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**Looking for volunteers?**

Register your organisations volunteering opportunities FREE of charge.

**Events**

Discover events from across the sector, from one-off events to longer term.

**Anything you want to add?**

Think about what you might want to hear more about in VConnect or anything you want to see on our Training Calendar and [let us know](#).

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**Times are Changing at Volunteer Now...**

The organisation has launched a new and exciting on-line system to make it easier to find suitable volunteering opportunities. For the past few months, we have also been listening to our member organisations about some challenges they are facing working with volunteers. Sometimes it can be difficult to recruit or retain volunteers or manage them effectively. This pioneering system, powered by Be Collective, is new to the UK and will help to strengthen volunteering throughout Northern Ireland. It will facilitate how organisations promote and manage their volunteering opportunities as well as offering a great new concept for volunteers. We believe that as crucial as it is to keep the personal touch with volunteers, it is equally important to bring community innovation to the voluntary sector. This system will enable all of us to spend more time with the people that matter the most...The Volunteers!

If your organisation has received emails from Be Collective please ensure you respond to activate your account and if you have any queries contact [Lynne.Jardine@volunteernow.co.uk](mailto:Lynne.Jardine@volunteernow.co.uk).

Help us to build a more cohesive volunteering community in Northern Ireland and stay tuned for more exciting updates #TimesAreChanging Follow us on Facebook [@VolunteerNow](#) and Twitter [@VolunteerNow1](#).

## Denise Hayward

Chief Executive

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### Volunteer Now Enterprises Ltd

#### Volunteer Management:

Keeping it Legal: Volunteers & the Law - [Coleraine](#) OR [Armagh](#)

Attracting & Selecting Volunteers - [Belfast](#)

The 3 R's: Recruit, Retain, Reward - [Belfast](#) OR [Craigavon](#)

Managing & Motivating Volunteers - [Belfast](#)

Train the Trainers - [Belfast](#)

Developing a Volunteer Programme - [Belfast](#)

#### Safeguarding:

Keeping Adults Safe: Recruitment, Selection & Management - [Strabane](#)

Keeping Children Safe: An Introduction Refresher - [Antrim](#)

Keeping Children Safe: Safeguarding Children with Disabilities - [Belfast](#)

Keeping Children Safe: Designated Officer Training - [Ballymena](#) OR [Omagh](#) OR [Enniskillen](#) OR [Larne](#)

Keeping Adults Safe: Adult Safeguarding Champion and Appointed Person Training - [Omagh](#) OR [Newry](#) OR [Antrim](#) OR [L'Derry](#) OR [Cookstown](#) OR [Belfast](#) OR [Enniskillen](#)

We have an expert team of staff who are committed to quality and effective customer relationships providing a service which is tailored just for you. We would love to hear from you about how we can help - you can email us on [enterprise@volunteernow.co.uk](mailto:enterprise@volunteernow.co.uk), call 028 9023 2020 or tweet us [@VNEEnterprise](#).

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### Leadership & Good Governance Awards 2020

A New Year and a perfect opportunity to pay tribute to the many Trustees in Northern Ireland who give their time freely to ensure that good governance and leadership is essential for local charities to be effective, accountable and sustainable.

The Leadership and Good Governance Awards, organised by VSB Foundation in partnership with CO3 and Volunteer Now shine the spotlight on charity boards and trustees. These awards have grown in profile during the past four years and celebrate voluntary organisations which are working hard to improve their governance.

The three award categories are determined by organisational turnover and organisations should apply before **Friday 14 February 2020**.

For more information on the Awards, please visit [www.co3.bz/good-governance-awards](http://www.co3.bz/good-governance-awards).

To find out more on Good Governance, please see [www.diycommitteeguide.org](http://www.diycommitteeguide.org).

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## Fundraising Code & Volunteers

Volunteer Now, Skainos Centre, 239 Newtownards Road, Belfast, BT4 1AF

**28 January 2020 at 10.30am - 12.00pm**

The Fundraising Regulator has launched a new Code of Fundraising which applies to all organisations fundraising in Northern Ireland. Fundraising is the most popular type of volunteering activity here, with the recent statistics from NISRA showing that 37% of volunteers are involved in this activity.

This session will explore what the Code says in terms of:

- The difference between 'on behalf of' and 'in aid of' volunteers and the implications for managing these different kinds of volunteers.
- How volunteers should handle donations.
- Due diligence in recruitment of fundraising volunteers.
- Dealing with an unsuitable fundraising volunteer.

