



The Institute of
**Volunteer
Leadership**

EMPOWERING LEADERS OF VOLUNTEERS

Welcome to The Institute of Volunteer Leadership

Welcome to the **Institute of Volunteer Leadership**, a joint programme presented by Volunteer Ireland and Volunteer Now. Join us for a transformative journey where leaders of volunteers come together to share experiences, knowledge, and build a powerful network of leaders of volunteers across Ireland and Northern Ireland.

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MasterClass Series

Join us for these four interactive and engaging sessions to help us build this all Ireland Institute of Volunteer Leadership for Leaders of Volunteers. Two of our sessions will be in person visits in Belfast and Dublin to projects that excel in volunteer engagement practice. For the online sessions we are delighted to be joined by Faiza Venzant, Executive Director, Council for Certification in Volunteer Administration



From a young age, Faiza Venzant's parents instilled a strong sense of volunteerism in herself and her two older brothers. They, as immigrants to Canada from Uganda in the early 70s made a successful transition into Canadian life with the help of many generous volunteers. A volunteer herself from a very young age, she has been an advocate for volunteer engagement and excellence in volunteer management for over 20 years. As a facilitator for the Community Action Poverty Simulation, Faiza is passionate about equity and access amongst volunteers and leaders of volunteers.

MasterClass Sessions Schedule

- **Wednesday, 27th September** (Online)
- **Thursday, 5th October** (Hilton Hotel Belfast)
- **Wednesday 24th January** (Online)
- **Wednesday 29th November** (Jigsaw National Office, Dublin)



Virtual Workshops: Dive into virtual workshops where you can explore cutting-edge strategies, exchange ideas, and collaborate with peers from the comfort of your own space.

Group Discussions: Engage in enriching group discussions to foster a supportive environment, share challenges, and find innovative solutions together.



The **Belfast** masterclass will focus on event volunteering. Attendees will visit the One Young World Summit where they will have an opportunity to look in detail at the key features of successful event volunteering and see a live volunteering event in action. Volunteer Now's events team will provide an input to recruiting and supporting event volunteers. We will hear from event volunteers and event organisers about their experiences.



The **Dublin** masterclass will focus on youth engagement in volunteering. Participants will be invited to visit Jigsaw's national office in Dublin City Centre. Jigsaw is the national centre for youth mental health and a charity. It works to achieve better mental health outcomes for young people (aged 12-25) by delivering therapeutic services, promoting youth mental health and mobilising community and societal change. Throughout the session participants will have the opportunity to hear about Jigsaw's projects and Youth Advocate volunteer involvement, as well as participate in lively discussions and workshop on volunteer engagement, hosted by Volunteer Ireland.

Faiza's masterclass will centre around the theme **From Strength to Strength**

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As leaders of volunteers, we bring people together and speak the language of connectivity. We hold incredible power and have great privilege within our organizations and on behalf of the communities we partner with. We are a community of some of the smartest, most creative, resourceful and compassionate professionals. At the same time, we are being challenged to rethink connections, steward from afar, build equitable relationships in new ways and become proficient with new technologies. In this session we will discuss the incredible opportunity we have to anticipate trends, propose clever, innovative solutions and step into the leadership skills we already bring to the table.

PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

Experience the dynamic energy of our in-person events, where you'll immerse yourself in a vibrant learning atmosphere. Engage in interactive workshops, participate in insightful discussions, and gain inspiration from renowned guest speakers.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

The Institute of Volunteer Leadership is designed for leaders of volunteers, whether paid or unpaid, based in Ireland and Northern Ireland. If you are eager to enhance your leadership skills, seek opportunities for professional development, and deepen your understanding of volunteer management, this program is tailor-made for you.

HOW ARE WE UNIQUE?

Focus on Volunteer Management: Our programme centres on equipping you with the tools to excel as a leader in the volunteering sector.

A Strong Network: Connect with like-minded professionals and form lasting relationships within the volunteering community.

Empowering Advocacy: Gain the confidence to advocate for the invaluable contributions of volunteers and elevate your organisation's impact.

JOIN TODAY!

Don't miss this exceptional opportunity to enhance your leadership skills, broaden your knowledge, and become an effective advocate for volunteer management. Join us at the Institute of Volunteer Leadership and embark on a rewarding journey that will leave a lasting impact on your leadership path.

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