



ACTIVITIES TO MARK THE END OF IYV ON ST HELENA

A special Church service to celebrate volunteerism on St Helena was held at St Paul's Cathedral on 9 December. This was attended by over one hundred persons, who included representatives from a cross section of voluntary bodies on St Helena. Seven Lessons were read by prominent supporters of voluntary activities, including two of the Volunteers of the Year. This event received extensive coverage in the local Radio News.

On 5 December, 'Radio St Helena' aired music composed internationally to mark IYV, and a local competition was launched for the composition of poems or songs relating to volunteerism on St Helena. This is designed to involve both children and adults. Entries will be accepted until 15 January. Also, members of the national IYV Steering Committee did a radio presentation concerning the importance of voluntary activities within the St Helenian community. This highlighted the vital role of volunteers in promoting music, sport and environmental awareness. In addition, the Chairperson spoke of her recent visit to the UNV Headquarters in Bonn, and passed on the good wishes of Mrs Sharon Capeling-Alajika and other personnel. Feedback from listeners has been very positive.

On 8 December, an article in the 'St Helena Herald' paid tribute to those who continue to act as volunteers as well as those who have made a considerable contribution in the past.

Certificates were also signed for despatch to those in Britain who play a major voluntary role in assisting Saint Helenians abroad, raising funds or donating items for use on St Helena, promoting awareness about the island or campaigning on its behalf. The Certificates are intended to give modest recognition of the on-going efforts of these individuals.

Although IYV has concluded, the national Steering Committee has decided that it will continue its existence to foster and encourage volunteerism on St Helena.