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IAVE Executive Director Search in Progress

IAVE is seeking a mission-driven Executive Director who will play a key role in ensuring that the organization's sustainability and its success in achieving its strategic goals. Reporting to and working in collaboration with the Board of Directors, the Executive Director will build and manage relationships in support of IAVE's programmatic and fund development goals and oversee all aspects of operational administration. Leading across a diverse range of constituencies, the Executive Director will also empower and support IAVE's members, networks, and Secretariat team to work toward the achievement of IAVE's vision.

This is an exciting opportunity for an energetic and strategic leader to work with IAVE's leaders, members, and partners around the world in order to advance the role of volunteering.

Key Responsibilities

- Drive the organization toward the successful realization of its Strategic Direction, engaging all stakeholders effectively in order to achieve ambitious results
- Partner with the Board of Directors in implementing organizational strategies; ensure the Board is equipped with appropriate training and support as needed
- Serve as the organizational lead on all aspects of fund development and key external representative for IAVE, identifying and cultivating strategic relationships in support of the

- organization's programmatic and fundraising goals
- Collaborate with the Secretariat team to ensure IAVE's convenings and research, advocacy, and network
 development activities are of the highest quality and correspond to the strategic direction and IAVE's
 values
- Build and manage a skilled and effective Secretariat team, with responsibility for hiring, training, and supervising team members
- Oversee IAVE's financial and organizational management functions

To learn more about required qualifications and to apply, please click here for the full position listing.

Registration for the 2017 European Conference on Corporate Volunteering is Open



Join us this May in Madrid for the 2017 European Conference on Corporate Volunteering. The goal of the conference is to significantly advance both the discussion and the practice of corporate volunteering in Europe, engaging key thought leaders as well as executives and managers of companies committed to developing strong, high impact volunteer efforts. The conference will focus on partnerships – between companies and NGOs- as the health and strength of these partnerships are key to impactful corporate volunteering. Increasingly companies are partnering with each other to bring greater leverage and skills to their volunteer efforts—and the conference will explore those partnerships as well.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Professionals in the field of corporate citizenship, corporate social responsibility, community relations and volunteering;
- NGO representatives that facilitate or partner with corporate volunteer programs;
- Representatives of United Nations agencies that work with corporate volunteers;
- Government officials responsible for formulating and implementing government policy and programs related to volunteering.

To learn more and to begin your registration process, please visit www.iave.org/euro2017. Don't miss the opportunity to take advantage of the early bird special (ends March 15th).

Call for Presenters for the 7th IAVE Latin America Regional Volunteer Conference We are now accepting proposals to present at the 7th IAVE Latin America Regional Volunteer Conference. The theme for this year's conference is **Volunteering: A Pathway Towards Development**, with 6 different subthemes. To learn more about the themes, please <u>click here</u>.

For each of the subthemes, speakers will be able to present the concept, identify and discuss challenges and give examples of innovative and replicable practices.

The speakers must have the knowledge, perspective and experience necessary to discuss one or more of the topics

suggested in this call. They should be volunteers who lead civil society organizations, volunteer program coordinators, academics, government officials, business executives, entrepreneurs, etc. There is no restriction on age or nationality.

To learn more about qualifications and to apply, please click here.

Facebook Live Informational Session for the Latin America Regional Volunteer Conference

Join us this **Friday, March 10th at 13:00 CST (Guatemala time)** to learn more about the 7th Latin America Regional Volunteer Conference. Visit the conference Facebook page to join us:

https://www.facebook.com/lAVElatam

Volunteering Australia Kicks Off Advocacy Campaign

By **Volunteering Australia**, IAVE National Representative, Australia

On Valentine's Day, Volunteering Australia and our State and Territory Peak partners hosted the 'Share the Love' for Volunteer Support Services event at



Australian Parliament House to kick off a national volunteering advocacy campaign. Minister for Social Services Christian Porter MP and Shadow Assistant Minister for Families and Social Services Louise Pratt spoke at the event, attended by politicians and representatives of volunteer support services from around the country.

Volunteering Australia Chief Executive Officer, Ms. Adrienne Picone said, the event was an opportunity for the volunteering sector to raise our concerns directly with politicians, about the new Strong and Resilient Communities grants program and the value that volunteering support services offer.

