Top Ten Reasons Why Volunteers Leave

Reason #10

The reality of their experience is not what they expected when they signed on.

Reason #9:

They don't like the work they are being asked to do nor how it is being done.

Reason #8:

Veteran or leadership volunteers won't let them into the "insider" group.

Reason #7:

They spend more time meeting than doing.

Reason #6:

No one listens to their suggestions.

Reason #5:

They feel unrecognized, and see that thanks are unfairly given to everyone, no matter who did the most work or none at all.

Reason #4:

They are no longer asked to participate.

Reason #3:

They do not actually understand how to get more involved.

Reason #2:

They can no longer see how their involvement makes a difference.

And the #1 reason volunteers leave is:

It stopped being fun.

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