

Welcome to the summer edition!

In this edition you will find our Training Calendar for 2008-09 and news on the soon to be launched Investing in Volunteers Bursary Scheme.

In particular we would like to draw your attention to our Investing in Volunteers Information Session on 4 September, where you can find out more about the standard and what's involved in achieving accreditation. Follow the link to book your place now!

Welcome

This is your guide to forthcoming training and events for:

- volunteer-involving organisations;
- volunteers;
- management committees;
- managers of volunteers;
- organisations working with children and young people.

News

○ **Soon to be launched: Bursaries to help organisations achieve Investing in Volunteers!**

Investing in Volunteers is the UK Quality Standard for all organisations that involve volunteers in their work. It is designed to help volunteer-involving organisations review and improve their volunteer management. It is a nationally recognised award that allows organisations to publicly demonstrate and promote their commitment to volunteering. The Volunteer Development Agency, the lead organisation for the promotion and development of volunteering in Northern Ireland, has responsibility for the management and rollout of Investing in Volunteers across the Province.

The Lloyds TSB Foundation for Northern Ireland has kindly provided funding to support development of a small Investing in Volunteers Bursary Scheme in order to widen accessibility of the award in Northern Ireland. The Bursary Scheme will provide funding towards the total package costs with successful groups only having to pay £200. Applications will be assessed against set criteria - only groups with an annual income of less than £200,000 need apply.

The scheme will be launched in July and an application pack setting out full criteria will be available then. To register interest and receive a pack, email julie-ann@volunteering-ni.org.

An information session about Investing in Volunteers is planned for **4 September 2008, 10.00am - 12.00pm** which would be a great opportunity to find out more. [Book online now!](#)

Further information about the standard is available on the Investing in Volunteers website at www.investinginvolunteers.org.uk.