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# ASAAP

“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.” - Mahatma Gandhi (Born 140 years ago today)

## Break on through *In Touch*

### Join **Breakthrough: An LGBTQ Newcomer Volunteer Network** in

launching this exciting new initiative by and for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, and Queer (LGBTQ) newcomers in Toronto. The free event will include a launch ceremony with refreshments and community fair with information on volunteer opportunities and services for LGBTQ newcomers. A guided tour of Church-Wellesley village will follow, highlighting the queer history in Toronto and points of interest for LGBTQ newcomers.

### All LGBTQ newcomers and allies are welcome!

**What:** Project Launch: *BREAKTHROUGH, An LGBTQ Newcomer Volunteer Network*

**Where:** The 519 Church Street Community Centre, 519 Church St. (north of Wellesley)

**When:** October 3, 2009

3:00 pm  
Project Launch and  
Community Fair  
5:00 pm  
Church/Wellesley  
Village Guided  
Tour (departing  
from The 519)

## A New Day

On Sept. 29, I turned in my resignation as Volunteer Coordinator for ASAAP. My final day of employment will be Nov. 13, 2009. It has been a wonderful experience to work at ASAAP and with this exceptional group of volunteers. You have all done terrific work and helped the agency grow and shine, and it has been an honour to be your Coordinator for the past two years. This is not my final goodbye, since there will be time for that later, but it has come time for me to seek new challenges and opportunities. I look forward to finishing what work we can over the next few weeks and hope to get other chances to work with you once I have moved on from ASAAP.

# A careful fall



The Ontario government, Ontario AIDS Network and ASAAP all want you to have a safe and healthy fall and winter. With that in mind, ASAAP is taking as many precautions as possible to prevent the spread of the H1N1 flu virus. This includes providing hand sanitizer at several locations in the office and posting guidelines on simple steps to take extra care this fall, with your hand-washing and self-awareness. As an ASO, we need to be extra careful.

Therefore, if you are experiencing any of the following symptoms: sudden fever, cough, sore throat, fatigue and muscle soreness, please do not come into the office or to any outreach shifts. Please inform me or whomever you were to work with on the staff. We remain as open as always for work, outreach, workshops, work from home, etc. but your health and the health of our clients is of utmost importance. Take care of yourselves so you can continue the great work you always do for ASAAP.

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