

# NEWS

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### Workshop on Public Speaking to be Offered

North Jersey--The ability to speak confidently and deliver a persuasive message is an essential skill for today's professionals. Every speaking opportunity is an opportunity to move others to action; it is one of the best ways to get people interested and invested in an organization's mission.

The Volunteer Center of Bergen County will present an evening workshop, **Public Speaking, from Good to Great**, on Tuesday, October 21, 2008 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The workshop will be held at the YMCA of Greater Bergen County's offices at 360 Main Street in Hackensack. The \$20 registration fee includes all course materials and refreshments. Pre-registration and pre-payment is required; the deadline for registration is October 17th. For more information or to register, e-mail [training@bergenvolunteers.org](mailto:training@bergenvolunteers.org), or call (201) 489-9454, ext.114. All participants will be asked to prepare a two minute "ice-breaker" speech for the class.

Participants will learn how to improve their public speaking skills. The course will offer techniques for public speakers who are looking to brush up on their skills and learn new ways to enhance their speeches.

The course leader is Becky Livingston. She says, "During the two hour session, you'll pick up guidelines on charting out the process for speech writing, getting your main point across, and 20 verbal and non verbal tips for improved speaking."

"Public speaking allows you to make contact with people on a more personal level and makes a greater impression than through mail, e-mail or even by phone", says Janet Sharma, Executive Director of the Volunteer Center.

This workshop is part of a series designed for professional volunteer managers in non-profit and governmental agencies, but is open to anyone in the community who wishes to improve his or her public speaking. It is highly interactive and hands-on, providing both an enjoyable and meaningful learning experience. It is sponsored by the Non-Profit Training and Resource Center of the Volunteer Center of Bergen County.

The mission of the Volunteer Center is to strengthen the community by connecting people with opportunities to serve, operating model volunteer programs, building capacity for effective volunteering, and participating in strategic partnerships that meet community needs.

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