

**Volunteer with us!**



**Posting:  
Volunteer**

**English Literacy  
Class Assistant**

**Immigrant Services  
Community Connections Program**

### Options Community Services Society

We are a non-profit registered charity providing social services primarily in Surrey, Delta, White Rock and Langley. We believe in helping people help themselves. We believe in collaborating with individuals, businesses, community groups and government to create focused, effective and responsive resources for the community.

We envision a healthy community as a safe and clean environment where we all have a sense of belonging. It is a place where each of us has the opportunity to work and learn, and to develop and realize goals that are meaningful and fulfilling.

**Volunteer Position:** The Options Literacy Program offers newcomers an opportunity to acquire and practice functional literacy in a safe environment as well as gain cultural understanding while making new friends. English Literacy Class Assistant helps Language Instructors introduce and guide newcomers with their language acquisition necessary to orient and integrate themselves in their new communities. They also instill a sense of belonging and help newcomers adjust to their new life in Canada. Improving English language skills is one of the most basic and important tools for successful integration. Contributing to newcomers' transitioning process through the Options Literacy Program is an extremely rewarding experience.

### BENEFITS OF VOLUNTEERING

- Gain new skills & practical knowledge
- Acquire work experience & references
- Enhance college and university applications
- Meet others with similar interests
- Make a difference in the lives of others.

### RESPONSIBILITIES

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

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- Honor all commitments made to students and instructors
- Be respectful of the student's time, opinions, and decisions
- 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 students
- Be encouraging and supportive of students

## QUALIFICATIONS

- Teaching assistant experience is an asset
- Experience working with vulnerable newcomers is an asset
- Have passion and patience to help newcomers
- Excellent interpersonal, communication and leadership skills

## REQUIREMENTS:

- Willingness to attend literacy classes committed to assist in (weekly session(s) for the duration of the term)
- Complete an application form, criminal record check and provide 2 references
- Complete a short interview
- Attend volunteer training sessions

**Successful candidates will be required to provide a current and satisfactory Criminal Reference Check/Vulnerable Sector Search preceding your start date.**

## APPLICATION:

Please fill out the form by clicking the link below so that we can get a better idea about you. If you are suitable for our positions, we will contact you for further details.

**Form:** <https://forms.gle/P7K11c7jDa56c9ag8>

**Closing date:** none / on-going recruitment

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