Canadian Code for Volunteer Involvement

VAUES FOR VOLUNTEER INVOLVEMENT

Volunteer involvement is vital to a just and democratic society.
It fosters civic responsibility, participation and interaction.

Volunteer involvement strengthens communities.
It promotes change and development by identifying and responding to community needs.

Volunteer involvement mutually benefits both the volunteer and the organization.
It increases the capacity of organizations to accomplish their goals, and provides volunteers with opportunities to develop and contribute.

Volunteer involvement is based on relationships.
It creates opportunities for voluntary organizations to accomplish its goals by engaging and involving volunteers, and it allows volunteers an opportunity to grow and give back to the community in meaningful ways through voluntary organizations.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR VOLUNTEER INVOLVEMENT

Volunteers have rights. Volunteer organizations recognize that volunteers are a vital human resource and will commit to the appropriate infrastructure to support volunteers.
The organizations' practices ensure effective volunteer involvement. The organization commits to providing a safe and supportive environment for volunteers.

Volunteers have responsibilities. Volunteers make a contribution and are accountable to the organization.
Volunteers will act with respect for beneficiaries and community.
Volunteers will act responsibly and with integrity.