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A leader in the 'for purpose' volunteering sector, Roz focuses on delivering strategic outcomes in volunteer engagement, building collaborative partnerships, and giving voice to all sentient beings. Her attributes include applying civic engagement values and volunteering principles and importantly the integrity, passion and influence necessary to assist build a connected global society.

Roz' experience includes as the RSPCA Victoria's Volunteer Manager, Australian Red Cross' National Manager for Voluntary Service, and International Volunteer Manager with Australian Volunteers International and the U.S. Peace Corps. She currently volunteers with Women's March Melbourne and is the Member and Corporate Relations Manager at Volunteering Victoria.

Abstract

Animal welfare volunteering - creature comfort or ruff awakening

Changes in the greyhound racing industry, growing awareness of 'puppy factories', and increased reports of animal cruelty corresponds to an increasing need for animal welfare services to rehome pets safely.

Considering that Volunteering Australia's 'State of Volunteering' 2016 report demonstrates that interest in animal welfare volunteering far exceeds the demand for volunteers, has the sector become complacent in engaging volunteers?

Organisations that adapt their volunteering strategy, reshape volunteer roles and take advantage of new forms of volunteering will be better prepared to tackle community expectations for rehoming pets. Given the limited resources devoted to volunteering, cross-sector collaboration is also critical to optimise positive outcomes.

This interactive session explores what a robust and effective volunteer program looks like, how to deal with the challenges and barriers to volunteering, and where to go for practical advice. It will share ideas to enhance collaboration across sectors and move your organisation from complacency to action. This presentation will be useful for Local Government departments, Non Profits and community groups.