



Edmonton Folk Music Festival Society  
**MANAGER OF VOLUNTEERS' REPORT**  
Annual General Meeting: April 24, 2022

### Highlights

- Held a successful Lantern Parade in Cloverdale with approx. 45 volunteers involved; some volunteer work was also completed under the Site banner in the warehouse.
- Worked with the Board on an updated volunteer standards, expectations, and workplace harassment policy.
- Worked with coordinators to create or edit existing crew manuals and documents.

Once again, we offered a specific t-shirt to existing EFMF volunteers at cost. We sold around 600, similar to 2020 numbers. Volunteer engagement was additionally focused through volunteer specific social media accounts and our volunteer newsletter, Songlines. Additionally, one of our coordinators, via their graphic design company, created an updated "I Volunteer" sticker to distribute to volunteers.

The Lantern Parade in Cloverdale, on what would have been the Friday of the festival, was well received by volunteers and community members, and was streamed live on Facebook. The parade included two groups of musical artists in addition to the lanterns themselves. Volunteers enjoyed workshops where lanterns and other objects to be part of the parade were created; they also worked amongst volunteers from different crews. We had several requests to run similar workshops for volunteers in future. Thanks to our Lantern Parade coordinators, Lynette and Cindi, for helping to make the parade happen.

Volunteers who were active in 2021 received a modified benefits package, including a complimentary volunteer t-shirt, an "I Volunteer" sticker, and \$15 to one of our food vendors.

Administratively, we continued to focus on capturing crew information in the form of manuals and database clean up. We also prepped documents and procedures for the forthcoming year.

We worked with the board to update our volunteer standards, expectations, and workplace harassment policy to align with updated GoA workplace requirements (starting in January 2022).

We continued to meet monthly with volunteer managers and coordinators from other folk festivals across Canada throughout 2021. We've developed an important resource sharing network, including partnering on resource heavy operations such as training programs.

Coordinator meetings were held in the spring and fall of 2021 over Zoom. Our spring meeting was relatively short; however, by fall of 2021 we were more confident in planning for the next festival, and discussions were well underway.

Thanks to Elka for her work in the Volunteer Office in 2021, and to our coordinators, volunteers, and members for their continued support during the hiatus. Looking forward to a 2022 festival back in Gallagher!

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