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CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS - Vancouver Celebrates Diwali 2011 Festival

Vancouver Celebrates Diwali is currently seeking community-minded volunteers to support our upcoming 8th annual South Asian arts & culture festival, with several events taking place **October 16 – 23 2011**.

Festival Events and Dates

Currently, we are looking for volunteers to work on our main festival events:

- **Diwali Bright Lights** and **Chai House on Main Street**, at Heritage Hall, 3102 Main St. in Vancouver
Volunteers needed on **Tuesday October 18 2011**.
- **Diwali Downtown**, at the Roundhouse Community Centre, 181 Roundhouse Mews (Corner of Pacific & Davie St) Volunteers needed **Saturday October 22 and Sunday October 23 2011**.
- **Diwali Workshops**, taking place at community centres and neighborhood houses across the city.
Volunteers needed for several workshops for the duration of the festival.

Positions Available

We have many exciting positions to be filled. We require volunteers to set up some events, as well as to fill event assistance and audience services during the event. Some of the events are creative (like helping with diya painting and rangoli creations), some require manual labor (like helping us to set up tables and chairs), some require great people skills (like greeters, collecting donations and box office). All of the positions require a great sense of community spirit and willingness to have fun!

Each shift will last approximately 4 – 5 hours. All volunteers receive snacks and drinks, a letter of appreciation, and a pre-event orientation. If you sign up for a double shift (8 hours) a meal will be provided. All volunteers will be automatically entered to win **an LG Optimus 3D Smartphone**, courtesy of our festival sponsor Rogers.

Volunteer Orientation will take place at The Roundhouse Community Centre in Room B on Thursday Oct. 13 2011 at 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm OR 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm. * You only need to attend one session. At the event orientation you will receive your festival information package and uniform for event day – The Vancouver Celebrates Diwali 2011 T-Shirt. We'll introduce you to your position managers, meet with your co-workers, overview the festival and events, and discuss your position(s) in greater detail. We'll also have some snacks to make it worthwhile.

Please fill out our volunteer registration form. If you cannot send us a form, please answer the following questions :

1. Send us your full name (first & last), email address and telephone number.
2. Based on the dates listed above, when are you available?
3. Have you volunteered with our Festival before? If so, in what position?
4. Which area most interests you: **(Please circle)**
creative, manual labor, audience interaction? Or can we just put you anywhere we need you?
5. Do you know a lot about Diwali and/or South Asian culture?
6. What languages do you speak?
7. What size t-shirt do you wear? (please indicate whether it is Men's or Women's size)

We'll do our best to offer you a position that interests you !

Please send your completed form or email your interest by Tuesday Oct. 11 2011:

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