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for volunteers from
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You are invited to a **FREE** GoldStar event to be held at venues across the country throughout September and October

(please visit http://www.goldstar.org.uk/goldstar_events.html for your nearest event)

Spaces are limited so please book early.

What delegates can expect from the day...

- Gain an understanding of the GoldStar programme
- Hear inspiring examples of successful volunteering initiatives
- Have a say in how you can continue to receive good practice information
- Hear how the public and private sector can learn from volunteering organisations in relation to engaging, recruiting and/or supporting those at risk from social exclusion
- Learn how the public and private sectors can better support volunteering organisations engage in recruiting and supporting volunteers at risk from exclusion
- Discuss how lessons from exemplar projects can be adapted for application in other voluntary organisations, or within public or private sector organisations
- Identify how your organisation can become more involved in sharing volunteering good practice
- Help shape the future of the programme
- Share experiences and Networking

GoldStar is a two year programme (2006-08) established to **disseminate good practice in the development of volunteering among BME groups, people with disabilities or long-term illnesses and people with no qualifications.**

46 existing projects have been funded by GoldStar as exemplars; the dissemination programme builds on these to identify and highlight a wide range of good practice examples.

If you would like to learn more about the Goldstar programme please visit the GoldStar website @ www.goldstar.org.uk



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Agenda

9.30 Registration and coffee

10:00 Welcome

10:15 Introduction to day

- Explanation of GoldStar
- Purpose of the day
- GoldStar work to date

10:45 Presentation from GoldStar Project

- how they have rolled out and disseminated good practice
- the barriers that have got in the way and how they overcame these

11:00 Presentation from Public Sector Organisations

- How they are working with volunteers from groups at risk of social exclusion
- What are the benefits
- What barriers have got in the way and how they overcame these

11:15 Break

11:30 Focus Group session 1 - Topics for discussion

- How can we build on what's been achieved to date and further roll out Goldstar 'good practice' into each of the regions

12:00 Focus Group session 2 - Topics for discussion

- what role would the VCS, public and private sectors play; what needs to happen?

12:30 Conclusion - How will Goldstar continue to support on a regional basis

13:00 Lunch and Networking

14:00 Depart