



YMCA

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strong families, strong communities.

## YMCA of Greater Vancouver

# Volunteer Opportunity

## Intercultural Host – YMCA Connections Program

The YMCA of Greater Vancouver is a charitable association dedicated to the development of people in spirit, mind and body as well as the improvement of local, national and international communities.

### Job Summary

Intercultural Hosts contribute time two or three times a month to help new immigrants adjust to life in Canada. These are richly rewarding and flexible opportunities, suitable for busy people.

As a host, you may do some or all of the following:

- Introduce a newcomer to other people in the community
- Share information on Canadian customs and participate in social/leisure/cultural events
- Accompany the newcomer to use community services for the first time
- Assist him/her in developing English skills through casual conversation
- Encourage the newcomer in his/her job search (job search skills, résumé writing)

### Requirements

- English-speaking
- Born in Canada or have lived in Canada long enough to understand Canadian customs
- Meet with newcomers in Vancouver or Burnaby
- Completion of volunteer documentation with criminal record check
- Previous cross-cultural experience an asset

*\*\* Note: This position is not suitable for high school students \*\**

### Competencies

- *Commitment to organization vision and values:* Demonstrates and promotes a personal understanding of and appreciation for the mission, vision, strategic outcomes and values of the YMCA
- Good interpersonal skills
- Flexible
- Reliable

### Benefits

- Obtain first hand intercultural communication experience
- Complimentary three-month membership to the YMCA (gym access, fitness classes)
- Develop language skills
- Build your résumé and gain new references

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