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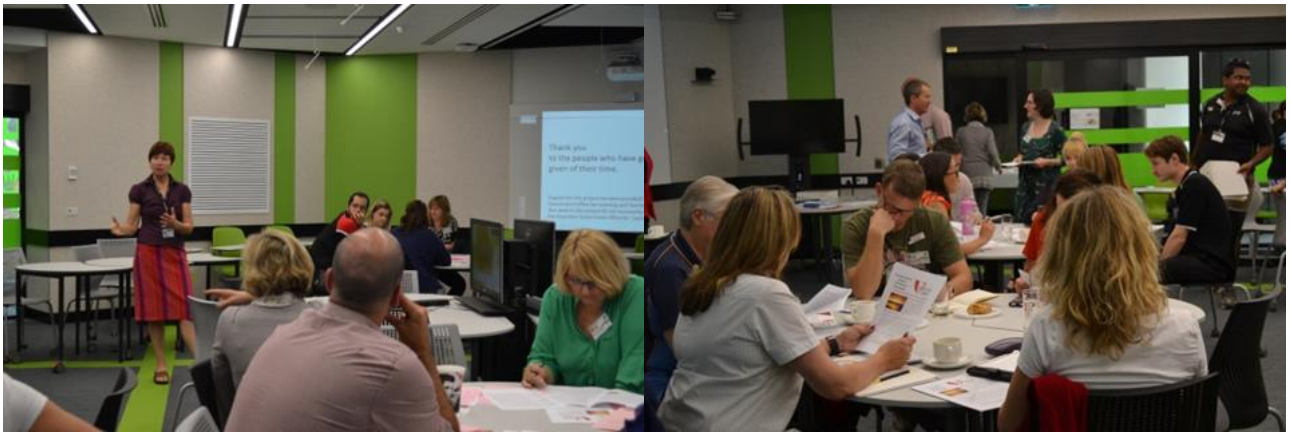


Dear friends and colleagues,

Happy International Volunteer Day, for December 5th!

We have been busy with the Volunteering to Learn project and will shortly reach the 18 month milestone in our 2 year journey! Since our last update the team has been working with data gathered from the literature review, desk audit and interviews to develop a picture of university student volunteering.

All team members have taken responsibility for initial work on a particular aspect of University Student Volunteering, and we had a very fruitful two day data analysis session in early September to draw the threads together and cast a critical eye over each others' work. The face to face discussions and debates helped us to develop initial drafts of the good practice guides and concept guides which are to be a major output of our project.



ACEN workshop, Curtin University, 6th November 2014

The development of the Good Practices Guides – and now the Concept Guide on Terminology – is progressing well and we must thank both our reference group and the attendees at an Australian Collaborative Education Network (ACEN) workshop recently hosted at Curtin University for valuable feedback on these as they progress. We hope that you were able to take away something from the workshop to which you so enthusiastically contributed.

We are now in the process of compiling stories about university student volunteering. Individuals, groups, projects, host organisations, university programs, and student organised activities are all part of the kaleidoscope of volunteering which can be found emanating from our campuses.

So if you have a story to contribute and which you would like to promote via our project website please email our project manager Linda Butcher at l.butcher@murdoch.edu.au.



Face to face data analysis meeting 1st and 2nd September 2014

Getting the word out

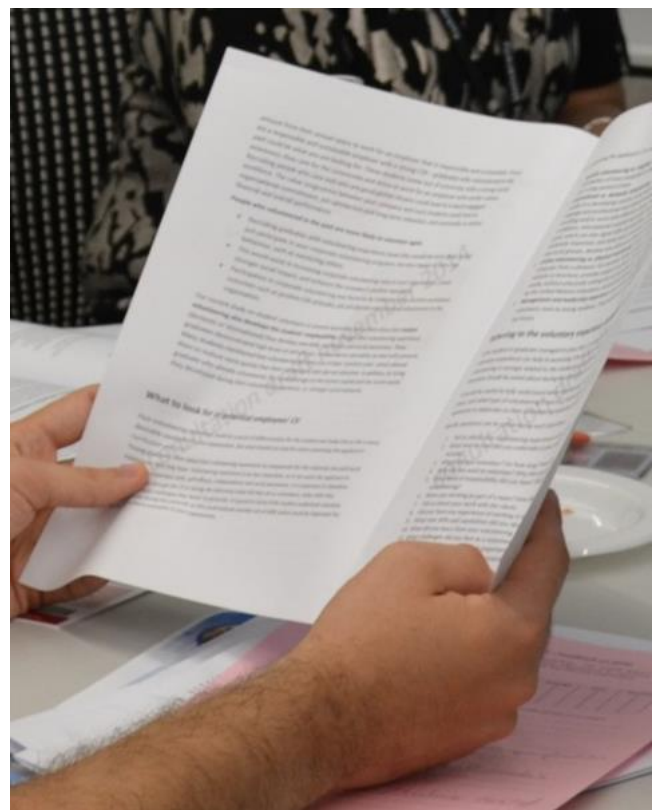
We want to share our findings with as many people as possible! After all, what is the point in gathering data about good practice in university student volunteering, and then keeping it to ourselves, or to a few selected academic journals? Our program of dissemination which has four main threads.

1. The Volunteering to Learn [website](#), has now moved from its temporary home at [Volunteering Western Australia](#). In the future you will be able to find project updates, Good Practice Guides and Concept guides on this website, including a final report.

2. We are also presenting our work at conferences. Conference presentations allow us to raise the profile of the project, and engage with as many people as possible about what we are doing. We have presented a paper at the [World Volunteering Conference](#) hosted by our project partner [Volunteering Australia](#) for [International Association for Volunteer Effort](#) (IAVE), and another at the [Australia and New Zealand Third Sector Research](#) (ANZTSR) conference held in New Zealand on “*Resilience Change and the Third Sector*”.

3. The development of academic papers, developed for an academic audience, and providing depth of analysis. We will publicise these as they are accepted for publication.

4. Good Practice and Concept Guides. The final and most important thread, however, is the development of the Good Practice and Concept Guides. These are not yet ready for distribution, as we are still gathering feedback from our reference group, and from our critical friends, but in March and April of next year (2015) we will be taking these on the road for final feedback and polishing. *“Coming soon to a city near you”* will apply to major Australian cities where workshops will be held and representatives from host organisations and universities, and students themselves will be invited to hear about our findings. Notification of these workshops will be via our contact list, so please send your contact details to Linda Butcher if you are interested in finding out more once dates and venues are confirmed.



THANK YOU!

We are extremely grateful to the team of champions who keep supporting us in our work – particularly those from the Tertiary Engagement Committee at Volunteering Western Australia who represent Volunteering Western Australia, the Office for Learning and Teaching and all of the

universities who have been involved - *your input is, as ever, invaluable.*

Our thanks also to all of those individuals who gave us their time and knowledge in the interviews conducted for this project.

If you would like to be notified of major developments on our website, and you did not receive this email by being on our contact list, please contact our project manager Linda Butcher on l.butcher@murdoch.edu.au.

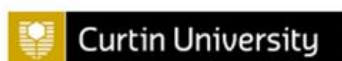


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