Build Your Professional Network

Whether you are new to the field or have years of experience, having a list of go-to people and resources for support and advice is invaluable. Knowing where to go for that support is just as important.

The organizations listed here provide support and resources that can help volunteer administrators connect and access helpful resources. These groups host networking and professional development workshops, and occasionally plan volunteerism activities for their region. Getting involved with your peers is a great way to enhance professional knowledge and support. Additional groups are advocates for the volunteer engagement profession, as well as providers of online trainings, toolkits, and conferences.

Regional
NH Volunteer Engagement Network (NHVEN)

National
Association for Leaders in Volunteer Engagement (AL!VE)
National Association for Volunteer Programs in Local Government

International
International Association for Volunteer Effort

Resource Organizations
Energize Inc.
Minnesota Alliance for Volunteer Advancement
Nonprofit Risk Management Center
Points of Light
VolunteerMatch
VolPro
Volunteer Commons
VQ Volunteer Strategies
Council for Certification in Volunteer Administration

Take action to build your network!

- Take time to research the available resources.
- Connect with your local DOVIA (Directors of Volunteers in Agencies) or state volunteer organization and attend a meeting.
- Get involved with a committee and meet other volunteer administrators in your area.

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