



VOLUNTEER POSITION DESCRIPTION

Position Title: Reading Buddy Volunteer

Responsible to: English language instructor and Coordinator of Volunteer Services

Objective of Position: To provide adult English language learners an opportunity to practice reading and build language skills, while at the same time connecting with members of the Victoria community

Position Activities:

- Attends a newcomer English language class on a weekly basis
- Facilitates small reading groups with beginner level English language learners
- Provides support with pronunciation and grammar
- Contributes to creating a positive, welcoming learning environment
- Helps boost learners' confidence
- Answers questions about Canadian culture and the Greater Victoria community

Benefits:

Helping English language learners; interacting and engaging in an inter-cultural environment

Requirements of Volunteer:

- Enjoys reading and encouraging others to read
- Experience working with adult English language learners an asset
- Advanced written and spoken English
- Cross-cultural experience or a personal commitment to learning about other cultures
- A good listener, patient, supportive and empathetic to newcomers
- Able to take direction from class instructor and carry out duties independently
- Consistent attendance and reliable
- Strong familiarity with the Greater Victoria community and Canadian culture
- Proficiency in another language besides English is an asset
- A criminal record check is required

Time and Commitment:

- 1 hour/shift, 1 shift/week
- During English language class times
- 8 – 10 week commitment
- Position located at ICA

Guidance and support provided by the assigned English language instructor and Coordinator of Volunteer Services

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