

## Calendar of Events

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September 1, 2025

### **ALIVE Offices Closed**

**N/A**

12:00 AM - 11:45 PM EST

Maryanne Maina, 407-504-1438

info@volunteeralive.org

*Labor Day (USA)*

September 2, 2025

### **Food Banks COP**

03:00 PM - 04:00 PM EST

Elizabeth Garrabrant,

EGarrabrant@mofc.org

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September 3, 2025

### **CVA Credential Information Session**

**Virtual event using Zoom**

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM EST

Ashley Rieser, 4129308048

rieser@trustarts.org

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September 3, 2025

**The Journey from Program to Strategy: Organizationally and Professionally**

<https://hubs.li/Q03xRB9R0>

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

Paula Avila, 1-800-844-1545 x113

paula@betterimpact.com

*Better Impact presents:*

*The Journey from Program to Strategy: Organizationally and Professionally*

*Date: Wednesday, September 3, 2025*

*Time: 11:00am - 12:00pm MDT Mountain Daylight Time (MDT) / 1:00pm – 2:00pm Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)*

*Presented by: Beth Steinhorn, Sarah Sukhram, CVA and Wendy Johnson, MPA, CVA*

*While engaging volunteers can be a powerful strategy for organizations to fulfill mission, most still position it as a program rather than a strategy. Join this panel discussion to hear how colleagues in the field have successfully shifted their organization's approach from program to strategy, using solid data, change management, innovations, technology, and more. Plus, gain insights on how each has also embraced their roles as strategic leaders. Come with questions and leave with inspiration!*

*What you'll learn:*

*How to identify when it's time to shift from a programmatic to a strategic volunteer engagement approach*

*Real-life examples of what a strategic volunteer engagement model looks like in action*

*Tips for influencing leadership and gaining internal support for change*

*The role of technology and innovation in driving transformation*

*How your own professional growth can support organizational change*

*Practical advice for starting or accelerating your strategic engagement journey*

*Join the conversation!*

*This dynamic session is designed for nonprofit leaders and volunteer managers looking to reposition volunteer engagement as a strategic asset—both organizationally and professionally. Don't miss the chance to learn from and connect with leaders who are redefining what volunteer engagement can look like. Bring your questions and get ready to leave inspired!*

September 8, 2025

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September 9, 2025

### **Education & Reading Programs COP**

**P.O. Box 2123**

**Columbus, Ge 31902**

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM EST

Brandy Tolbert, 706-223-0650

[director@theliteracyalliance.org](mailto:director@theliteracyalliance.org)

*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.*

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*Member benefits*

*Resources & where to find them*

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

*All members are invited to attend!*

*[Click here to register for the next meeting!](#)*

*We look forward to seeing you online!*

September 11, 2025

## **Health Care COP Meeting Noon Eastern**

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*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)*

*2025: Jan 9, Mar 13, May 8, Jul 10, Sept 11, Nov 13*

*January topic: The Cost of Volunteering*

*March topic: Volunteer Appreciation Week*

*May topic: Summer Student Opportunities*

*July topic: Including DEI in Volunteer Onboarding*

*September topic: Terminating a Volunteer*

*November topic: Making the Worst Volunteer Role More Appealing*

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

*Look forward to seeing you there!*

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September 12, 2025

**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*

*March 28*

*June 17*

*September 12*

*December 4*

*Click here to register and join us for door prizes, networking and camaraderie! Don't miss it!*

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

September 16, 2025

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September 16, 2025

### **Hybrid Conference Host Site Info Sessions**

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/ovLCLk8ORZ6DjnijHKeE1A>**

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM EST

Nicole Smith, 407-504-1438

[info@volunteeralive.org](mailto:info@volunteeralive.org)

*Host Site registration for the 2025 Volunteer Management Hybrid Conference is officially open! This year's theme, Show Them the Money, is designed to help you confidently communicate the financial impact of volunteer engagement to leadership — with practical tools, proven strategies, and expert insights. The conference takes place October 28–29, 2025, and as a Host Site, you'll bring your local network together a day of learning, connection, and inspiration. Click [here](#) to learn more about becoming a host site at our next info session!*

*We are in a friendly competition with VMPC to see who can recruit the most host sites! Learn more [here](https://www.betterimpact.com/vmhc-site-registration)!*

## **VolunteerPro Volunteer Management Fundamentals Live!**

**Online**

Daytime

Tobi Johnson, n/a

tobi@volpro.net

*In this unique on-demand course and live coaching experience, you will learn the essential “what's working now” strategies to confidently attract, grow, and lead a highly committed volunteer team in just 5 weeks (without the frustration, endless worry, and trial-and-error tactics that slow you down). Reverse the tide of volunteer attrition and get ready to crush your nonprofit's most ambitious goals with a solid plan for engaging committed volunteer talent.*

