

Volunteer Administrators Networking Meeting

October 7th , 2020 9:00-10:30

Youth Engagement

Number in Attendance: 26

Welcoming from the Executive team

Carilyne Hebert – Executive Director of the Social Development Council of Cornwall and Area.

Judy Dancause – Chair

Juliette Labossiere – Vice Chair

Jane Schoones – Membership Coordinator

Kaitlyn Legue – Secretary

First Guest Speaker – Romy Clark United Nations of Canada

- Recruiting youth aged 15-25 to become a UN Ambassador “Generation SDG”
- This is a free program that allows youth to participate actively in their community
- Youth will create a tangible project that aligns with the 17 sustainable development goals
- Skill development for teens & opportunity to receive at \$500 grant.
- Website for more information <http://www.unac.org/>
- Romy Clark’s information for questions Rommy.Clark@unac.org

Second Guest Speaker – Dana Bingley St. Lawrence College – Student Facilitator

- Dana supports students in unpaid placements
- There are 9 different Programs that have placement for students
- Placement is a combination of integrated learning onsite and virtually (due to the pandemic) students learn, gain skills and passion.
- Different programs require different processes for applying to placements (i.e. students may need to apply on their own and in others the College will reach out)
- Students have specific training requirements and must also meet agencies policies & procedures.
- All of these details can be found here: <http://www.placementatslc.ca/>
- Keep in mind the changes of student placements this year due to the pandemic.
- Please connect with Dana for any further inquiries or questions: DBingley@sl.on.ca

Third Guest Speaker – Hailey Budgell

Hailey was a placement student with the Social Development Council & United Way. She shared her experience as a student and some important take a way's for supervisors.

- Variety in placements keep students engaged
- Having an accessible placement posting or job posting for youth – Facebook is still a valuable tool, along with your classes job bank websites.
- Allowing students to feel important, appreciated and like they are making a difference will keep them engaged and productive.
- Giving students responsibility will allow them to take ownership over the jobs that are being assigned to them.
- Encouragement = Engagement
- A supervisor who is energized, organized, available to assist & open to answering questions. Creating a personal connection with students is important to make them feel comfortable.
- Share your past experiences, they want to learn.
- Communication in all aspects is important! Communicate expectations and expect mistakes to be made, this is how youth learn!

Group Discussion – Volunteer Appreciation – What are other Agencies doing for their volunteers?

- Written thank you letters
- Social media shout-outs
- Virtual profiles & features on social platforms leading up to Volunteer Awards
- “Tshirt Day” volunteers post a picture in their tshirts and tag the Organization with a blurb about why they like to volunteer.

Next Meeting: Wednesday November 4th 2020

9:00-10:30 AM

