



Pittsburgh Cares Volunteer Leader Network

Register to be a part of this new and exciting professional development network of support and collaboration! Through the VLN, nonprofit agency partners can discover new ways to enhance the impact of their organization's volunteer projects. By empowering leaders and providing instructional sessions, workshops, and retreats, the VLN will provide our nonprofit agency partners with the tools they need to expand the scope of their volunteer programs.

The mission of the Volunteer Leader Network (VLN) is *to promote excellence in volunteer management and project coordination within the Pittsburgh Cares network through hands on leadership education.*

<p>Let Us Introduce Ourselves Wednesday, February 11th 8:00AM-10:00AM Mentoring Partnership of SWPA 2934 Smallman St., 2nd Floor</p>	<p>Construction Collaboration Wednesday, April 8th 8:00AM-10:00AM Robert Morris University – Downtown Campus 600 Fifth Avenue, Room 303</p>
<p>Learn how to put your best foot forward during this session which will begin with a presentation on the key ingredients to crafting an introductory speech which explains your organization's mission, purpose, and impact in a few short minutes. This "elevator speech" will become an essential tool that your nonprofit can use to make a lasting first impression. After the presentation, participants will have the chance to work together to develop their first impression pitch that grabs an audience's attention while providing information on your organization.</p>	<div data-bbox="836 884 1187 1108" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Grab your hard hat and join fellow Volunteer Leaders for "Construction Collaboration" where you will learn to build innovative volunteer projects from scratch! This themed session of the VLN will give you the opportunity to enhance your project coordination skills in a fun and supportive setting. Volunteer Leaders will explore what it takes to build a successful volunteer project with a solid foundation through hands on professional development activities.</p>

Volunteer Leader Network Leadership Retreat
 Wednesday, June 10th 8:00AM-12:00PM
 Location TBD

Gain the personal and professional development tools you need to succeed at the VLN Leadership Retreat. During this half-day retreat, Volunteer Leaders can choose from a variety of speakers and workshops all centered around improving leadership skills. Leadership coaches will lead interactive activities and give presentations on how to continually stay focused on advancing towards your career goals. If you are interested in assessing different leadership styles, conflict resolution and problem solving, or teambuilding and partnership building, then this is the retreat for you! The Leadership Retreat will also focus on workforce development for nonprofit organizations, delving into questions concerning the future of different careers in the nonprofit sector.

Each VLN session has a \$20 registration fee. Limited scholarships are available.
To register for Volunteer Leader Network sessions,
contact Jackie Donahue at jdonahue@pittsburghcares.org or 412.471.2114