*If your organization relies on volunteers for its ongoing operations, this comprehensive course is for you. It is specifically designed to help solve the biggest challenges for new volunteer coordinators and get answers to these questions ...*

- *Where do I find the right volunteers for my nonprofit?*
- *How do I increase volunteer satisfaction and reduce turnover?*
- *How do I track and communicate the impact volunteers are making?*
- *Where should I focus my limited time and energy to get the best results?*
- *What can I do to help my co-workers understand that committed enthusiastic volunteers are so much more than free labor?*

*Learn the Essential Frameworks for Attracting and Engaging Enthusiastic, Committed Volunteers with Less Stress and Greater Confidence*

*What you'll get:*

- *Five live group coaching sessions to get answers & advice directly from an expert (5 full hours)*
- *Access to the pop-up community for the duration of the program*
- *Lifetime access to the course, & all future updates, for as long as it exists*
- *Half-page course slides for note taking*
- *Worksheets, checklists, swipe files, & guides to convert learning into action*
- *Comment sections in each lesson where students can post questions & get quick answers directly from the instructor*
- *An automatic completion certificate (worth 10 CVA Hours) at the moment all coursework is complete*

*Don't miss out! Register Today!*

*As an affiliate partner with VolunteerPro, when you use this affiliate link to enroll, AL!VE may receive a commission to help support our organization at no additional cost to you. Thank you for helping to advance the Volunteer Engagement profession!*

September 17, 2025

### **Parks & Rec COP**

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

*This 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 Jenny Garver, Macon County Conservation District Volunteer Coordinator, Callie Le'Au Courtright, CPM, CVA, City of Des Moines Parks and Recreation Supervisor, and Yvonne Dunphe, Five Rivers Metroparks, Volunteer Coordinator.*

*2025 Dates are January 15, March 19, May 21, July 16, September 17, and November 19.*

September 17, 2025

### **AmeriCorps Seniors COP**

03:00 PM - 04:00 PM EST

Carol Ayars, CVA ,  
cayars@youraaa.org

*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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September 17, 2025

## **Museums & Cultural Institutions COP**

04:00 PM - 05:00 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. This COP is hosted by AAMV (American Association of Museum Volunteers) members; all AAMV members may attend.*

*\*Note, new dates & times\**

*2025: Jan 13 (only one at noon EST), Mar 19, May 21, July 16, September 17, November 19- all dates 4pm Eastern*

*Click [here](#) to register for the next meeting!*

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September 17, 2025

**Take the next step in your career as a leader of volunteers and become Certified in Volunteer**

**<https://hubs.li/Q03pZJ1h0>**

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

Paula Avila, 1-800-844-1545 x113

[paula@betterimpact.com](mailto:paula@betterimpact.com)

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

*Date: Wednesday, September 17, 2025*

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

*Presented by: Council for Certification in Volunteer Administration (CCVA)*

*Do you work with volunteers?*

*Do you want to feel more confident in your role as a volunteer engagement professional?*

*Do you seek visibility and credibility within your role, agency, and profession?*

*Earning your CVA (Certified in Volunteer Administration) – an international professional certification in the field of volunteer resources management – may be just what's needed in your professional journey.*

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*In this webinar you'll learn:*

*About the CCVA*

*Why certification may be right for you*

*How the exam is created*

*What the application, preparation, and certification process is*

*When you will be ready*

*Join this info session to learn more about what it takes to become a CVA.*

September 22, 2025

### **National Networks COP**

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.*

*All times 2:30 Eastern*

*Jan 27, Mar 24, May 26, July 28, Sept 22, Nov 24*

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*If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Mooney or Laura Gray, COP Facilitators.*

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September 24, 2025

### **CVA Credential Information Session**

**Virtual event using Zoom**

09:30 AM - 10:30 AM EST

Ashley Rieser, 4129308048

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October 2, 2025

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

<https://hubs.li/Q03pZLqc0>

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM AEST

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

*Date: Thursday, 2 October, 2025*

*Time: 11:00am - 12:00pm Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST)*

*Presented by: Council for Certification in Volunteer Administration (CCVA)*

*We all encounter ethical dilemmas in our daily work with and for community, but rarely do organisations focus on ethics related to volunteer engagement. This session provides an opportunity for practitioners to understand the difference between personal, organisational and professional ethics. The core values and principles identified by the Council for Certification in Volunteer Administration (CCVA) will be shared.*

*You'll Learn:*

*A process for ethical decision-making that can be applied in any situation (and then practiced using real-life scenarios related to volunteers).*

