Dates: third Friday of the Month: July 19, Aug 16, Sept 20, Oct 18, Nov 15, Dec 20, Jan 17, Feb 21

Titles:

July 19/August 16- Spark the Heart: Engineering Empathy in the Workplace, Dr. Nicole Price

<https://drnicoleprice.com/book/>

September 20 /October 18 - Micro Activism: How You Can Make a Difference in the World Without a Bullhorn, Omkari L. Williams

<https://www.omkariwilliams.com/the-book>

November 15 /December 20 - The Art of Holding Space: A Practice of Love, Liberation, and Leadership, Heather Plett

<https://centreforholdingspace.com/the-art-of-holding-space/>

January 16 /February 21- The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World, Robin Wall Kimmerer (available for pre-order now)

<https://www.robinwallkimmerer.com/books>

February 25, 2025

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04:00 PM - 05:00 PM EST

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Faith Based COP

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Faith Based Volunteer Programs - 1 Pm Eastern

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Points Of Light Conference, New Orleans

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December 4

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Door prizes, networking and camaraderie will be on hand. Don't miss it!

Open to all in the field of volunteer engagement. We look forward to seeing you!

December 15, 2025

CVA Credential Information Session

Virtual event using Zoom

03:00 PM - 04:00 PM EST

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Take the next step in your career as a leader of volunteers and become certified in Volunteer Administration (CVA).

Leaders in non-profit organizations and community groups increasingly understand that volunteers can be a critical resource for delivering on a mission. Effective people management and community engagement is imperative – whether they be paid or unpaid. As a result, employers expect that those individuals tasked with mobilizing and coordinating volunteer engagement demonstrate a thorough knowledge of effective practices and an understanding of how to apply that knowledge in support of real-world organizational priorities.