

REGIONAL ROUND-UP

Volunteer – Play Your Part

Northern Ireland

A new guide to volunteering called 'Volunteer – Play Your Part' was launched by the Social Development Minister Margaret Ritchie at an event held in Parliament Buildings, Stormont as part of Volunteers' Week celebrations.

The publication, which will be available in Polish, Portuguese, Lithuanian, Cantonese and Urdu is a simple guide to getting involved in volunteering. 'Play Your Part' which was partly funded by the Equality Commission highlights that volunteering is open to everyone. It also aims to give that final piece of encouragement to those who may have considered volunteering before but never took the last step.

Commenting on the new publication Minister Ritchie said, "I want to encourage the growth of volunteering and provide new and better experiences for volunteers. I therefore welcome this new leaflet and am especially pleased that versions are being printed in Polish, Portuguese, Lithuanian, Cantonese and Urdu. This reflects the inclusiveness of volunteering and the increasingly diverse makeup of our society."

The new booklet can be downloaded at:

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