

## Leadership: Develop Unlimited Talent

### [We Can Do It: Vantage Point's legacy is female](#)

Blog

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Last year Vantage Point turned 75 and such a milestone had us digging through our archives to find out exactly what brought us from 1943 to 2018. As it turns out the answer was women.

1943 marked a turning point for our society as we found ourselves in the middle of World War II and as men went off to war, women were called upon to roll up their sleeves and keep things running. For most women, this would have been their first time entering the workforce and once they entered, you better believe they didn't leave.

Organizing for the war effort, the Women's Voluntary Services was formed with the...

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### [Charities: You Can Now Share Your Expertise on Public Policy!](#)

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**Recent changes to tax law and charity policy have given Canadian charities exciting new opportunities to contribute their expertise to the discussion and development of public policy.**

Canadian charities have a wealth of knowledge and expertise in many important areas of public policy, from poverty reduction and education to health matters, environmental issues and much more.

Until recently, charities were limited in their ability to share their expertise with policy makers and the public. If their activities were seen as intended to affect public policy and government action, those activities...

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### [Valley First and Vantage Point partnering to bring training to the Okanagan](#)

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### **Valley First and Vantage Point partner to enhance not-for-profit leadership and capacity building in the Okanagan.**

Kelowna, B.C. – Valley First, a division of First West Credit Union, and Vantage Point have partnered to expand Vantage Point’s leadership programming and services to not-for-profit organizations in Kelowna, B.C. In February, Valley First, KCR Community Resources, and Vantage Point will be [holding a session focused on tools, resources and models](#) that are driving innovation and impact in the sector.

Valley First has provided a generous contribution to enhance leadership training...

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## **[75 Years of Community Impact: Starting with Volunteerism](#)**

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The year 1943 marks the beginning of the Central Volunteer Bureau of Vancouver, which became Volunteer Vancouver, and now Vantage Point. Fast forward to 2018 and we are incredibly excited, and humbled, to celebrate our 75th anniversary. For more than 60 years, we were a volunteer centre, focused on promoting and celebrating volunteerism and connecting volunteers to Vancouver’s ever-growing not-for-profit sector. Around the year 2002, we noticed people were becoming less and less interested in filling traditional volunteer roles. They wanted to contribute their knowledge for a finite period in exchange for a meaningful experience. Not-for-profit organizations could not find enough volunteers with the more traditional skills sets they were accustomed to, while more people were seeking meaningful opportunities that engaged their knowledge and expertise.

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## **[The Silver Bullet to Building the Capacity of the Not-For-Profit Sector](#)**

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Charities and other not-for-profit organizations are often created to address society’s most persistent challenges (e.g. homelessness, hunger, poverty) – those that neither governments nor for-profits have historically been able to solve.

According to the latest research, changing demographics and an aging population, is significantly increasing demand for charitable services while available funding is set to decrease. Therefore, it is a critically important time to build the capacity of not-for-profit organizations.

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## **[Well, this is good-bye!](#)**

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When I made my decision to retire I knew it was the right time for me and for Vantage Point. The organization is in a great place with wonderful staff

and knowledge philanthropists, a refreshed strategic plan, and relevant programs and services. I will be so excited to see new successes under Alison Brewin's leadership.

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## [Capacity Building: Enhancing Organizational Impact](#)

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April 4, 2018

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Not-for-profit organizations do incredibly important work – providing critical services that support and enrich our communities. Robust internal capacity and organizational competence is what supports their ability to achieve impact. At Vantage Point we are on a mission to improve not-for-profit capacity. By building the capacity of your not-for-profit organization, you can strengthen the impact your programs have in your community and ensure long-term program sustainability. The importance of capacity building is a critical conversation for not-for-profits, funders, government, and the broader community.

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## [10 ways to kickstart your year with Vantage Point](#)

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January 8, 2018

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Ah, January. The time of year we all decide that this will be the year we get stuff done. This will be the year we set our goals and actually stick with them! Luckily for you, Vantage Point has all the tools and resources available for your professional development goals to make the smaller steps easier and that ultimate goal something you can happily cross off your to-do list.

[Read more about 10 ways to kickstart your year with Vantage Point](#)

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## [Three Practices to Build Your Resilience](#)

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November 28, 2017

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Resiliency is often defined as the ability to overcome adversity. But it's more than that. Resiliency is the ability to navigate challenge while being who you are. What do I mean by that? Think of a time you overcame something hard. You made it onto the other side. Did you feel proud or inspired? Did you get angry or say or do things you didn't mean?

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## [See you on Friday the 13th!](#)

Blog

[Larissa Hayes](#)

September 11, 2017

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Picture this...

You wake up on the morning of Friday, October 13 (oh so scary!) and make your way downtown on a beautiful, sunny Vancouver day - okay, that might be a bit too fantastical... it's most likely raining. But you are enjoying the view of the Vancouver skyline as you head towards downtown Vancouver to the Marriott Pinnacle Hotel for BOSS 2017! Is this your plan for October 13? Because BOSS is where I'll be. Here at Vantage Point we have a motto for this event: Bigger, Better BOSS-ier. We are now on year three of BOSS and our team's mantra is holding true. We've leveled up the speakers, leveled up the numbers, and leveled up our excitement.

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