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**7 January 2021**

**JAN – MAR 2021**

Welcome to the latest edition of VTraining. We hope everyone is keeping safe and well. Below are some online sessions we have coming up. Joining instructions for each session will be sent out the day before. Please get in touch if there is a session you would like us to organise, that we have not covered yet.

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## **NEW Online Attracting & Selecting Volunteers Course!**

Volunteer Now & Volunteer Now Enterprises Ltd are excited to announce the release of our new online training course - Attracting & Selecting Volunteers.

We have been working tirelessly in the last few months to improve our product offering and service, and we believe that this course will help you enjoy your experience with online training even more.

Find out all about it here [www.volunteernow.co.uk/new-online-attracting-selecting-volunteers-course/](http://www.volunteernow.co.uk/new-online-attracting-selecting-volunteers-course/).

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## **FREE Webinar: Safe Communication Online With Children & Young People**

With the absence of normal face-to-face activities during the COVID-19 pandemic, organisations are having to look at alternative ways of staying connected with children and young people including text messaging, email and video calls.

However, communication via these means brings safeguarding challenges that must be managed.

Join Volunteer Now's FREE webinar on **26 January 2021 at 11am-12pm** to ask your questions and discuss guidelines to help staff and volunteers communicate safely with children and young people.

Click here to book your place [www.volunteernow.co.uk/course/safe-communication-online-with-children-and-young-people-webinar/cid\\_0/](http://www.volunteernow.co.uk/course/safe-communication-online-with-children-and-young-people-webinar/cid_0/).

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## **FREE Capacity Building Training Courses**

Volunteer Now are delivering a range of FREE capacity building training courses to groups based in **Belfast**. All workshops will be online via Zoom.

There are 4 different sessions available:

- Leading the Way - Governance
- Managing Change
- Fundraising
- Programme & Project Planning

Find out more about each session here [www.volunteernow.co.uk/free-capacity-building-training-courses/](http://www.volunteernow.co.uk/free-capacity-building-training-courses/).

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## The New Environment: Recruit, Retain, Reward Volunteers

Join Volunteer Now Enterprises Ltd for a short session looking at volunteering during the pandemic and the future of volunteering post COVID-19.

Date: [Tuesday 12 January 2021](#) (2.30-4.00pm) OR [Tuesday 9 March 2021](#) (10.30am-12pm)

Cost: **£10 +VAT**

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## Volunteer Induction: The New Environment, The New Way!

This online session will cover the following, and explain how we do it - online induction, what to include in an online induction, how to make it visually appealing and what would a volunteer want or need to know?

Date: [Monday 18 January 2021](#) OR [Tuesday 16 March 2021](#)

Time: **11am-12pm**

Cost: **£10 +VAT**

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## Keeping Children Safe: Designated Officer Refresher Training

This half day's refresher training is suitable for Designated Officers who have already attended a full day's training. It covers the roles and responsibilities of the Designated Officer, issues and concerns around referrals and more.

Date: [Tuesday 19 January 2021](#) OR [Tuesday 9 March 2021](#)

Time: **10am-1pm**

Cost: **£30**

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## Keeping Children & Adults Safe: An Introduction

This half day's refresher training is suitable for Designated Officers who have already attended a full day's training. It covers the roles and responsibilities of the Designated Officer, issues and concerns around referrals and more.

Date: [Wednesday 20 January 2021](#) OR [Tuesday 23 March 2021](#)

Time: **10am-1pm**

Cost: **£15**

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## VOLT Session: More Than Recruitment, Be Connected, Be Collective!

Come and explore the Volunteer Management tools within Be Collective... With more than 700 volunteering opportunities being promoted daily through our website, we invite you to celebrate the platforms' 1st Birthday by giving you a taster of what else it has to offer.

Explore how to communicate with your volunteers, make meaningful partnerships, share documents, organise events and manage your reports plus much more!

Date: [Thursday 21 January 2021](#)

Time: **11am-12pm**

Cost: **FREE**

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## Keeping Adults Safe: Adult Safeguarding Champion & Appointed Person Refresher Training

This half day's refresher training is for Adult Safeguarding Champions and Appointed Persons who have already attended a full day's training.

