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Learn more and apply here.

August 14, 2024
AmeriCorps Seniors COP
03:00 PM - 04:00 PM EST
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Varies - see calendar

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About our presenter:

Jordanya has a deep passion for volunteerism and has dedicated 15 years to serving and coaching others as a Volunteer Engagement Professional. In her professional life, she is a Certified Volunteer Administrator (CVA) and she leads TD Mindpower: Analytics for Social Good, as the Volunteer Engagement Lead at TD Bank, supporting volunteers throughout the US and Canada.

Sharing her wealth of knowledge in volunteer management, Jordanya has been a speaker at various national conferences such as the ASC National Training Conference, Elevate 2024: Nonprofit Leadership Alliance National Conference, Virginia Volunteerism Summit, and The Salvation Army’s Better Together Conference. Additionally, she has conducted numerous workshops for nonprofits and local associations.

Formerly the President of the Dallas Association of Directors of Volunteer (DADV), Jordanya now holds the position of VP of Programs for AL!VE. Living in El Paso, Texas, she enjoys the desert life with her husband and daughter and loves traveling whenever she gets the opportunity!

AL!VE Academy Webinars are free for Individual, Agency and Local Association members. The general public is welcome to attend, but will be billed $25 after attending and will receive a copy of the slide deck, recording, and attendance certificate upon request. If you registered as a Local association member, please be sure you have listed your local association’s acronym or name in the registration. Learn more about AL!VE membership at our website.
Neurodiversity and Volunteerism with Sarah Philippe, CVA
https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAucuyggDiqH909s_3gsow-DojFiOYXFRI0#registration
01:00 PM - 02:30 PM EST
Faiza Venzant, (412) 901-9598
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The terms neurodiversity and neurodivergent have gained prominence in recent years, with new HR hiring trends emphasizing their significance. This presentation explores the benefits of fostering effective volunteer programs by embracing and celebrating neurodiversity within organizations. We will discuss how to create inclusive volunteer environments that promote the idea of grace and meeting each of us where we are at. Throughout this session, we will delve into key aspects of neurodiversity, including defining the terms neurodiversity and neurodivergent. We'll also explore strategies for creating an environment that fosters belonging, crafting comprehensive position descriptions, and ways to secure staff buy-in. This presentation encourages organizations to embrace diverse perspectives, challenging conventional notions of normal.
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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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Food Banks COP  
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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.  

To register, please continue with this form. You’ll receive the log in information and reminders after registration.  

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Literacy 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.

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Health Care COP Meeting Noon Eastern
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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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Reset Mind and Body for Volunteer Administrators - Akron, OH
Mingo Lodge: Sand Run Metro Park
1501 Sand Run Pkwy.
Akron, OH 44313
09:00 AM - 10:30 AM EST
Christopher Auerbach-Brown, (216) 286 ? 8614
Christopher.Auerbach-Brown@UHHospitals.org

Join for a session with FVA member and Summit Metro Parks Manager of Volunteer Programs Lisa Meranti to read, regulate, and reset your nervous system. As volunteer administrators, we are busy with addressing executive staff, field staff, and volunteers needs and wants. Let this be a time to address your own needs and wants as well as an opportunity to bring tools to others. Mindfulness, gentle movement, nature connections, and personal/group reflections will be integrated to help you feel more balanced and whole. Dress in comfortable clothes you can move in. Bring a mat or towel. In-person attendance only.

Optional: bring a brown bag lunch, enjoy your meal at the park, and catch up with friends!

(Lisa Meranti)

September 13, 2024

AL!VE 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 Eastern:

March 28
June 17
September 13
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!
Museums & Cultural Institutions COP
12:00 PM - 01:00 PM EST
Museums & Cultural Institutions Community of Practice:
This is an AL!VE 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*
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AL!VE Member Webinar - All are welcome! September 18, 3 PM Eastern
03:00 PM - 03:30 PM EST
Meet your peers and colleagues at an AL!VE Member webinar!

September 18, 1 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.

