

**Celebrating Excellence in Volunteer Leadership at the 2021 Volunteering Awards
5 November 2021**

International Volunteer Managers Day (IVMD) celebrates the important role Volunteer Managers play in making our communities resilient, inclusive and sustainable. This year's theme *What is Excellence? Pushing us Beyond the Ordinary* reflects upon what excellence means in volunteer leadership.

"We recognize that effective volunteering does not happen in a vacuum. That is why we celebrate International Volunteer Managers Day every year on 5 November," says Scott Miller, Chief Executive of Volunteering Victoria.

Initiated in 1999, the day puts a spotlight on Volunteer Managers as key figures in volunteer-involving organisations and aims to provide stimulating debate on different aspects of what constitutes 'excellence in volunteer management'. These include:

- Volunteer leadership
- Diversity and equity
- Managing up
- Meaningful engagement
- Embracing technology and systems

"This year, we encourage everyone to celebrate the excellence of their Leaders of Volunteers by making a submission to one of the many categories at the 2021 Volunteering Awards," adds Miller.

To make a submission for the 2021 Volunteering Awards, visit:

volunteeringvictoria.org.au/events/volunteering-awards-2021/

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