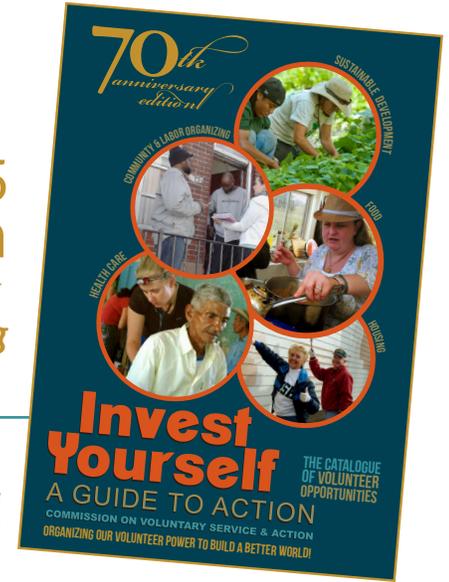


STRENGTHENING VOLUNTARY SERVICE AND ACTION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT FOR INVEST YOURSELF 2015 CAMPAIGN

A SIDE EVENT OF THE 53RD SESSION OF THE UN COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

February 12, 2015
3pm to 4:30pm
UN Headquarters, New York
General Assembly Building
Conference Room C



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In the most advanced industrially developed nations, poverty and inequality are growing at an alarming speed, while in many developing nations of Latin America and Asia new approaches to social development are being carried out resulting in greatly decreased levels of poverty and raised standards of living for historically marginalized people. As volunteerism grows around the globe, voluntary service innovators are forging new strategies to tackle these problems, and looking at what works best and leads to real solutions that are sustainable.

Commission on Voluntary Service & Action (CVSA) promotes volunteer service with grassroots, community-based nongovernmental organizations responsive to both immediate needs and the systemic causes of hunger, lack of access to health care, housing, decent employment, legal recourse and more while also building collective strength in organization.

* **LEARN from two examples** (one in a wealthy country, one in a very poor country) of independent, volunteer-based organizations that are materially decreasing suffering and building sustainable solutions where they work, with no government funding. Learn how they have worked to overcome obstacles encountered from governmental bodies.

* **HEAR about how Voluntary Service for Social Development** can be integrated into the post 2015 development agenda.

* **PICK-UP a copy of the new edition of INVEST YOURSELF: Guide to Action**, which will be distributed, launching the 2015 campaign for CVSA's 70th Anniversary Edition of the most comprehensive catalogue of fulltime, nongovernment organization volunteer opportunities throughout the U.S. and the world, addressing essential and basic needs of people and communities.

* **CONNECT with the CVSA** volunteer organizers and organizations committed to building a better world.

Call (718) 482-8724, or www.cvsa-investyourself.org

SPEAKERS:

Stan Brock, Founder of Remote Area Medical (RAM), based in the U.S. Appalachian region, has carried out 749 free medical clinic events in 21 U.S. states, as well as 25 other countries, with many thousands of volunteer medical professionals serving hundreds of thousands of people with no other access to care. A short video on RAM's work and method of approach will also be shown.
www.ramusa.org

Dr. Luther Castillo-Harry, Founder of First Popular Garifuna Hospital, Honduras, the only medical facility in Honduras that offers free healthcare services as a right to the Garifuna, Indigenous and Miskito communities of the northeastern coast of Honduras, built and run by the community with no government support, yet demonstrating the most successful model of health care in the country.

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Yael Alonso, Volunteer and Membership Coordinator, Commission on Voluntary Service & Action, 20 year old youth organizer will speak about full-time volunteering and leadership development.

Jordi Llopart, Chief of NYC Office United Nations Volunteer Programme (UNV). UNV contributes to peace and development by advocating for recognition of volunteers, working with partners to integrate volunteerism into development

programming, and mobilizing an increasing number and diversity of volunteers, including experienced UN Volunteers, throughout the world.

MODERATOR:

Susan Angus, Executive Director, Commission on Voluntary Service & Action.

Delegates of Member States, Mission staff, UN agencies and NGO representatives: Please join us for this exciting forward-looking presentation and campaign launch!