# VOLUNTEERING AUSTRALIA’S 15TH NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VOLUNTEERING BEGINS TODAY

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**Volunteering Australia, which represents the interests of over 6 million Australian volunteers, opens its 15th National Conference on Volunteering today in Adelaide.**

The conference will address cutting edge concepts, processes and issues with the aim of enabling CEOs and senior managers to push their organisations forward.

This direction is also in line with the National Volunteering Strategy. Speakers will provide leading edge material to support knowledge development, as well as introduce the practical applications and core tools required for this changing sector.

We are pleased to present an extensive program involving over 70 discussion topics with high profile national and international speakers. Speakers will include:

* Debra Allcock Tyler, CEO of the Directory of Social Change (DSC) – Debra's vast experience includes being the Founder Chair of the Small Charities Coalition/Charity Trustee Networks and serving as a trustee for a number of charities.
* David Koch, Co-host of Channel Seven's Sunrise program – one of Australia's foremost business and finance commentators, David Koch is recognised as one of the 10 most influential people in establishing the retail financial services industry, and
* Professor Robert Costanza, Professor of Public Policy, The Australian National University– world-leading ecological economist, Prof. Robert Costanza of the ANU Crawford School of Public Policy, repeatedly appears on lists of the world's most influential researchers.

The 15th National Conference on Volunteering is being staged in Adelaide from 4-6 September 2013 by Volunteering Australia, organised and hosted by Volunteering South Australia - Northern Territory.