

## LAVA's Mission

- To bring together an association of persons in the City of London and surrounding areas who have a common interest in providing the best possible leadership in volunteer management by:
- Promoting and advocating for professionalism within the field of volunteer management and the community at large
- Providing educational, professional development, and mentoring opportunities to keep them apprised of recognized standards of practice, trends, resources, idea exchanges and innovative solutions
- Collaborating with agencies and institutions to enhance volunteer management and volunteerism across the community.

## LAVA's Vision

A community of professionals adhering to recognized standards of practice, who provide outstanding leadership in the experience and impact of volunteers on the organization and individuals they serve.



## Membership Information



[www.londonava.com](http://www.londonava.com)

## Who Should Join LAVA?

London & Area Association for Volunteer Administration, LAVA, is an organization that offers networking, education, and advocacy to those managing volunteers. This includes paid staff who administer volunteer resources including directors, managers, coordinators of volunteers, fundraising staff, community resources staff, program staff, researchers, consultants and community leaders. No matter the size of the agency, LAVA is there to provide and offer guidance.

### Membership Benefits

#### For the Organization Include:

- The opportunity for staff to network with other organizations in and around London, as well as explore potential partnerships at regular monthly meetings and via the LAVA membership directory
- Allowing staff to remain current on the latest developments and best practices in volunteer resource management and to use this knowledge to increase the capacity of the organization.
- Developing risk management programs and expertise in the field of volunteer management.
- Learning and sharing best practices for recruiting and retaining volunteers.
- Accessing volunteer management expertise through the LAVA online bulletin board.
- An opportunity to promote their volunteer program in the annual Volunteer Week Supplement of the London Free Press.
- Building leadership skills by becoming involved with a LAVA planning committee or as part of the Executive.
- Participating in monthly meetings that provide inexpensive, yet effective opportunities for the professional development of volunteer resource management staff.

#### For the Individual Include:

- Building a network of contacts by meeting other individuals working in the field of volunteer resource management.
- Receiving up-to-date information on best practices in volunteer resource management, while also providing an opportunity to have your own questions answered.
- Utilizing the online bulletin board and website to get answers to your questions from experienced peers.
- Developing your own leadership, organization, and interpersonal skills by becoming involved with a LAVA planning committee or with the LAVA Executive.
- Supporting the work that LAVA does on behalf of the field of volunteer resource management
- A peer mentoring program is available for new volunteer managers, or for people looking to build specific skills
- Helping to advocate for professionalism in the field of volunteer resource management.
- Being recognized as a professional by developing the wide range of skills required for successful volunteer resource management

