

Randy Tyler - At the Forefront of Online Volunteering Since 1998

Randy Tyler - Online Volunteering Pioneer and Expert

Recognized as a pioneer and expert in Online Volunteer program development since 1998, Randy Tyler provides presentations, training and consultation for non-profit organizations.

His innovative and leading-edge online volunteer work has been noted by numerous news sources from The New York Times to CTV's Canada AM, and shared with many non-profit organizations through provincial, national and international conference presentations and published articles.

In 2006 he developed "About Online Volunteering", the first podcast and blog dedicated to helping non-profit organizations learn about the benefits and potential of online volunteering.

With 13 years experience conceptualizing, designing and promoting non-profit Web sites, including the continuous pioneering and embracing of evolving technologies, such as Blogs, VoIP, SEO, RSS syndication and Audio and Video Podcasts, along with 17 years volunteer management experience with leading and diverse not-for-profit organizations, Randy is well-positioned to communicate how non-profit organizations can take advantage of the Internet's potential.

He is a Gold Medallist graduate of both the University of Winnipeg and the University of Manitoba.

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Is Your Web Site Accessible Around the Globe? Check Now with Free Online Tool

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If you are a non-profit organization recruiting online volunteers from around the globe (or an NGO targeting or serving a global audience), it would be helpful to know if your Web site is accessible from countries around the world. A free online tool called Just Ping (<http://www.just-ping.com>) aims to do just that. Just Ping will ping (send data and wait for a reply) your Web site from their 38 globally-dispersed check points. The results page shows packet loss (data) and ping times to your Web site from the various checkpoints. One caution in using this test: For security reasons, servers may be configured to ignore a ping. Thus, your Web site could still be accessible from a specific country even though a ping did not initiate a reply. For further information about how a non profit organization can develop a productive virtual volunteering program through the use of technology, please visit this [Online Volunteering Resource](#) .

Turn a Scanned Document into Editable Text with a Free Online OCR Tool

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It is your non profit's 100 anniversary and you want to include some notable memories from newsletters and brochures in your annual report. Fortunately, you have scans of the documents but not the originals. You know that including the scanned documents in the print version would not provide the best quality. The time and cost to re-type these documents would be costly and too time consuming (and not meet your deadline). What can be done quickly and with little cost? Enter, NewOCR.com, a free online tool where you can easily turn your scanned documents into editable text. Whether your original documents were scanned and output as images (JPEG, PNG, GIF, BMP or TIFF) or PDFs, you can upload your files via your browser to <http://newocr.com> . Once uploaded, their optical character recognition (OCR)

will convert your scanned documents into editable text. This online OCR tool supports 29 languages, multi-column text recognition, multipage PDF documents up to 20 MB and five MB image files. The editable text can be downloaded as an MS Word (doc) or text file. From my experience, the OCR worked quite well on scanned, single-column PDFs. To obtain a correctly formatted MS Word document, I had to eliminate excess line breaks from the output, which caused the text to wrap short of the right margin. Although MS Word has some native capabilities (to remove line and paragraph breaks), for a quicker solution, I suggest first saving your output as a text (.txt) file and copying/pasting the text into an application such as "AutoUnbreak", or use a free online tool such as Textfixer to remove the excess line breaks from your editable text (and then copy/paste your text into a Word document). AutoUnbreak (a freeware, no install application) and Textfixer can be accessed from the following respective links: <http://www.softpedia.com/progDownload/AutoUnbreak-Download-33895.html> (requires Windows 9x/2000/ME/XP). <http://textfixer.com/tools/remove-line-breaks.php> For security reasons, I would recommend that confidential or sensitive documents not be uploaded and converted via this free online OCR service. For further information about how a non profit organization can develop a productive virtual volunteering program through the use of technology, please visit this [Online Volunteering Resource](#) .

The Insecurity of JavaScript in Your Browser - Listen to Security Expert Steve Gibson and John Graham-Cumming

November 8th, 2009

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How to do Clean Install of Windows 7 Using a Windows 7 Upgrade Disk

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Windows 7 USB and DVD Download Tool Creates Bootable Media for Installing

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Reach Your Online Volunteers with a Tweet and a Chirp - by Randy Tyler

August 25th, 2009

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How To Enrich A Tweet With A Voice Message Using Chirps by Randy Tyler, Pioneer Online Vo

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How to Easily Enrich Your Tweet with a Voice Message Using Chirps

Reaching your online volunteers via Twitter's 140 character limit may be inadequate. However, adding a voice message to a Tweet allows one to move beyond the 140 character limit while adding rich emotions to your Twitter message. This audio recording provides a brief overview as to how you can use Chirps free service (www.chir.ps) to easily add a voice message to your tweet. To learn more about online volunteering, see <http://www.RandyTyler.org> or e-mail RandyTyler@gmail.com.

How to Create an Online Volunteer Recruitment Video Using Testimonials by Randy Tyler

April 15th, 2008

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This 90 second video demonstrates how to use testimonials from your current online volunteers as part of your online volunteer recruitment strategy. MYS extends their thanks to virtual volunteer Adz Abarquez (of the Philippines) for producing the video.

What is Online Volunteering or Virtual Volunteering? A Rich Definition by Randy Tyler

April 4th, 2008

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At one level, virtual volunteering (also referred to as, for example, online volunteering, e-volunteering, Internet volunteering, cyber volunteering, inclusive volunteering, volunteering without barriers and borders) is volunteering via the Internet. At a deeper level, virtual volunteering reflects a much larger and richer social phenomenon, as reflected in Randy Tyler's definition of online volunteering (which was conceived by MYS's Online Volunteer Program Developer, Randy Tyler). Geoff Edwards, an MYS Vancouver-based online volunteer, brought life to Randy's definition in his voice narration and Toronto-based MYS Online Volunteer, Svitlana Chepurina, visually illustrated Randy's definition of Virtual Volunteering in the Flash-based Video.

