Dear Colleagues,

The first few months of 2019 have been busy for us! We're excited to fill you in on our latest volunteer management resources and funding opportunities. From the upcoming Massachusetts Conference on Volunteerism to our AmeriCorps program and planning grants, we hope you will take part in these offerings.

Happy spring!

The MSA Team

Massachusetts Conference on Volunteerism

Registration is open for the 2019 Massachusetts Conference on Volunteerism! Held on May 7, 2019 at the DCU Center in Worcester, the conference is the only statewide convening of volunteer managers in Massachusetts.

Register today and save!

Conference admission ($115 early bird rate) includes:
- Your choice of 3 90-minute workshops on in-demand topics
- Breakfast
- Luncheon
- Networking opportunities

About the Workshops

22 instructional workshops will be offered addressing the following themes:
- Engaging the Corporate Sector and Professional / Skills-Based Volunteers
- Higher Education Community Engagement
- Utilizing Volunteers to Impact Specific Issue Areas
- Volunteer Management and Organizational Development Best Practices
Keynote Speaker - Natalye Paquin, Esq., President & CEO of Points of Light

We are thrilled to announce Natalye Paquin as our keynote speaker! Ms. Paquin is the current chief executive officer of Points of Light, the world’s largest organization dedicated to volunteer service.

Prior to joining Points of Light in 2017, she served as chief transformation officer at Girl Scouts of the USA. In addition, Ms. Paquin has held two key leadership positions with the School District of Philadelphia. She earned her Juris Doctor from DePaul University College of Law, and a Bachelor of Science degree from Florida A&M University. Read Ms. Paquin’s full bio.

Register

Upcoming AmeriCorps Funding Opportunity

Has your organization ever considered running an AmeriCorps State program? Next week, we will be releasing two AmeriCorps funding opportunities: the 2019-2020 AmeriCorps planning grant and a second round of the 2019-2020 AmeriCorps State program grant.

What is a planning grant? Developing and implementing a new AmeriCorps program can be an overwhelming proposition - even for the most capable organization. Program design, member management, site relationships, and evaluation are just a few of the variables that factor into the initial process. It takes time and resources to sort it all out - exactly what a planning grant provides.

Stay tuned for the Request for Proposals!

Take the Massachusetts Volunteer Sector Survey

We recently teamed up with researchers from the Boston College School of Social Work to launch a survey examining volunteerism in Massachusetts. The Massachusetts Volunteer Sector Survey seeks to assess volunteerism across our state and measure the value that volunteers bring to organizations. To achieve these goals, we need your help!

This 15-minute, anonymous survey is for anyone from the MA nonprofit, higher education, government, or private sector who engages volunteers or unpaid interns. Please note that we are asking respondents to submit only one survey per
Take the Survey

Marc Freedman is coming to Boston

Interested in engaging older adults as volunteers? encore.org founder and CEO Marc Freedman recently wrote a book titled *How to Live Forever: The Enduring Power of Connecting the Generations*, which provides inspiration and advice for people 50+ looking to leave the world a better place. Mentoring younger generations is one way to do just that! Marc will be doing a reading and book discussion at Boston College on Thursday, March 21 at 6:30 p.m.

We hope you will join Marc, the Encore Boston Network, and the Boston College School of Social Work for this important conversation.

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Opportunity for Service Alums with New Politics Leadership Academy

Do you know any service alums who are considering running for office? New Politics Leadership Academy is offering a leadership development program for AmeriCorps, Commonwealth Corps, and other service alumni called *Answering the Call*.

This five-session program helps participants reflect on the values that compelled them to serve in the first place, and explore if they now feel called to serve their community through politics. Sessions are held in-person or online, and several sessions are taking place in Boston this spring. The cost for the entire program is $50. Scholarships are available. Applications for the spring sessions are being accepted through April 8, 2019.

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