

HOST PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS

ROLES & GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES

GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES:

To provide friendship, social support, mentoring, social and professional contacts, remedial skills development or conversational opportunities for newly arrived permanent residents or those who the government of Canada intends to land. Volunteers can choose to "match" one-on-one, to be a conversational mentor in a scheduled Conversational Circle, lead, develop or participate in discussion groups/activities, mentor for professional, vocational, educational or career and interest goals or to assist casually with special events and community outreach.

HOST "MATCHES" – VISITING, MENTORING, and SHARING TIME & SKILLS:

One-to-One Host "matches" can take several forms with different goals for newcomers and volunteers: ***Remedial Tutors*** – volunteer over a 2-3 month period and meet weekly in a public place to help a newcomer address identified communication goals and specific language issues. ***Host individuals, families or groups*** - share a reciprocal visiting schedule with newcomers to Canada. "Matched" volunteers agree to meet for 2-3 hours bi-weekly over a 6 month period or longer for mutual exchange and social support. ***Host Peer Mentors*** – offer individual and group networking connections, practical feedback and support for newcomers developing short and long term employment, educational, interest or professional integration goals.

GROUPS, CONVERSATIONAL CIRCLES, YOUTH ACTIVITIES & CASUAL SUPPORT:

Conversational Mentors – attend informal drop-in conversational circle groups organized around the city to offer conversational practice and feedback to second language learners. ***Small Group Leaders*** – volunteers can organize or lead a one-time or ongoing group activity for enjoyment, learning, cultural exchange or social sharing (i.e. Volunteer Leader for a Conversational Circle). ***Youth Volunteers*** – participate in organized activities, develop and lead groups or assist with program planning for newcomers and other volunteers aged 16-24 years (i.e. Recreational Assistant at the Family Summer Day Camp). ***Casual HP Volunteers*** - offer short-term task-related support for events, planning, and brainstorming, networking supports, community information and programming collaboration.