Friday 11th December 2009

Welcome to our Christmas edition Weekly E-Bulletin!

The aim of our weekly e-bulletin is to keep you up-to-date with any VE @ Keele information, training, volunteer events and anything else that we think you might be interested in!

The e-bulletin will usually go out to all volunteers currently held on our mailing list once a week. To be removed from the list and all VE @ Keele mailings/activity, please email: volunteering@kusu.keele.ac.uk.

If you would like to include anything in the e-bulletin, whether it's information about a volunteering event or a good news story about your own volunteering experiences through VE @ Keele, please let us know!

Don't miss…

Volunteer opportunities:

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- Exciting KUSU Jobshop volunteer opportunity!
- Trainee Youth Workers Needed!
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- Changes – 12 Steps to Mental Health - Volunteer Recruitment Event

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- VE @ Keele Training

Important information:

- Christmas at VE @ Keele

Concordia Co-ordinator Training Weekend March 2010

Concordia is a charity committed to international volunteering as a means to promoting intercultural understanding and peace.

We're looking for motivated volunteers to help with leading an international volunteer group on a UK project. All you need is two weeks to spare over the summer, some previous volunteering experience, motivation to work with people from around the world, lots of energy, a willingness to learn and get involved and to come to our three day preparation training in Brighton. Easy!

How do I get involved?

Visit **www.concordiavolunteers.org.uk** to find out more and to download an application form.

*Please note: Concordia is **NOT** currently a VE @ Keele registered provider!*

Exciting KUSU Jobshop volunteer opportunity!

Would you like to volunteer and help international students to get part time work whilst studying at Keele?

If so, the Jobshop is looking for volunteers to help international students to call employers for work, help completing job applications, answering general queries about working and much more!

Interested? For information, contact Becky at VE @ Keele: volunteering@kusu.keele.ac.uk

Trainee Youth Workers Needed!

Rendezvous Youth Club at Cornerstone Community Centre in Silverdale is looking for trainee youth workers to help them. Working with young people aged 10-14 years the youth club provides games and activities for young people in and around Silverdale.

The club also offers young people the chance to chill out in the 'Youth Room', chat with friends, listen to music, play on any of the number of consoles or play pool.

If you are interested in working with young people or would like to find out more, contact Edwin Cotter at Elim Pentecostal Church on 01782 614737 or email: edwincotter@aol.com

Keele Links – St John Ambulance Volunteers Needed!

Keele LINKS, the student led St John Ambulance division on campus, would like to invite anyone interested in learning, providing or teaching first aid to come along to one of our open meeting nights this December. The next meeting is in the Chancellors building, CBA0.075B/C, on Tuesday 15th December, from 7pm to 8.30pm. Feel free to drop in for 10 minutes, or stay the full hour and a half!

We would be particularly interested in meeting anyone who would be willing to undergo first aid training and become one of our first aiders at events on campus. Our next training course is set for Sundays this coming February! You give as little or as much time as you can, and all your hours can go towards earning a VE @ Keele Award, great for your CV!

For anyone with a bit of spare time over the summer St John Ambulance provides first aiders for several festivals, including the V festival here in Staffordshire, and we're always looking for extra help!

Keele LINKS division, St John Ambulance - Staffordshire Tel: 01785 257124
Mob: 07983 799737 Web: www.sja.org.uk

Changes – 12 Steps to Mental Health - Volunteer Recruitment Event

Changes 12 Steps to Mental Health, in partnership with JET will be holding a Volunteer Recruitment event on Thursday 14th January 2010.

The event will take place at the Hope Centre on Garth Street in Hanley at 1.00 till 3.00 and again at 6.30 till 8.30.

Anyone interested in volunteering will be able to see what Changes does and how we can help people get involved in volunteering with a wide range of other organisations – there are opportunities for office work, service provision, horticulture, environmental projects, work in the community, health promotion, catering, care work… the list is endless!

Contact Nikki for more info: 01782 206422 or Email: changesvolunteers@yahoo.co.uk

Look out for more volunteering opportunities in our next bulletin

VE @ Keele Village Christmas Party

Thanks to vital funding from Keele Key Fund, VE @ Keele, volunteers and PCSO's Sue Durber & Becky Pope will be hosting a Christmas party event for Keele village residents on Wednesday 16th December in Keele Village Hall. We will be offering a Christmas gift for each guest, entertainment, a buffet and drinks. Entertainment includes members of Keele Philharmonic Choir, St John's School Choir and a reading from Keele's Reverend Ansell.

The Christmas Party is a great chance for us to work with the local Keele community and to show that students are valuable, caring members of the community.
Find out how this event goes by reading our next e-bulletin in January 2010.

VE @ Keele Training:
VE @ Keele will not be hosting any further training sessions until the New Year, when we will be kicking off with our Volunteer induction session on Wednesday 27th January, 1pm-2pm in KUSU meeting room 1. Please look out for further details in January.

Christmas at VE @ Keele
Thanks to everyone who came along to our Christmas get-together in KUSU Barista last night!

This was a great chance for volunteers to get together over a glass of champagne & a mince pie!

Please note: **VE @ Keele will be closed** from **Monday 21st December**, re-opening on **Tuesday 5th December**. We would like to wish all our volunteers a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year, and look forward to working with you again in 2010!

Got a good news story about your volunteering?
Why not share it with other VE @ Keele volunteers?
Send your volunteering news to Becky or Paul at VE @ Keele at
volunteering@kusu.keele.ac.uk

Look for us on Facebook - 'Becky VE Keele'

Visit our website to find out about VE Awards and to register your volunteering