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Emergency Response Volunteer Programs COP
02:00 PM - 03:00 PM EST

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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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AL!VE Parks & Recreation Community of Practice

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This COP is facilitated by
Meagan Patterson, Gateway Arch Park Foundation, Volunteer Manager
Yvonne Dunphe, Five Rivers Metroparks, Volunteer Coordinator

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**AL!VE Membership Voting for Board members and Bylaw revisions Sept 23- Oct 11**
All day long

~ More information to be posted in June 2024

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September 23, 2024

**September AL!VE Academy: Bridging Generational Communication Gaps in the Nonprofit Workplace**
02:00 PM - 03:00 PM EST

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September 23, 2,00 P for 60 minutes

More information and registration coming soon!
National Networks COP Jan 22, Mar 25, May 20, Jul 22, Sep 23, Nov 25
02:30 PM - 03:30 PM EST

National Networks COP:
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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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.
Take the next step in your career as a leader of volunteers and become Certified in Volunteer Administration (CVA)
https://hubs.ly/Q01R-HH_0
09:30 AM - 10:30 PM EST
Ashley Rieser, 14129308048
outreach@cvacert.org

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Certified in Volunteer Administration (CVA) is an international professional certification in the field of volunteer resources management

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.
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For more information, contact facilitator Elizabeth Garrabrant.

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October 2, 2024

**Transportation COP  Noon Central, 1 PM Eastern**
01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

This is the meeting for the AL!VE Transportation Community of Practice. This meeting is open for AL!VE members and all volunteer engagement professionals (first one is free, the subsequent will be for members only).

The call will last one hour and will focus specifically on volunteer programs with transportation as a volunteer role.

After registering, you'll be emailed a zoom link to the event. We will send a reminder too!

We look forward to connecting with you!

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Calls will be held on

All times Noon Central, 1 PM Eastern

2024 dates: January 3, April 3, July 3 & October 2

October 2, 2024

**Am I Making the Right Decision? The Role of Ethics in Volunteer Engagement (Oct. 2 for North America, Oct. 3 for Australia)**


07:00 PM - 08:30 PM EST

Faiza Venzant, 412-901-9598
execdir@cvacert.org

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Hosted by the Council for Certification in Volunteer Administration (CCVA). For more information, visit https://www.cvacert.org.
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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**CVA Credential Information Session**

Virtual event using Zoom

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM EST

Ashley Rieser, 14129308048

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**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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**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)*
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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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.

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

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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

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October 18, 2024

**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://dnicoletprice.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


https://centreforholding-space.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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October 21, 2024

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Virtual event using Zoom

08:00 PM - 09:00 PM EST

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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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What is a Hybrid Conference?

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The VMHC is produced in partnership with Better Impact and The Volunteer Management Professionals of Canada.
Volunteer Managers Hybrid Conference (VMHC) "Creating Influence In Your Organization: Thinking Beyond A Seat At The Table"
October 23, 2024  Eastern/Central time zones

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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!
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Museums & Cultural Institutions Community of Practice:
This is an AL!VE 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.
Literacy 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.

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

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November AL!VE Academy - Save the Date
02:00 PM - 03:30 PM EST
Description and presenters TBA
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.

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

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Health Care COP Meeting Noon Eastern
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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
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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 Dunphee, 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 Dunphee
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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 Quarterly, 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
Nov 5
Dec 3

For more information, contact facilitator Elizabeth Garrabrant.

To register, please continue with this form. You'll receive the log in information and reminders after registration.

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AL!VE 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 Eastern:
March 28
June 17
September 13
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!

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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 Michelle Raymer, CVA, and President-Elect Cathy Thoma will present our initial 2023 Annual Report.**

Hear short presentations from

*President's Report*

*Results of Board Elections & Introduction of New Board Members*

*VP's of Marketing, Membership, & Programs & Advocacy*

*Finance*

*Service Enterprise*

*Review of 2024*

*2025 Goals*

*Association Manager*

*Special Announcements!*

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

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December 10, 2024

**AL!VE Member Webinar - All are welcome! December 10, 2 PM Eastern**

02:00 PM - 02:30 PM EST

*Meet your peers and colleagues at an AL!VE 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!*
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
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.
December 12, 2024

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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

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The primary audiences for NST are AmeriCorps State program and fiscal staff, state and territorial service commission staff, and commissioners. While not a primary audience, all other streams of national service — including National, Native Nations, VISTA, NCCC, Seniors, and VGF — are welcome and invited to attend.

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April 29 - May 1, 2025 · Virtual

The primary audiences for NST are AmeriCorps State program and fiscal staff, state and territorial service commission staff, and commissioners. While not a primary audience, all other streams of national service — including National, Native Nations, VISTA, NCCC, Seniors, and VGF — are welcome and invited to attend.

Stay tuned for venue and lodging, call for proposals, and sponsorship details later this summer!

We will update our event website as more information is available.
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03:00 PM - 04:00 PM EST

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Disability COP
02:00 PM - 03:00 PM EST
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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