

## **Announcing the Canada Revenue Agency's Charities Information Sessions**

Every year staff from the Charities Directorate of the Canada Revenue Agency visit communities across the country to provide information sessions for registered charities. As the federal regulator of registered charities, the Directorate provides these sessions to help registered charities understand with their obligations under the *Income Tax Act*.

The Charities Information Sessions cover a number of topics and are quite informative. Information is provided about various income tax provisions and obligations, which are often part of a charity's daily life (i.e. issuing receipts for donations). The sessions are aimed at everyone working for, or with, a charity — whether as a volunteer, a treasurer, a board member, or an officer of the charity. All those attending will find something of interest to them.

This is also a great opportunity to ask questions and to share information with other charities. This year again, a representative of Service Alberta will be there to share information on the rules that Alberta Charitable Organizations must adhere to when fundraising.

In October 2009, we will be visiting Medicine Hat, Edmonton, Red Deer, and Calgary.

The sessions are free and we encourage all registered charities to send representatives. Don't miss out on this great opportunity. If you are interested in attending or simply in finding out more about the Charities Information Sessions, please go to <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tx/chrts/cmmnctn/sssns/menu-eng.html> .