Friday 8th January 2010

Welcome back to our Weekly E-Bulletin! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas break and haven't been totally frozen in the arctic weather we have been experiencing!

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:

- Overseas Challenge 2010
- TimeBank - Volunteers Needed!
- Like Pantomime? Theatre Volunteer Opportunity
- Big Bang Volunteering

Find out about:

- VE @ Keele training – Weds 27th January
- Stadium Communities - Walk Leader Training

Important information:

- Student Volunteering Elective Module Information

ONE place left for anyone interested in taking part in University Overseas Challenge - Thailand 2010 -

VE @ Keele is working in partnership with charity, VESL, to offer an exciting volunteer opportunity for Keele students to take part in an exciting programme to teach English in rural primary & secondary schools in Northern Thailand in the summer 2010

Costs will be around £690 & will include insurance, in-country travel, school placement, accommodation, food, VE @ Keele & VESL support. Volunteers must fund flights* & vaccinations

No experience necessary as appropriate training will be provided, but you must be committed, flexible, resourceful & enthusiastic

If you think you have the right skills, attitude and motivation to volunteer for Overseas Challenge 2010, contact Becky at: volunteering@kusu.keele.ac.uk for an application pack

University Overseas Challenge 2– Thailand 2010 is sustainable, benefits host communities and offers Keele students an amazing cultural exchange experience

*** You must cover the cost of your return flights, which VESL can arrange on your behalf**

Voluntary Experience @ Keele

VESL.ORG

TimeBank - Volunteers needed!

the spark

TimeBank are looking for students aged 16-25 to participate in 'The Spark' offering online mentoring to other young people who will be developing their own community projects. The online mentors will

offer support and advice via the Junction49 website (www.junction49.co.uk), so some experience of volunteering or community work would be a bonus.

What is The Spark?

The Spark is a youth project run by TimeBank, the national volunteering charity. The project brings together young people and enables them to develop and deliver a community project of their choice.

Online mentors will be expected to:

- Comment on Junction49 ideas and posts
- Offer support, advice and guidance for community project ideas
- Ensure all ideas on Junction49 are regularly updated
- Ask for help from Junction49 staff if needed

Interested? Contact: Laura Hurley Tel: 020 7785 6373 or email: L.Hurley@timebank.org.uk

Like Pantomime? Theatre Volunteer Opportunity

Newcastle Children's Centre 'every family matters'

"The Wizard that woz"

Little Stars

Performances from 27th – 29th January at_King's Street Methodist Church, Silverdale Youth and Community and Knutton Community Centre

If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity, refreshments, tickets, make up, dressing, audience layout, clearing up, transportation and much much more.

Any help would be appreciated it could be for one night only, before or after performances it's voluntary so you decide.

If you genuinely would like to help please let Annemarie Know and we can discuss this further. 01782 296120

As a team 'we' can achieve anything!

Big Bang Volunteering!

The Big Bang
UK Young Scientists & Engineers Fair

thebigbangfair.co.uk

The Big Bang: UK Young Scientists and Engineers Fair is looking for hundreds of volunteers in various positions to ensure a smooth running to The Fair. The Fair is expected to attract thousands of young people from across the country to the three days of interactive STEM engagement. With some of the biggest names in STEM engagement on show including Brainiac Live, Bang Goes the Theory, The Royal Institution Christmas Lectures and TEDxBig Bang. With school students from 9- 19 years over the Thursday and Friday, including Further Education Colleges, State Secondary Schools, Independent Secondary Schools, and Primary Schools, the event is open to the general public on Saturday, where 5,000 people are expected to attend.

Training is provided and all volunteers will have onsite catering and will have a unique opportunity to meet new people in the community, have fun, see some great shows, activities and have a great day!

To volunteer now go to **www.thebigbangfair.co.uk/volunteers**
Please note; this is NOT a VE @ Keele registered volunteer opportunity.

The Big Bang is being held at:
Manchester Central – (G Mex Centre) Windmill St, Manchester, M2 3GX

Look out for more volunteering opportunities in our next bulletin

Training opportunities:

VE @ Keele Volunteer Induction – Essential, practical information about getting involved with VE @ Keele and completing a VE Award.

When: Wednesday 27th January 1-2pm
Where: Meeting room 1, Students' Union

Please email to confirm your attendance - volunteering@kusu.keele.ac.uk

Stadium Communities – Walk Leader Training – The next Walk Leader training session is this coming Tuesday and Wednesday in Burslem 12th 13th January, 6-9pm. (Volunteers need to attend both days). Volunteers will be inducted into being a volunteer Walk Leader.

The next session will be Mon 15th and Tue 16th Feb (2x morning sessions- to be held at Stoke City FC). Contact Elise Butler at Stadium Communities on: 01782 831900 or email: elise.butler@stadiumcommunities.org.uk

Student Volunteering Elective Module Important Information

If you are completing the Student Volunteering Elective Module, you must make sure you have contacted VE @ Keele, undertaken an Induction session and collected a module workbook, met with the VE @ Keele Project Leader and have a volunteer placement set up with a VE @ Keele registered placement provider by Friday 15th January. You must inform VE @ Keele of your volunteer placement details and log your volunteering hours using a VE @ Keele hours log.

If you have not done this, or you need help, you should contact Becky at VE @ Keele as soon as possible to discuss.

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