"Volunteering Australia is disappointed that the volunteer management stream of funding which has been specifically allocated to volunteer support services will be eradicated, and that volunteering will be forced to compete alongside other worthwhile projects from across the community services for broader pools of funding that respond to themes of disadvantage. This shows a disregard for the important role that volunteer support services play in safe and effective volunteering," Ms. Picone said.

Following our parliamentary event, on 16 February 2017 Shadow Assistant Minister for Social Services Senator Louise Pratt and crossbench Senator Jacqui Lambie presented a motion that:

- i. congratulated community-based volunteer support services for the work that they do to support strong, healthy and resilient Australian communities through an effective and professional volunteer workforce
- ii. recognized the importance of funding volunteer management services and Volunteering Australia's campaign to retain funding for volunteer management as part of the Federal Budget.

"This motion recognizes that the funding currently provided by the Department of Social Services is being put to effective and immediate use in communities across Australia to deliver successful volunteering programs. Without this guaranteed level of funding, we will see the heart ripped out of the organizations that support and maintain Australia's local communities."

"As the Federal Budget 2017-18 approaches, we will continue to work alongside volunteer support services across Australia to advocate for the retention of a specific pool of funding for volunteer management. We are asking Australian Parliamentarians to support our campaign by rejecting the proposal to abolish a specific pool of funding for volunteer management as part of the Strong and Resilient Communities redesign," Ms. Picone said.

Training Session with Saudi Arabia's IAVE National Representative

By **Osama Mustafa Suliman,** IAVE Regional Representative, Arab Nations



From February 17-18th, Eng. Osman Abdu Elkarim, the IAVE National Representative for Saudi Arabia, visited Khartoum, Sudan to facilitate a training session for volunteer leaders from over 25 NGOs. The event was a collaboration between the Arab and African Youth Council and UNV's Sudan office. The workshop aimed to reflect on the roles of leaders within various civil society institutions, to provide consultation and technical assistance to them, and to promote the exchange of information and knowledge between national organizations.

The training session comprised of 4 parts:

- 1. The concepts of volunteering and the volunteer experiences in Saudi Arabia.
- 2. The role of volunteering in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals
- 3. Leadership, teamwork and management changes
- 4. A field visit to the Shishir Center, a treatment center for the physically disabled. Participants were able to volunteer and work with the children patients.

55 volunteer leaders of various age groups participated in the training. The participants were able to outline 37 initiatives and goals to be implemented before the end of year. The Arab and African Youth Council and UNV's Sudan office will choose and award the best initiative during the International Volunteer Day celebration on December 5th.

Intergenerational Volunteers

By **Oscar Bravo**, IAVE National Representative, Peru



Falls the rain! That run the water!

Clean your street, clean your roof! To run the water!

In 2015 we adopted this motto as part of a training that we did at a school in Comas (Lima, Peru). Children and their parents participated in this training session. As a result, we have begun to spread this message to other locations.

The children in this study participated in art projects, through drawing and painting session. They were encouraged to design elaborate billboards to spread awareness on the subject.

The intergenerational Volunteer

Intergenerational volunteering is the joining of different generations to act in solidarity to achieve a common objective. It focuses on the recognition and respect of each other's differences and assessing each other's capabilities, rather than focusing on the limitations.

For CENAVOL, volunteering is a form of citizen participation and a way to become involved with one's community. CENAVOL also recognizes the value and contribution of health care volunteers. They provide great relief to those who are often excluded and disadvantaged.

With that in mind, CENAVOL seeks to call attention these volunteers. It is important to highlight the work that they do. Through their volunteer actions, it shows that necessary changes in our society can be achieved. We value and seek to bring more exposure to self-help organizations whether it comprises of adults, young people, parents or volunteer organizations.

We promote the identification of common issues, such as the protection of the environment and climate change, disaster response readiness. We encourage the participation of everyone in the community, amongst families, schools, neighborhoods and companies, integrating all different age groups to get involved.

Falls the rain! Water that flows!
Clean your street, clean your roof! To run the water!