*Several specific strategies for increasing awareness of ethics within an organisation and helping both volunteers and staff become more effective at handling ethical dilemmas.*

*Don't miss this learning opportunity!*

October 6, 2025

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October 9, 2025

### **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.*

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*\*note\* When you register, you will automatically be registered for all the future COP dates (listed below) and reminders will be sent - the COP will use the same zoom link. ?You may opt out by emailing [manager@volunteeralive.org](mailto:manager@volunteeralive.org)*

October 9, 2025

### **Animal Welfare COP**

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

Allison Schwarta,

[allison.schwartz@marylandzoo.org](mailto:allison.schwartz@marylandzoo.org)

*Meetings will be held bimonthly (every 2 months). Following meetings will be 10 AM Pacific, 1 PM Eastern:*

*2025: February 13, April 10, June 12, Aug 14, Oct 9, Dec 11*

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**N/A**

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*Indigenous People's Day (USA)*

October 14, 2025

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October 15, 2025

### **New Volunteer Information Sessions**

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03:00 PM - 03:30 PM EST  
Nicole R. Smith, CVA, 407-504-1438  
info@volunteeralive.org

*Enhance your professional development and support the profession of volunteer engagement at the same time! Join us for an ALIVE New Volunteer Information Session! This session is your opportunity to learn more about ALIVE, our mission, and how you can get involved. Whether you're interested in sharing your skills, learning new ones, or connecting with a community of like-minded professionals, we have opportunities for you! Don't miss this chance to join a dynamic organization that supports leaders in volunteer engagement nationwide. We can't wait to meet you and explore how we can make an impact together!*

*[Click Here to Register!](#)*

October 20, 2025

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**Virtual event using Zoom**  
08:00 PM - 09:00 PM EST  
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October 28, 2025

### **Volunteer Manager Hybrid Conference Day 1**

**Online and Hamilton, ON**

12:30 PM - 06:00 PM EST

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*Host Site Registrations open June 2*

*Early Bird Registration - \$550*

*Regular Registration - \$600*

*Individual Registration opens August 4*

*ALIVE Members \$50*

*Non-Members \$60*

October 29, 2025

## **Volunteer Manager Hybrid Conference Day 2**

**Online and Hamilton, ON**

09:30 AM - 03:30 PM EST

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October 30, 2025

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October 30, 2025

**Best Practice Tips for Defining and Managing the Relationship between Employees and Volunteers**

<https://hubs.li/Q03FXTLM0>

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM AEST

Paula Avila, 1-800-844-1545 x113

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*Best Practice Tips for Defining and Managing the Relationship between Employees and Volunteers*

*Date: Wednesday, 30 October, 2025*

*Time: 12:00pm - 1:00pm Australian Eastern Daylight Time (AEDT) / Melbourne Time*

*Presented by: Christine Spiers, Director & Consultant at Flutterbye*

*Often the lines between volunteering and employment can blur, putting organizations and people at risk.*

*In this webinar Christine will guide you through the importance of defining the volunteer and employee relationship and provide practical tips to mitigate the risks associated.*

*You'll discover:*

*Defining the employee and volunteer relationship: Why it's important, the risks of not defining the relationship and how to mitigate these.*

*Best Practice Tips for Managing the relationship: Gain actionable tips and best practices for your own volunteer programs, including:*

*How to conduct a stakeholder analysis*  
*What to include in Role Descriptions*  
*How to develop a Volunteer Agreement*  
*Training and support tips*  
*Improvement opportunities*

*Don't miss this chance to protect your organization and strengthen your volunteer program—reserve your spot today!*

November 3, 2025

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02:30 PM - 03:30 PM EST

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November 4, 2025

### **CVA Credential Information Session**

**Virtual event using Zoom**

09:30 AM - 10:30 AM EST

Ashley Rieser, 4129308048  
rieser@trustarts.org

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November 5, 2025

### **Transportation COP Noon Central, 1 PM Eastern**

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

*This is the meeting for the ALIVE Transportation Community of Practice. This meeting is open for ALIVE 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 Teams Meeting Link*

*We look forward to connecting with you!*

*\*note\* When you register, you will be automatically be registered for all the future COP dates (listed below) and reminders will be sent - the COP will use the same zoom link every meeting.*

*?You may opt out by emailing [manager@volunteeralive.org](mailto:manager@volunteeralive.org)*

*Calls will be held on*

*All times Noon Central, 1 PM Eastern*

*2025 dates: February 12, May 7, August 6, November 5*

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November 12, 2025

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## **Financial Management in Volunteer Administration**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/2VmQOOTJRbGtXua3opVWtA#registration>

