

Book: The Abundant Not-for-Profit

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In April 2016 we launched Vantage Point's [Year of Abundance](#). We reflected on what we believe an abundant not-for-profit can look like, and created the set of practical tools for organizations to use in their journey towards abundance. How do we define abundance? Abundance is a culture of confidence and possibility with a belief that openness to new ideas and diverse resources will enable organizations to achieve transformational change. Abundance is not a destination or a management philosophy but a reflection of *what we do* in our organizations, and *how we do it*.

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When it comes to organizational planning and change leadership efforts, a recent personal experience highlighted the value of the philosophy we put forward in our book *The Abundant Not-for-Profit*. The book centres on the idea that a clear and compelling mission, and a focus on attracting passionate, skilled people to contribute unique skills, provides access to an abundance of resources and skills to get the job done. As I discovered recently, groups looking to initiate or launch new change leadership efforts by focusing on resources other than people (like money) too soon can actually derail or inhibit the transition from an idea to a start-up!

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Three years ago we published our second book, *The Abundant Not-for-Profit*, and issued a call to action to the not-for-profit sector: Focus on abundance, not scarcity. How did we frame abundance at that time? Through the lens of people. The world is full of experienced and talented people who care about community and are willing to donate their time and talent. Engage those people in meaningful ways throughout all levels of your organization and you will increase your capacity to achieve your mission. We are proud of the book and its role in sharing the message of abundance and knowledge philanthropy with thousands of people.

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A few weeks ago, we had the opportunity to talk about our new book with Joe Waters and Megan Strand on [CauseTalk Radio](#). We had no idea how much fun it would turn out to be!

Megan and Joe asked insightful questions, shared their hopes and doubts, and made us laugh out loud.

Tune in now and tell us what you think.

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Over the past few years, I have been a “high potential,” “second in command,” “next generation” leader. As mentioned in [past blog posts](#), I’ve been part of an experiment in succession planning here at Vantage Point. Last week, I returned from maternity leave to embark on a five month journey to turn that experiment into reality (and put my potential to the test) by assuming the role of Interim Executive Director.

After a heart-wrenching, “Mummy, I’d like you to stay home with me,” from my three year old on Monday morning, I left my little ones to my talented and generally awesome Mum. I...

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Just over seven days ago, we invited not-for-profit leaders across North America into a conversation about not-for-profit abundance.

After two years of research, writing and editing, it was a little nerve-wracking to finally release *The Abundant Not-for-Profit* into the world. We hoped the message would resonate. We hoped it would spark your imagination. We hoped you might share it with others.

Today, we want to say a huge *thank you*.

Thank you for downloading the book, for reading it, for sending us your positive feedback – and for spreading the word.

Thanks to you, we have connected with...

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Over the past two years, more than 50 incredible people have contributed their expertise, knowledge and ideas to create *The Abundant Not-for-Profit*.

Today, we begin a conversation with not-for-profit leaders across North America.

***The Abundant Not-for-Profit* is [now available on our website](#) as an e-book.**

It's time to challenge conventional thinking in our sector. It's time to engage the abundance of talented people that are willing – even yearning – to contribute to our organizations, if only we can realize how to work with them effectively.

It's time to stop bemoaning our lack of resources and...

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We know there are many stories of organizations that have adopted a business model that recruits people to be volunteers – and then focuses on their knowledge, skills and experience. They recruit volunteer “heads.” We know these organizations understand the high value they gain as they hire exceptional consultants they can pay with meaning, rather than money. At Vantage Point we are always excited to hear, and then tell, those stories.

You can build an abundant not-for-profit in many different ways. The first ingredient is always realizing people are passionate about your cause and are anxious...

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Often people come to Vantage Point and say they would like to volunteer with us. Can you remember a time when someone said that to you? I'll bet it has happened! Many people in the community are passionate about your cause, and they will often approach your organization to explore how they can contribute. And if your organization has an event, or if you have an ongoing task they could do, you **might** be able to slot them in.

What if you could begin to match their specific skills and interests to a meaningful (new) role in your organization? We have developed a step-by-step process you can put in...

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