

# 13th National Conference on Volunteering

27-29 October, 2010. The Sebel and Citigate Albert Park, Melbourne, Victoria.



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# Volunteering Australia is pleased to announce the 13th National Conference on Volunteering to be held from 27-29 October 2010, at The Sebel and Citigate Albert Park, Melbourne, Victoria.

Challenges such as the impacts of an ageing population and the global financial crisis, opportunities for exploring greater partnerships with the corporate and government sectors, and cementing the pivotal role that volunteering has within the broader social inclusion context, continue to be areas of discussion within the sector.

The conference aims to provide a national forum to:

- **Initiate** discussion, debate and analyse issues affecting volunteering;
- **Discover** new technologies that can affect or support volunteering;
- **Examine** initiatives that will grow volunteering and promote best practice in volunteering.

The 13th National Conference on Volunteering will draw together papers, workshops and ideas that explore the following streams:

**Innovate:** Sessions that address different or innovative volunteer programmes or approaches to volunteering.

**Adapt:** Sessions that address the changing environment and how the sector has had to adapt, or is adapting, to change.

**Act:** Sessions that look at the systems, policies and procedures in volunteering and volunteer management in a practical way that provides delegates with solutions, tools and tips.

Topics of particular interest may include youth volunteering, corporate volunteering, training and skills development, recognition for volunteers, sponsorships and grants, and spontaneous volunteering.

## First and final call for abstracts

Volunteering Australia invites proposals for presentations in a variety of formats:

## **Concurrent papers**

Presenters will present a prepared paper in a session of up to three papers on a similar or related topic.

Each presenter will have 30 minutes to present the paper, including 10 minutes question time.

## **Workshops**

Presenters will offer information in an interactive workshop format. Workshops will run for 90 minutes and have a specified maximum number of participants.

Final decisions regarding acceptance of proposals will take into consideration factors such as:

- total number of papers submitted;
- relevance to theme;
- quality of paper conveyed by the abstract;
- compatibility with other papers submitted and the need to achieve a balanced and varied programme.

## **Likely delegates**

The 13th National Conference on Volunteering will be the key national forum in which to discuss and debate issues related to volunteering and network with colleagues in the area. The following people are encouraged to attend:

- CEOs and managers of not-for-profit organisations
- Managers of Volunteers
- Policy Makers
- Government Officials
- CSR personnel
- Academics/Researchers
- Volunteers
- Anyone with an interest in volunteering

## **Submitting abstracts**

Please look at the speaker guidelines on [www.volunteeringaustralia.org/conference](http://www.volunteeringaustralia.org/conference) for information on abstract submission.

**Abstracts are due by Friday 16th April, 2010.**

## **Abstract acceptance notification**

All proposers will be notified by email whether their abstract has been accepted or declined by Friday 21st May, 2010.

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## Conference secretariat

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