**Encore Boston Network News**

**August 18, 2014**

Hope everyone has been enjoying the beautiful New England summer weather we've been having! Not exactly beach reading, but here's an update of the summertime news at Encore Boston Network.

**Network Director position**

We've officially received the grant money from Tufts Health Plan Foundation to fund this new part-time position and have begun interviewing four candidates identified through the Encore Fellows program (thanks, Donna Morelle!). We hope to have a final decision close to Labor Day and the selected individual in place shortly after that. I've attached a Position Description so you can see how we've framed the content and qualifications for this new role.

**New Research from Encore.org**

Encore.org has just completed another encore work survey, updated from the one previously conducted in 2011. The new findings (summary attached) show that interest in encore has risen during the past three years to 55 percent of 50-70 year-olds. This is up from 40 percent in 2011. No doubt the improving economy and increasing optimism has a lot to do with these results. An *[AGEnda](http://agingandwork.bc.edu/blog/moving-from-ideas-to-action-growing-interest-in-encore-careers/" \t "_blank)**[Aging & Work Blog](http://agingandwork.bc.edu/blog/moving-from-ideas-to-action-growing-interest-in-encore-careers/" \t "_blank)*[post](http://agingandwork.bc.edu/blog/moving-from-ideas-to-action-growing-interest-in-encore-careers/" \t "_blank) from Jim Emerman, of Encore.org, describes some of the factors that surfaced in this research.

**ENCORE 2014 Conference in Arizona**

Registration is now open for Encore.org's annual conference, which will be held this year on October 28-30 in Tempe, AZ. The keynote speaker will be Nicholas Kristof, Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist and author, and there will be the usual rich variety of speakers, working sessions and networking opportunities. And, of course, the always inspirational Purpose Prize ceremony. You can [learn more and register here](http://www.cvent.com/events/encore-2014-building-an-encore-nation/event-summary-45c8826b660f41868832c21275f9149d.aspx?i=4b66af65-02a0-4b6e-a521-d48a143827bb" \t "_blank).

**Exploratory ideas**

Over the summer, we've initiated a variety of conversations to explore possible new ways we can increase the number of encore work opportunities in the Boston area. Some involve outreach to the nonprofit community, some center on training and deploying health coaches and another could supply back-office support to nonprofits. More is needed to prove the feasibility of these initiatives, but I wanted to make you aware of this initial behind-the-scenes activity.

**Director of Age Friendly Boston position open**

Emily Shea, Commissioner on Affairs of the Elderly in Boston, has announced a new director role to run the Age Friendly Boston initiative. I've attached a copy of the position description in case you know someone who is interested.

**ReServe: Lunch & Learn**

ReServe Greater Boston will hold a Lunch & Learn on August 28 (12:00-1:30 pm) at Community Works Services for nonprofit organizations who can benefit by using affordable and experienced encore talent. Please pass the word to those you think might be interested.[Register here](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/reserve-greater-boston-lunch-learn-tickets-12448657269" \t "_blank) by August 25.

**JVS: Careers in Elder Services**

Career Moves, a division of JVS, is convening a panel discussion about careers in elder services on September 17 (6:30-8:30 pm) in Brookline. This is a growing field of interest to many at the encore stage of life. Please pass the word to anyone exploring this field. [More info and registration here.](https://careermoves.wufoo.com/forms/careers-in-elder-services/" \t "_blank) (Flyer attached)

If you have news you'd like to share with the network, please send it along and I'll include it in future newsletters.

**EXTRA!**

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**August 20, 2014**

I just received these additional news items, which I'm passing along for your information and action, as appropriate:

**ESC: Encore Fellows Info Sessions**

As operator of the Encore Fellows program in Boston, ESC will hold information sessions in August and September for those interested in learning more about this new way to use encore talent. ***Sessions for prospective Fellows*** will be held on Wednesdays, 8/20, 8/27, 9/3 and 9/10, at 9:30 am at the ESC office (176 Federal St).***Sessions for potential nonprofit host organizations*** will be held on Thursdays, 8/21, 8/28, 9/4 and 9/11 at 8:30 am at ESC. Anyone interested in these sessions should register by contacting Donna Morelle at[dmorelle@escne.org](mailto:dmorelle@escne.org" \t "_blank). Please pass the word. To learn more about Encore Fellowships, visit[www.escne.org](http://www.escne.org/" \t "_blank) and [www.encore.org/fellowships](http://www.encore.org/fellowships" \t "_blank).

**JP@Home Seeks Member Services Coordinator**

JP@Home, a new Village initiative in Jamaica Plain, is recruiting a part-time Member Services Coordinator to help build the organization. This position could be a great encore opportunity for the right person. It will report to Ethos, which is the fiscal agent and backbone organization for JP@Home. [More info about the position is available here](http://www.ethocare.org/job/member-services-coordinator/" \t "_blank). If you know of anyone who might be interested, please pass the word.