



Volunteer Position Description

Position Title: Canada Connects

Day and time: Flexible

Location: Flexible

Brief Description of the Program: The YMCA Canada Connects Program is a volunteer matching program that is needs driven and supports newcomers to become fully engaged in Canadian life by increasing understanding around social, cultural, and economic context of the new community. This is also a great opportunity to expand your cultural knowledge and build meaningful relationships.

Major Duties:

- Meeting up with your match once a week for at least 4 months.
- Help them with practicing English through informal conversations
- Connect them with other established community members
- Inform newcomers about resources and opportunities in their communities
- Take an interest in exchanging and learning about each other's cultural traditions, food, customs and ideas

Qualifications:

- **Valid Criminal Reference Check and Vulnerable Sector Check** (*mandatory requirement over 16 years of age*)
- **Child Abuse Registry Check** (*mandatory requirement*)

Training Requirements:

- **YMCA Child Protection Orientation** (*mandatory requirement*)
- **YMCA Child Protection Training** (*mandatory requirement*)

Other Information:

- Strong communications skills
- Ability to motivate others towards learning new skills
- You can choose to volunteer individually or with friends and family

Time Commitment:

- One hour per week

Benefits

- Experience working with diverse communities
- Be a part of the YMCA team and promote the YMCA Mission, Vision, and Values