

Volunteer Managers Network Meeting

Thursday 24th Sept 2015

Time: 10AM

Venue: Springlawn RCDG

Minutes

Attendees: Joan McLoughlin (Friends of Children of Chernobyl), Michelle Reilly (Leisure Buddies Program St. Christopher's), Christina Gray, Lús Na Gréine FRC, Granard, Mary Carey & Seamus Orr (Springlawn RCDG), Angela Killion, Outreach and Development Officer, Longford Volunteer Centre.

Apologies from: Bernie Belton (CASA), Kelley Hynes (ISPCA), Siobhan Leijen (Good 2 Talk Longford).

Updates

Joan McLoughlin (Friends of Children of Chernobyl) advised they will be a group going out to Chernobyl on 29th Oct- 5th November this year. They had a successful Fundraiser through the Tesco Community Fund initiative. They plan to have a Bake Sale, a church gate collection and a Santa Run before the end of 2015.

St. Christophers Leisure Buddy Program -Michelle spoke about the management of the ongoing Volunteer Management of Recruiting volunteers and managing the match up of Volunteers and Buddies. St. Christopher's will have their AGM on September 30th in the Rugby Club, Longford.

Christina from Lús Na Gréine FRC, Granard introduced herself to the group. She is the new Development Worker with the Family Resource Centre. Her main role is to get the youth groups up and running. The Registration night for the Foroige Group is 24th September, they will have a Girls group on a Tuesday and they will also be running afterschool clubs. They need volunteers to help out with the running of the youth clubs.

They are currently selling tickets for a trailer load of ash logs worth €500 to raise money for the centre. They need volunteer ticket sellers to help out with this fundraiser.

Mary and Seamus gave an update on Springlawn RCDG. They have a number of new volunteers that help with the ongoing gardening work.

The Men's group will start back next Tuesday.

There is an activity morning every Wednesday morning for women, which ranges from Card Making, and Cake baking and decorating.

They hope to offer a Level 3 QQI Horticulture Course consisting of 10-15 participants in February 2016 to volunteers and local residents.

Springlawn RCDG won the Community Development Award in The Better Estates Award 2015

Angela, Longford Volunteer Centre gave an update on Volunteer Management Training. The training is currently being reviewed and revised by Volunteer Ireland, and LVC plan to deliver this early in 2016.

A draw was held to pick a winner of the free ticket to the Volunteer Management Conference on October 8th. The winner was Eileen Finan from Lús na Gréine FRC, Granard.

Angela advised people about the Garda Vetting workshop being delivered by LVC on October 20th in the EDI Centre 7pm-8.30pm. A number of people there present signed up.

Angela advised all in attendance that she was available for people if they needed any help with Volunteer Management or any upcoming events that they had.

The next meeting is planned for February 4th 2016 at 10am in Springlawn RCDG