

February 2018

DCO is pleased to offer their Spring Networking Days on March 20-22, 2018 at the Sheraton Hotel in Hamilton. Theme of this conference is *Looking Towards 2020: Policy, Regulatory and Service Changes Affecting Your Organization - How will you respond?*



We will have sessions for leaders, managers and board members; special evening session for Leaders, EDs, managers and board members; as well as sessions that will include all staff.

Click [here](#) for the "[save the date](#)" flyer, and watch your email for more information coming soon.

Learning Forums: Aging

For the first time in history, seniors now outnumber children in Canada, as the population experiences its greatest increase in the proportion of older people since Confederation, according to the Statistics Canada census data of 2016.



As people get older, their needs change and this requires more understanding about health care, home care, emotional and financial considerations and much more. DCO is pleased to offer a webinar series beginning February 28, 2018, to understand various aspects of aging.

[Read more...](#)

The Impact of Social Media on Millennial Mental Health

The heavy use of smart phones and social media by young people has moved in to the psychosocial spotlight and become a universal mental health concern. In a new report by the Royal Society for Public Health (RSPH) and the Young Health Movement (YHM) in Britain, the #StatusOfMind project examines the positive and negative effects of social media on young people's health and lists social media platforms and their impact on young people's mental health.



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2018 Global NGO Technology Report, Part Two

The Global NGO Technology Report is an annual research project that seeks to gain a better understanding of how non-governmental organizations (NGOs) use technology. The report is based upon the survey results of 5,352 international NGOs, with the primary goal to provide an updated set of technology benchmarks for NGOs worldwide.

In part two of our two-part series, we focus on not-for-profit technological concerns of online fundraising, mobile tech, data management and security, with a focus on North American tech.

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HOW NGOs SEND EMAIL UPDATES & FUNDRAISING APPEALS



The Constant Cycle of Bad News and How to Break It

News can be hazardous to our mental and emotional health. A constant stream of terrible, sensational headlines, graphic video footage, and stories that wreak havoc in our hearts, draws our attention like a train wreck and pulls us into the drama. The constant stream of bad news worries and feeds us until we have become damaged, depressed, and desensitized.

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Nominations Now Open for the 2018 Spirit of Volunteerism Recognition

Each year we are pleased to show that gratitude with the Spirit of Volunteerism Recognition program. With the help of our members, this gives us the opportunity to shine a light on the important work our volunteers do, whether on the front line taking phone calls, texts or chats from those in crisis or distress, or behind-the-scenes with contributions that keep their organizations strong and vital.

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2017 Global Trends in Giving Part 1

The 2017 Global Trends in Giving Report is a research project that seeks to gain a better understanding of how donors prefer to give and engage with their favorite causes and charitable organizations.

In the first part of our series, we share information about the report itself, tools used, fundraising by country, and social media support for fundraising to help NGOs and not-for-profits apply these fundraising strategies to effectively reach donors and supporters.

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DCO 2018 Upcoming Events and Schedule of Meetings

DCO Board of Directors

Tuesday, April 24
Wednesday, June 13

Finance Committee Meetings

Monday, April 16
Thursday, May 31
Monday, June 11
Wednesday, October 17
Friday, December 14



2018 DCO Networking Conference

March 20-22
Sheraton Hamilton

Spirit of Volunteerism eNews Publication

National Volunteer Week
April 15 - 21

DCO Annual General Meeting

Friday, June 22
Location: Hamilton/Burlington

Spirit of Volunteerism Recognition (SOV)

Friday, June 22
Location: Hamilton/Burlington

Program & Service Recognition Presentation (PSR)

Friday, June 22
Location: Hamilton/Burlington

Upcoming Learning Forums Videos

Aging

News from our Member Centres

r.i.s.e.: Aging with Pride & Satisfaction March 28, 2018

Join [Judith Rosenberg](#), Dr. Carla Rice, and Ross Knechtel from the Mood Disorders Association of Guelph-Wellington, as they discuss aging, diversity, inclusion, and share information about the Gatekeepers Eventon. [Click here](#) for more information, and [click here to register](#).



DID SOMEONE SAY CHOCOLATE? Oh yes, we did! **Ottawa Distress Centre's** delicious **Chocolate Affair Gala** is back! The annual event takes place at the Shaw Centre from 6:00 - 10:00 pm on Saturday, May 5th, 2018.

Tickets are on sale NOW! [Buy your tickets here!](#)

When chocolate and charity work together, everyone wins!

