Using Personality Profiles: A Game Changer for Volunteer-Involving Organizations

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Volunteer-involving organizations regularly search for new philosophies and technologies to maximize volunteerism and advance the organization's purpose. However, implementing use of personality profiles rarely makes the list of strategic initiatives.

In order to succeed, organizations must emotionally engage their volunteers, and make a more personal connection and effectively gain the time and attention of volunteers. Savvy volunteer-involving organizations would be wise to understand different personality styles, a skill that will help them segment and match their employee teams, donors, and volunteers; adapt customized communications for the different segments; and put volunteers into the right roles. Read more.

DCO 2013-14 Board of Directors

DCO is pleased to introduce its 2013 - 2014 Board of Directors.

We welcome back returning board members Victoria Kehoe, Board Chair, from Distress Centre Durham, Past President, Charles Laframboise of the Ottawa & Region Distress Centre, and Karen Letofsky, Vice Chair from Toronto Distress Centres. Linda Gerger is re-joining the Board in a community member position.

We are also pleased to introduce three new board members to the DCO family, Colleen Gallagher, Clarence Haverson, and John Jones. Read more.
DCO Annual Membership Renewal

It's that time of year to renew your DCO annual membership.

For over 40 years Distress Centres Ontario (DCO) has worked on behalf of, and with its membership to build the capacity of community-based organizations, offering distress and crisis line services and providing suicide prevention support. DCO is funded primarily by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and its programs, projects, and services are determined by the membership. Read more.

2013 Spirit of Volunteerism Recognition

Volunteers are the backbone of our organization and are what make us strong. Volunteers give their time in our centres in many ways, taking front-line calls, managing centres, serving on committees, and the myriad of other roles they play in our centres. Each is uniquely valuable and supports the ideals of the distress line movement. Without them we couldn't perform our role in the community and we are most fortunate to have over 1,500 volunteers across all our member centres! Read more.
Virtual AGMs

Distress Centres Ontario held its first "virtual" Annual General Meeting for the 2011-2012 year. We would like to share with you some of the feedback that we received from the evaluation survey. This method of holding the AGM was well-received and many respondents suggested that we continue with virtual AGMs. Read more.