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## Good Practice in Volunteering

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2011.

Over the last month the European Commission (CEV) has started its consultation process with the European networks of the European Year of Volunteering 2011 Alliance towards its proposal for the European Year of Volunteering.

There will be exciting workshops on brokering partnerships between companies and the volunteer sector, successful employee volunteering schemes and public sector employee volunteering programmes.

The CEV were happy to see that the Commission seems to take over many of their recommendations and ideas.

Moreover, the 200 participants will be able to meet informally at the Employee Volunteering Partnership Fair and enjoy a gala reception hosted by the Lord Mayor of Prague.

Until the Commissioners make a formal decision to be expected by the end of May there will be a continuation to ensure that EYV 2011 takes the right spin and puts a major focus on celebrating volunteers and their contribution to our societies.

You will be able to download a printed version on the website <http://www.cev.be/> on the CEV news section.

At CEV, a dedicated task force meeting will take place on 16 May at the fringes of the General Assembly in Prague; for discussions on how to get ready

### **Understanding Disability Awards 2009**

The Understanding Disability Awards celebrate active engagement and commitment

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in promoting positive attitudes towards people with learning disabilities.

Do you know of?

- an Employer, School/ College, or Individual
- a Local Group or Organisation
- a Child or a Group of Children

Then why not nominate them for the Understanding Disability Awards 2009.

To request a nomination form please email: [hasina@parentsfed.org](mailto:hasina@parentsfed.org) or telephone 029 2022 7800

The closing date for nominations is Monday 1st June 2009.

## Celebrate 25 years of Volunteers Week this June

Volunteers Week is a national celebration of volunteers and volunteering which takes place from 1st – 7th June each year.

This has become a major event

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in the UK's volunteering calendar.

Volunteers Week began in 1985 and the volume of organisations getting involved in this week of celebrations increases year by year.

This is a great opportunity for voluntary organisations to recruit new volunteers and raise the profile of volunteering.

This year, rewarding and recognising volunteers, will be the major theme.

During this week there will be a mass of activity as private, public and voluntary organisations take part, by organising events such as awards celebrations, picnics, sponsored walks and competitions to reward and recognise the hard work and commitment given by volunteers to their communities.

You can log onto the website below to order certificates for your volunteers and other promotional materials.

To access the official UK Volunteers' Week website please visit:

<http://www.volunteersweek.org.uk/>