Date: [Friday 22 January 2021](#)

Time: **10am-1pm**

Cost: **£30 +VAT**

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## Keeping Adults Safe: Module 2 Refresher

This FREE 3 hour certificated course is for those working/volunteering with adults at risk and is a refresher of Keeping Adults Safe: Training for Staff & Volunteers.

Date: [Tuesday 26 January 2021](#) OR [Wednesday 3 February 2021](#)

Time: 10am-1pm

Cost: FREE

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## The New Environment: Assessing Risk When Developing Volunteer Roles

In this new environment, we will explore the need to assess risk when developing volunteer roles and how volunteer managers can implement this process within their volunteer programme.

Date: [Wednesday 3 February 2021](#) OR [Tuesday 23 March 2021](#)

Time: 10am-12pm

Cost: £15 +VAT

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## VOLT Session: Volunteering During The Pandemic & Beyond - New NI Research

We are delighted to share findings from one of the first large scale surveys to assess the impact of COVID-19 on volunteering in Northern Ireland.

Volunteer Now has been working in partnership with Queen's University and SMR Market Research to undertake a survey of the general public about their involvement in volunteering since March 2020. We all have our own perspective and experience with volunteering throughout 2020, but this session will allow us to hear from Chris Coughlan (Queen's University Belfast) about this research study in more detail and to delve into key findings from the Northern Ireland population survey; make comparisons with similar surveys undertaken by Volunteer Ireland and Volunteer Scotland; and discuss some key learning for moving forward.

Date: [Thursday 4 February 2021](#)

Time: 11am-12pm

Cost: FREE

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## Keeping Children Safe: Designated Officer Training

This one day certificated training is suitable for Designated and Deputy Designated Officers. It covers knowledge of the legal context of safeguarding children, an understanding of the roles and responsibilities, issues and concerns around referrals and more.

Date: [Thursday 11 February 2021](#)

Time: 10.00am-3.30pm

Cost: £75

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## Keeping Children Safe: An Introduction Refresher

This is a 2 hour refresher course for those working with children and young people.

Date: [Tuesday 16 February 2021](#)

Time: 10am-12pm

Cost: £10

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## The New Environment: Volunteers & The Law

In this new environment, we will explore legal boundaries and clarify best practice when involving volunteers.

Date: [Tuesday 16 February 2021](#) OR [Thursday 25 March 2021](#)

Time: **10am-12pm**

Cost: **£20 +VAT**

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## Befriending Training Workshop

This 2 hour online workshop will cover what is befriending, benefits of befriending, effective communication skills, boundaries and more. Once completed, participants will receive a Certificate of Attendance and a FREE Befriending Top Tips publication.

Date: **[Thursday 11 March 2021](#)**

Time: **10am-12pm**

Cost: **£15 +VAT**

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## FREE Online Safeguarding Courses!

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

- Keeping Adults Safe: See Something, Say Something
- Adult Safeguarding Champion: Meeting the Requirements
- Keeping Children & Adults Safe: An Introduction for Management Committee Members
- Keeping Children Safe: Reporting Concerns

[Click here](#) to book any of the above courses.

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## World Host 2020

A NEW World Host 2020 elearning module has been launched! Volunteer Now have licensed trainers to deliver it, in partnership with People1st. To make it accessible for all types of organisations, the programme is being offered at a reduced rate of £5 +VAT per participant.

If organisations or individuals are interested in completing this elearning training, email the name and email address of the participant(s) to [raquel.rodriques.keenan@volunteernow.co.uk](mailto:raquel.rodriques.keenan@volunteernow.co.uk).

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## Recorded Webinars

We now have a dedicated page for all our recorded webinars! These webinars cover many topics in relation to volunteering and volunteer involving organisations i.e. involving volunteers in response to COVID-19, youth volunteering, fundraising, volunteer driving, guidelines for volunteers & more!

View the page [here](#).

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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).

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