Become a YSA Community Partner for Global Youth Service Day

YSA Community Partners are organizations usually based in either one city or country. Examples of current Community Partners include youth focused NGOs or nonprofits, schools, universities, youth programs, government agencies, or faith based organizations. Community Partners and their local partners plan a Global Youth Service Day project or recognition event in their community.

If your organization works in more than one state or country, check out the <u>National and Global Partner Program</u>.

The Community Partner program is a coalition of organizations that share a commitment to mentor, engage, and empower young people. While some Community Partners may be an affiliate or chapter of a larger organization, most are medium to small organizations that engage youth directly. Through YSA's unique position as a global hub for youth focused organizations, the program serves as a platform where partners can share their best practices, resources, tools, and wisdom when working with youth.

Benefits:

- Membership in YSA's Global Youth Service Network (GYSN).
- Recognition on YSA's website and early notifications for



upcoming announcements, resources, and program and grant opportunities.

- Monthly Community Partner Program newsletter focused on youth development, leadership, and service from a global perspective.
- Enrollment in YSA's <u>Youth Service Briefing</u>, an e-newsletter that features the latest news from YSA and our partners.
- Access to <u>GrantStation</u>, a searchable database of global grantmakers, the *GrantStation Insider* and *GrantStation International Insider*newsletters, and the GrantStation resource center.
- Opportunities to fundraise through YSA's partner platforms including GlobalGiving.
- Platform to share your organization's important youth related resources, program opportunities, and funding opportunities.

Requirements:

- Recruit organizations in your community to join the Community Partner Program and participate in Global Youth Service Day (GYSD).
- Share GYSD related information and updates (social media, newsletters, etc.) in the lead up to Global Youth Service Day in April.
- In April, organize a Global Youth Service Day project or recognition event in your community. Invite your network and partners, including elected and public officials, teachers, parents, and the greater community to participate.
- Before Global Youth Service Day, register your project on the GYSD map and share your GYSD story through the GYSD Impact Report after Global Youth Service Day.

Currently for GYSD 2017, there are 550 GYSD Community Partners in 86 countries. **To become a Community Partner**, please click here.

Registration Open for the Next CVA Exam

The **Certified in Volunteer Administration (CVA)** is an international professional credential to recognize practitioners in the field of volunteer engagement who meet specified standards as measured through demonstrated professional and academic experience, a commitment to professional ethics, and a certification exam.

Unlike certificate programs that involve classes or courses, the CVA is a competency-based professional certification program intended for those with a strong foundation in volunteer administration. The certification exam assesses a candidate's ability to structure tasks, process ideas, and solve problems related to volunteer engagement. The exam is taken via computer at a local testing center. Candidates are encouraged to prepare through self-study and study groups. individuals with the equivalent of at least 3 years of experience leading and directing volunteers are eligible to apply.

The next registration deadline for the certification exam is less than three weeks away. Colleagues eager to earn their credential in 2017 are encouraged to apply by March 15, 2017. <u>Click here</u> to learn more.

Share Your Story on Volunteer 2030.org!







The objective of this campaign is to highlight the value and importance of volunteers and their work toward successfully accomplishing the SDGs. Some of our key messages include:

- Volunteers make a positive contribution to sustainable development – they are needed to implement any framework
- Volunteers are key to increasing civic participation that holds leaders to account for their promises – empowering people
- Volunteers come in all different forms international, national, community, youth, older people, diaspora, South-South etc. and all have a unique value and contribution.
- Volunteers will play a vital role in the accomplishment of each of the SDGs

The website will highlight examples of how volunteering has contributed to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. The front page of the site will feature a different story each week, which will link to one or more of the 17 goals. The space will accommodate pictures, text, video and other multimedia sources. Contributing organizations are encouraged to share stories in engaging ways that focus on quality and diversity.

There are no strict limitations to what you can share on volunteer2030.org. Feel free to mix media to tell your story! Combine text, video and pictures to best encapsulate your message. The only thing we ask is that the stories highlight the work that volunteers do to help achieve at least one of the SDGs. Each story must be accompanied by a feature image of at least 1800px x 1000px in size. Choose images that best show volunteers in action! Check out some of these great examples on the left.

All submissions can be made to info@volunteer2030.org or directly on the website at www.volunteer2030.org using the upload tool.