We're delighted to welcome Joanne McDowell from the Fundraising Regulator to facilitate this session. If you are interested in attending, please contact [nicole.gorman@volunteernow.co.uk](mailto:nicole.gorman@volunteernow.co.uk) to book a place.

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## FREE Safeguarding Courses Online

Volunteer Now provides FREE online safeguarding training which is supported by the Health & Social Care Board and the Department of Health. The online training acts as an introduction only and does not replace face to face training, which should be attended following completion of any of the sessions below.

**Keeping Adults Safe: See Something, Say Something** - This session is suitable for staff and volunteers who may have some interface with adults at risk of harm but who do not work closely with them, to introduce them to adult safeguarding issues.

**Adult Safeguarding Champion: Meeting the Requirements** - This taster session is suitable for managers, supervisors and management committee members in organisations which deliver services and/or activities for adults, to find out about the role of the Adult Safeguarding Champion (ASC) and provide guidance on how this role should be implemented within their organisation.

**Keeping Children and Adults Safe: An Introduction for Management Committee Members** - This session is suitable for management committee members in organisations which deliver services or activities to children, young people and/or adults and provides a brief overview of their responsibilities in relation to safeguarding.

Please [click here](#) to register for any of these courses.

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## New Funding for Belfast & Northern Ireland

Good Things Foundation is delighted to invite organisations in Northern Ireland - with a focus in and around Belfast - to apply for funding to deliver the [Make it Click](#) project in partnership with [Google.org](#).

Delivery for this funding runs until 31 December 2020 and there are three contract sizes: £1,250, £2,500

and £5,000.

To find out more, please [click here](#).

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### Ultimate Success for Young Volunteers

Sixteen young people from across Northern Ireland have received their Millennium Volunteer Ultimate Awards at an event held in the Long Gallery, Stormont. The Ultimate Awards recognise young people who give their own time, skills and enthusiasm to help individuals or charities in their community and are nominated by their organisations.

Denise Hayward, CEO, Volunteer Now said:

"MV Ultimate Award celebrates the achievements gained through volunteering. For many young people this takes the form of personal and skills development which enhances opportunities for further education, career development and personal satisfaction. For many employers and education providers it is the young person's ability to prove sustained commitment, dedication and a willingness to give of their own time and energy without financial gain which is the attraction. We hear story after story of those who have attained their dream job or university place as a result of their volunteering experience."

To find out more about the Millennium Volunteer Programme or volunteering opportunities throughout Northern Ireland, visit the [Youth Section](#) of our website.

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### FREE Volunteer Management Review

- Would you like a FREE volunteer management review to see how you are managing your volunteers?
- Are you an organisation with an annual income of under £100,000?
- Are you based in Belfast, Fermanagh, Newry & Mourne, Armagh, Dungannon, Downpatrick, North Down, Ards, Lisburn, Castlereagh, Newtownabbey, Antrim, Carrickfergus, Ballymena or Larne?
- Would you like to get one step closer to achieving the Investing in Volunteers Quality Standard?

Volunteer Now are currently offering a limited number of free volunteer management reviews to organisations in relation to their volunteer management practice. By using the Investing in Volunteers framework, a member of staff from Volunteer Now will benchmark your organisation against the standard and provide you with a development plan clearly outlining any areas for improvement/gaps in practice and signposting to where you could get help to address them.

You can use your review to plan your development and improve your volunteer management practice. It also means that, if you wish, you are one step closer to achieving the Investing in Volunteers award. If you choose to address your development plan within six months of a review, we will offer to assess you for the Award at a reduced rate!

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Sandra Faulkner on 028 9023 2020 or

[sandra.faulkner@volunteernow.co.uk](mailto:sandra.faulkner@volunteernow.co.uk). If you would like a review but don't fit the criteria for a free check, please contact a member of the Enterprise team on 028 9023 2020 or [enterprise@volunteernow.co.uk](mailto:enterprise@volunteernow.co.uk). For more information on Investing in Volunteers, please go to [bit.ly/1USu0JA](https://bit.ly/1USu0JA).

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## Membership

Membership of Volunteer Now is open to all organisations and individuals with an interest in volunteering. There is no fee. By becoming a member you add your voice to support volunteering. Sign up for FREE membership at [www.volunteernow.co.uk/members](http://www.volunteernow.co.uk/members).

## Submit your Article

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