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MESSAGE FROM LEONIE



This is probably my last editorial as Director of JVN. After 12 years I'm hanging up my proverbial boots. It's been an honour and privilege to work for JVN.

JVN is a wonderful charity that I truly believe has transformed volunteering in our community.

There is still so much to do.

JVN needs more people to volunteer. More people to experience the satisfaction and feelings of well-being offered through spending even a couple of hours a month. We need you to recommend volunteering to your friends and family and encourage them to make a difference.

At any one time we have over 350 volunteering opportunities on the site. Charities are looking to JVN for you and people like you and now I hope for people like me.

I will start to plan how I should use my time... I know I want to continue to make a difference and I know I want to see as far as possible immediate results from my interventions. The forthcoming

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winter holidays really affords me the opportunity.

Charities are crying out for support over the forthcoming season and whether I'm doing a fairly menial task or something requiring some degree of skill, I will be needed and utilised and for those reasons alone will feel I have done something that's helped others and made me feel fulfilled at the same time.

And that I suppose is what my time at JVN over the last 12 years has been about..Doing something to make a difference but from which I have derived real pleasure.

Thank you to all volunteers, all charities and supporters and let us like the message of the Chanukah candles increase each day in the love, joy and kindness we provide through volunteering.

Leonie Lewis MBE
JVN Director

JVN HEARTBEAT OF THE COMMUNITY AWARDS 2018



This year's JVN Awards took the theme from the 10th Anniversary Dinner in 2017, Heartbeat of the Community, applying it to the community's outstanding volunteers. Nine categories of accolades were awarded, including new awards for exceptional volunteer management and outstanding charity leadership.



The evening began with a reception which included the new Faces of Volunteering photographic exhibition of volunteers in action from over 25 charities. The ceremony was hosted by star of BBC One's The Apprentice, Claude Littner and also featured musical entertainment from Kol Tov. Three previous award winners were inducted into the Volunteers' Hall of Fame and Chairman David Lazarus also gave a note of thanks.



MEET OUR NEW STAFF MEMBERS

KATIE AXELROD-HARASH



Fundraising Manager

Katie started working at JVN in July, after 5 years of fundraising and events at UJIA. As a mum to 2 young boys, she believes that everyone should be able to volunteer and really feel passionate about getting the name of JVN into the wider community and raising the funds needed to do fulfil our wonderful work.

ORIT CANTOR



Volunteer Placement Coordinator

Orit is taking JVN's service from 'connecting to 'matching'. She will go to great length to find the exact role that fits and interests a candidate volunteer. Orit does not leave one stone unturned in making the match and both charity and volunteer benefit hugely from this.

Orit is mum to a young son and has a background in property management.

JVN HOSTS A COFFEE MORNING FOR SILVER WEEK

To celebrate Silver Week 2018, JVN hosted a coffee morning to encourage those who have retired to volunteer.

We heard from Rosalind Preston OBE, who spoke about her volunteering experiences and also JVN's Director Leonie Lewis, MBE about how she plans to volunteer upon her forthcoming retirement. This was followed by some group discussion work, facilitated by JVN's own volunteers. Since this event, many attendees have had 1:1 sessions where they have found volunteering opportunities to suit their skills and interests.



TRUSTEE MATCHING SERVICE

JVN's trustee matching service gives organisations the opportunity to recruit trustees through our network of skilled, professional volunteers. This can save charities £1000's on advertising. This quarter, JVN has placed several trustees with the following charities:
Jewish Choice
British Friends of Reuth
Jewish Historical Society
Some additional charities are awaiting confirmation.



JVN MANCHESTER CONTINUES TO GROW

It's been a busy term for JVN in Manchester. Our Volunteer Coordinator Rebecca is on maternity leave until February. In July she had a beautiful baby girl called Emmeline.

However, we are still seeing more people for 1-2-1 sessions to help them find the right volunteering role.

We ran training sessions on Adult Safeguarding with Michael Sharp and 'Jewish Life' with the Board of Deputies.

Our event, 'What you never knew about volunteering' at Stenecourt Synagogue, explored the benefits of



volunteering – how it can improve one's health and and become habitual, easy and fun. The most poignant address was given by Tamar Tabor, daughter of Dr Judy Citron Z"L, JVN's Co-Founder. Tamar spoke about her late mother's legacy, her fierce passion for volunteering and her incredible vision for foresee the potential of a volunteer connecting service. She was constantly coming up with new and more creative ways to volunteer. This sowed the seeds for JVN – a simple and effective means of promoting a wide range of volunteering opportunities to the widest of audiences. Judy helped to change stereotypical views of volunteering. "It takes a lot to run a charity," Tamar said, "but their wide range of needs can be met with our community's wide spectrum of skills. As long

as the appropriate match can be made between the charity and the volunteer, both will gain immeasurably."

UPCOMING EVENTS

Trustee Induction
Programme
Tuesday 11th Dec 2018

Volunteer Managers'
Forum
Monday 17th Dec 2018

Good Practice in
Volunteer Management
Wed 10th Oct 2018
- Wed 23rd Jan 2019

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OR ANNIVERSARY
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JVN ANNUAL CONFERENCE

At the end of November 50 people attended the JVN Conference. Two highly acclaimed speakers in the field, Rob Jackson and Mandy James, respectively spoke and led workshops on establishing an effective volunteer engagement strategy for the changing face of volunteering and how to measure impact of volunteering

"Really fantastic - learned loads, plenty of ideas to put in to action. Thank you."

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"Great to have the space to discuss in addition to just listen."



"Thank you - this was very helpful - good to learn from you and from others."



TRAINING

Jo Masters, our Training & Development Coordinator, has developed a new training programme for Good Practice in Volunteer Management. This is delivered in a series of 4 morning sessions covering all the basics of volunteer management. There is still one session to come on 23 Jan if you would like to join us.

Please see the following link
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