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

Faiza Venzant, 9517196028

fvenzant@cvacert.org

*The "Financial Management in Volunteer Administration" workshop is an hour-long online learning session designed to enhance participants' understanding of key financial management concepts relevant to volunteer programs. The workshop covers essential learning objectives, including the basics of financial management, the application of cost principles to budgeting, the importance of diversifying funding sources, and the effective valuation and utilization of in-kind contributions. The agenda includes an introduction to the role of financial management and a discussion of key concepts such as cost principles and budgeting with an interactive activity for the practical application of these principles. There is time set aside following the presentation for Q&A to address participant inquiries.*

### *The Speaker:*

*Jamie S. Dent, MCL, MHA (and a former CVA), is a dedicated professional specializing in research administration, leadership, and financial management within the nonprofit sector. Currently serving as the Research Operations Director in the Department of Emergency Medicine at Stanford University, Jamie oversees active research awards to emergency medicine physicians (faculty) exceeding \$40 million annually, providing strategic leadership to administrative staff and enhancing the research administration infrastructure.*

*Jamie served as a Senior AmeriCorps Program Officer for Volunteer Tennessee, where they directed a comprehensive grant making process, managing over \$4.5 million annually in federal funds for impactful community-based programs. His experience in financial resource management was further demonstrated as the Administrative Services Manager for the Department of Health in Tennessee, where they successfully wrote and directed grant application processes totaling over \$19 million annually and co-wrote the first funded opioid substance use disorder program grant for the state.*

*With a strong background in financial oversight, grant development, and capacity-building training for nonprofit agencies, Jamie is committed to fostering sustainable operational efficiencies and maximizing the impact of social initiatives.*

November 13, 2025

## **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)*

*2025: Jan 9, Mar 13, May 8, Jul 10, Sept 11, Nov 13*

*January topic: The Cost of Volunteering*

*March topic: Volunteer Appreciation Week*

*May topic: Summer Student Opportunities*

*July topic: Including DEI in Volunteer Onboarding*

*September topic: Terminating a Volunteer*

*November topic: Making the Worst Volunteer Role More Appealing*

*Click here to register for the next meeting.*

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

*Look forward to seeing you there!*

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November 13, 2025

### **Your Passion for Volunteer Engagement Matters to Everyone**

[https://www.betterimpact.com/vmpc-webinar?utm\\_campaign=Partnership%20-%20VMPC&utm\\_source=](https://www.betterimpact.com/vmpc-webinar?utm_campaign=Partnership%20-%20VMPC&utm_source=)

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM EST

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*Join us for a chat about passion and calling featuring Adam Janes, CVA — former religious leader and now a volunteer engagement professional with nine years of experience. Through building and rebuilding communities, careers, and worldviews, Adam has come to see volunteer engagement not just as a job, but as a true calling and a lifelong journey of learning what healthy community truly means.*

*Adam will draw on some illustrations, not for profit history, macro narratives and personal experiences to show how your work is more than a cog in the nonprofit wheel. It's a force for generosity, connection, and care within your organisation and beyond. He will make the case for why you have one of the greatest jobs in the world and helping convince others of its importance is a challenge best built through building a passion for the profession.*

*The session will be moderated by Nicole R. Smith, CVA a leading voice in volunteer engagement, who will guide the conversation and pose thought-provoking questions along the way.*

*[Click Here to Register](#)*

November 14, 2025

### **Education & Reading Programs COP**

**P.O. Box 2123**

**Columbus, Ge 31902**

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM EST

Brandy Tolbert, 706-223-0650

[director@theliteracyalliance.org](mailto:director@theliteracyalliance.org)

*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.*

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November 18, 2025

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

02:00 PM - 03:00 PM EST

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November 19, 2025

### **Parks & Rec COP**

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

*This 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 Jenny Garver, Macon County Conservation District Volunteer Coordinator, Callie Le'Au Courtright, CPM, CVA, City of Des Moines Parks and Recreation Supervisor, and Yvonne Dunphe, Five Rivers Metroparks, Volunteer Coordinator.*

*2025 Dates are January 15, March 19, May 21, July 16, September 17, and November 19.*

November 19, 2025

### **AmeriCorps Seniors COP**

03:00 PM - 04:00 PM EST

Carol Ayars, CVA ,  
cayars@youraaa.org

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### **Museums & Cultural Institutions COP**

04:00 PM - 05:00 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. This COP is hosted by AAMV (American Association of Museum Volunteers) members; all AAMV members may attend.*

*\*Note, new dates & times\**

*2025: Jan 13 (only one at noon EST), Mar 19, May 21, July 16, September 17, November 19- all dates 4pm Eastern*