See the link above to download Randy Tyler's rich definition of online volunteering. For further information, please contact Randy Tyler www.mys.ca/volunter or directly at: [Pioneering Online Volunteer Program Developer, Presenter and Trainer](#) or RandyTyler@gmail.com.

CBC TV Newsworld Interviews Randy Tyler About Online Volunteering

March 27th, 2008

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As part of a day long special about volunteering in Canada called the "The Kindness of Strangers", CBC TV Newsworld Interviewed Randy Tyler About Online Volunteering.

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How to Use iTunes to Play Podcasts - An Instructional Video for Non-Profits

October 30th, 2007

MYS announces the release of an iTunes instructional video entitled "How to Subscribe to and Play Podcasts Using Apple's iTunes". Podcasts, which are downloadable audio or video files, are a productive way to learn about trends and issues that impact online volunteering within non-profit organizations. iTunes, the dominant free podcatcher available for both Windows or Macs, allows the non-profit user to easily subscribe to a podcast publisher's feed and then have the episodes delivered automatically to their desktop-based podcatcher (iTunes) where they can be played when released. Whether the consideration or concern is, for example, Internet security or the use of an application, free podcasts are available to assist a non-profit organization develop their online volunteer program. MYS extends their thanks to Ireland-based Online Volunteer Becky Heaman for producing the video and to Alberta-based online volunteer Gail Drinnan for video distribution. Download the "How to Use iTunes Instructional Video" from the above link, now. For further information, please contact Tandy Tyler www.mys.ca/volunter or directly via [Online Volunteer Program Developer, Trainer and Presenter](#) or RandyTyler@gmail.com

Five Ways to Use Video Mail with Online Volunteers

October 17th, 2007

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Five Ways To Use Eyejot Video by Peter Drew

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With an inexpensive Web camera, Video mail can now be easily created via free Web-based services. In his audio narration, MYS Connecticut-based online volunteer Peter Drew describes five ways a non-profit organization can effectively use video mail within their online volunteer program. Download the mp3 audio file at the above link. For further information, please contact RandyTyler@gmail.com or visit: [Online Volunteer Program Developer, Trainer and Presenter, Randy Tyler](#).

Using Online Volunteers in Special Events - An Amazing Experience

August 1st, 2007

Most not-for-profit organizations still rely (only) on face-to-face volunteers to help plan, organize and execute their special events. However, Canadian-based charitable organization, Macdonald Youth Services (MYS), has demonstrated that

Internet-based volunteers can play a key role in the success of special events. "I have worked on a number of events in the past, but this is the first time that I have been able to work with virtual volunteers and it was an absolutely amazing experience", stated Event Co-ordinator, Julie Fine. "I had no idea the quality of work that was available and the variety that the virtual volunteers could provide, and I was constantly amazed as I worked over the past eight months on a number of projects," continued Fine. MYS extends their thanks to New York-based online volunteer Richard Wagner for editing the video. The 90 second Video is available for download from the above link. For further information, please contact Randy Tyler www.mys.ca/volunter or directly at RandyTyler@gmail.com or visit: [About Online Volunteering](#) by Pioneering Online Volunteer Program Developer, Presenter and Trainer, Randy Tyler.

How to Use Skype with Online Volunteers - An Instructional Video

November 21st, 2006

Click here to download:

[How-to-Use-Skype.wmv](#) (6814 KB)

Although Skype states their VoIP (Voice Over Internet Protocol) application is relatively "easy to download, install and use", a visual tutorial may help those with installing and using this program for the first time. As part of the best practises publication about Online Volunteering being developed by Randy Tyler, MYS has facilitated the creation of many how-to videos.

MYS is pleased to share a video tutorial that provides an overview of how to download, install, configure and use Skype for Windows. MYS extends their thanks to online volunteer Yu Cheng, who now lives in China, for creating the approximate nine minute video.

Download the "How to Use Skype with Virtual Volunteers" instructional video from the link above, now. For further information, please contact RandyTyler www.mys.ca/volunter or directly by visiting [Online Volunteering](#) or e-mail RandyTyler@gmail.com.

CTV Canada AM Interviews Randy Tyler About Online Volunteering

March 25th, 2006

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Pioneering Online Volunteer Program Developer, Randy Tyler, is interviewed by CTV's Canada AM. Watch or Download the video about online helping, now.

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RandyTyler@gmail.com or visit:[About Online Volunteering](#) by Online Volunteer Program Developer, trainer and presenter, Randy Tyler.

How to Create a Non-Profit Video PSA Using Online Volunteers

June 22nd, 2005

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The potential of the Internet to help non-profit organizations in one of the most challenging of tasks was demonstrated by MYS Online Volunteer Program Developer Randy Tyler. Online volunteers from Detroit, Michigan; Toronto, Ontario; Clinton, New York and Portland, Oregon joined virtual hands to produce a 30 second, 75 year time capsule TV PSA about MYS. MYS extends their thanks to online volunteers Kibben Miller, Richard Wagner, Gerard Doyle and Rebecca Webb for producing the video. For further information, contact Randy Tyler www.mys.ca/volunter or visit [pioneering online volunteer program developer Randy Tyler](#) or e-mail RandyTyler@gmail.com