

VOLUNTEER POSTING

SOCIAL MENTOR (VOLUNTEER)

2 hours per week for 12 weeks

Immigrant Settlement Program

The Refugee Social Mentorship Program is a rewarding program that provides mentors with an opportunity to give back to their communities, build leadership skills, and a chance to meet newcomers in their communities. A Social Mentor is a caring, responsible adult volunteer who helps guide a refugee mentee through the barriers of integrating into Life in Canada. S/he will instill a sense of belonging in the refugee mentee by orientating them to their communities. S/he will also assist the mentee in accessing community services, and improving English language skills.

MENTOR WILL:

- Be able to commit to a mentoring relationship for the period of 12 weeks
- Spend a minimum of 2 hours per week with their mentee in a mutually agreed-upon activity.
- Honor all commitments made to the mentee.
- Be respectful of the mentee's time, opinions, and decision-making.
- Serve as a positive role model by modeling desirable behaviors—e.g. patience, tolerance, and reflective listening.
- Be comfortable and able to establish appropriate boundaries with the mentee and his or her family.
- Be encouraging and supportive of the mentee.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Be 19 years of age or older
- Currently live in the Metro Vancouver area
- Complete an application form and provide 2 references
- Complete a short interview
- Have passion and patience to help newcomers refugees
- Excellent interpersonal, communication and leadership skills
- Have no relevant criminal history

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NOTE: Applicants not selected for an interview will not necessarily be notified.

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