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November 20, 2025

### **National Networks COP**

**[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/FMT-dp2hT4ekgO02YVM\\_NQ#/registration](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/FMT-dp2hT4ekgO02YVM_NQ#/registration)**

**21111 Futura Court**

**Germantown, MD 20876**

01:30 PM - 02:30 PM EST

Lisa Mooney, 2022228669

[lisamariebpmooney@gmail.com](mailto:lisamariebpmooney@gmail.com)

*Please note this the rescheduled November 24, 2025 COP meeting.*

December 1, 2025

### **Career Transition COP**

02:30 PM - 03:30 PM EST

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December 2, 2025

### **CVA Credential Information Session**

**Virtual event using Zoom**

05:00 PM - 06:00 PM EST

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December 3, 2025

## **Reimagining Volunteer Redirection for Sustainable Community Impact**

<https://cvacert.org/speakersseries/>

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

Faiza Venzant, 9517196028

[fvenzant@cvacert.org](mailto:fvenzant@cvacert.org)

*Reimagining Volunteer Redirection for Sustainable Community Impact*

*Wednesday December 3, 2025 from 1:00pm - 2:00pm EST*

*Register [HERE](#)*

*Volunteer redirection is often viewed through the lens of risk management. In this session, we'll challenge that perspective and reimagine redirection as a tactic to educate community members, show genuine care for their wellbeing, and foster transparency and trust. Through case studies, interactive discussions, and practical tools, this session will explore how ethical redirection can lead to genuine transformations by addressing evolving community needs and volunteer motivations. This session will use Mentimeter, allowing the audience to easily share insights, ask questions, and brainstorm opportunities.*

*By the end of the session, participants will be able to:*

- Apply redirection strategies at each stage of the volunteer engagement cycle (with a focus on opportunities in the planning, recruitment, orientation and training, and recognition phases)*
- Develop strengths-based redirection messaging that aligns with volunteer motivations and community needs*
- Prepare for community-centric redirection conversations that foster transparency and trust*
- Meaningfully steward individuals and groups who are redirected from volunteer service*

December 3, 2025

## **The Lie That Is Holding Volunteer Managers Back**

[https://hubs.li/Q03Fgsm\\_0](https://hubs.li/Q03Fgsm_0)

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM EST

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*The Lie That Is Holding Volunteer Managers Back*

*Date: Wednesday, December 3, 2025*

*Time: 10:00am - 11:00am Eastern Standard Time (EST)*

*Presented by: Rob Jackson, Rob Jackson Consulting Ltd*

### *The Lie That Is Holding Volunteer Managers Back*

*If you're wondering what that is, join this thought-provoking session with internationally recognized consultant Rob Jackson, who will uncover what the lie is, why it matters, and—most importantly—what can be done about it.*

*Participants will explore how shifting the way volunteering is promoted can create new opportunities, and why rethinking long-held approaches is essential for the future success of volunteer engagement.*

*Rob Jackson brings a wealth of experience and an engaging style that has inspired volunteer managers worldwide. Past participants have said:*

*"Excellent speaker, very engaging."*

*"An excellent engaging presentation. Very informative."*

*"Rob is an extremely engaging and inspirational speaker."*

*Join this session to gain fresh insights, challenge assumptions, and leave with practical ideas for re-imagining the future of volunteering.*

December 4, 2025

**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*

*March 28*

*June 17*

*September 12*

*December 4*

*Click here to register and join us for door prizes, networking and camaraderie! Don't miss it!*

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

December 9, 2025

**Education & Reading Programs COP**

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December 11, 2025

### **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.*

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December 11, 2025

### **Animal Welfare COP**

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

Allison Schwartz,

allison.schwartz@marylandzoo.org

*Meetings will be held bimonthly (every 2 months). Following meetings will be 10 AM Pacific, 1 PM Eastern:*

*2025: February 13, April 10, June 12, Aug 14, Oct 9, Dec 11*

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December 17, 2025

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January 1, 2026

**ALIVE Offices Closed**

**N/A**

12:00 AM - 11:45 PM EST

Maryanne Maina, 407-504-1438  
[info@volunteeralive.org](mailto:info@volunteeralive.org)  
New Year's Day

January 19, 2026

**ALIVE Offices Closed**

**N/A**

12:00 AM - 11:45 PM EST

Maryanne Maina, 407-504-1438  
[info@volunteeralive.org](mailto:info@volunteeralive.org)  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day (USA)

February 16, 2026

**ALIVE Offices Closed**

**N/A**

12:00 AM - 11:45 PM EST

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*Presidents' Day (USA)*