



LINKS

Orientation Night

On the 17th February, we held an Orientation Night for possible new volunteers. We had a group of about 15 very keen people attend, which was great to see. So, now we are up to core training.....

Core Training

The next round of core training is being held on the 26th/27th February, with the final day being on the 5th of March. We are hoping to have around at least 10 people complete this training. It will be terrific to have some new people on board, so I hope that you will all make them feel welcome! One way you can do this is by attending the Pot Luck Dinner!

As part of core training, we will also need a couple of people who would be interested in being part of the volunteer panel. This part will be held on the last day of training, the 5th of March. It would basically involve doing a little spiel about yourself, how long you have been a volunteer, why you became a volunteer, things you have done as a volunteer etc. If you would be at all willing to take part in this panel, please let me know asap. Your participation would be gratefully appreciated!

Pot Luck Dinner

We will be holding a Pot Luck dinner on the 9th of March to welcome the new volunteers, and also to provide the older volunteers with a chance to catch up with each other, staff and clients. Please see flyer included in this mailout and RSVP to reception on 6257 2855 if you will be attending.

Phoneline Training

The dates for the next round of phoneline training have been set. A flyer for the training has been included in this mailout. If you are interested in taking part in this training, please contact Tony on 6257 2855 or tony.blattman@aidsaction.org.au

Care & Support Training

Nada is currently looking at possible dates on which to hold the next Care & Support Training. These dates should be confirmed within the next week or so. If you are interested in completing the Care & Support Module, please let either myself or Nada know so that we are able to contact you with the dates.



Dates for the Diary:

February

26/27—Core Training

March

5—Core Training

9—Pot Luck Dinner

April

16—Library Workshop

2/6/20—PhoneLine Training

Library Project

A huge thank you to everyone who came along to the opening of the Reflections Exhibition at the Canberra Museum and Gallery and supported the exhibition during December and January. The exhibition went extraordinarily well and the Community Education & Health Promotion Unit were also able to distribute lots of information and resources including safe sex packs.

Now that the exhibition has concluded work will move ahead on other aspects of the Library Project. The 'grand plan' for the library is to gather, catalogue, house and preserve a range of materials owned by the AIDS Action Council of the ACT and People Living with HIV/AIDS ACT (including books, posters, photographs, videos, t-shirts and verbal recordings) and organise those materials into a research library for the Council. These materials (or 'the Collection') are historically significant and as such, a major focus of the Library Project is to preserve some of the most significant items and to look after the Collection in the best way that we can so that current materials do not deteriorate too much.

In working towards the long term goal of turning our current Collection into a research library we've got a workshop coming up in April to help us learn about preserving textiles and to make hangers for our t-shirt collection. Last year the Community Education & Health Promotion Unit purchased an archival quality cabinet to store the t-shirts so when we make the hangers we'll have somewhere safe to put the t-shirts. The workshop will be held at Westlund House on Saturday 16th April 2005 (times to be confirmed). The

workshop will be run by Conservatrix, a company that specialises in the conservation and preservation of cultural and historical materials.

Please RSVP to Anabell by Friday 25 March if you would like to attend the t-shirt preservation workshop.

Thanks
Megan and Alli

Small Equipments Grants

It's that time of the year again where we will be applying for a small equipments grant for volunteers. A number of suggestions have been put forward by volunteers including a new stove, microwave, reflective vests (to be worn at events etc), a screen printer (to make up our own T-shirts), chairs, paper folding machine, paint (so that we can paint the training room), and the list just goes on and on. Unfortunately we won't be able to apply for all of these things, so we are just going to apply for a couple of things that we can get decent quotes for. I will keep you updated on the application's progress. Keep your fingers crossed!



Volunteer Opportunities

- Phonline Training
- Care & Support Training
- Library Workshop
- Pot Luck Dinner
- Preparation of lunches for Core Training
- Volunteer panel for Core Training
- PSN dinners
- Domestic support (lawn mowing)
- Reception

If you are able to assist with any of these things, please let me know!

Don't forget—The Pot Luck Dinner has been put in place of the regular volunteers meeting that was scheduled for the 9th of March! Remember to RSVP if you will be attending!

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