



YMCA Connections Conversation Club FACILITATOR YMCA of Greater Vancouver

The YMCA of Greater Vancouver is one of the Lower Mainland's leading multi-service charities. With the help of skilled and motivated volunteers, the YMCA helps more than 95,000 participants annually. YMCA Connections programming helps newcomers integrate and helps long-term residents connect to new immigrants. YMCA Connections programs and activities are funded by Citizenship and Immigration Canada.

Job Summary

YMCA Connections Conversation Club Facilitators support adult immigrants in developing their English language skills and in learning about Canadian life and culture. Facilitators are responsible for leading small group conversations in English with adult immigrants. This is an excellent opportunity to support new immigrants in their integration, develop your own intercultural skills & learn more about your community. There will be a weekly curriculum of topics supported by a simple Facilitator's Guide.

YMCA Connections is recruiting volunteers for a Conversation Clubs in the following location:

- 1) **Brentwood Community Resource Centre, 2055 Rosser Ave., Burnaby:** Wednesday evenings from 5:30-7:00pm.

Requirements

The person in this position should be/have:

- Strong command of English.
- Good knowledge of Canadian culture.
- Good intercultural communication skills.
- Motivated to work with newcomers.
- Patient and reliable.
- Friendly and welcoming.
- Previous cross-cultural experience or a strong interest in learning about other cultures.
- Able to commit to an average of minimum of 3 times a month (4.5 hours) for a minimum of 6 months.
- Able to attend a Facilitator training and orientation session (date and time TBD).

Benefits

- The satisfaction of offering immediate assistance to newcomers.
- Develop facilitation skills and intercultural communication skills.
- Reliable dedicated volunteers will receive a reference from the YMCA of Greater Vancouver and the YMCA will cover the cost of a Criminal Record Check.

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