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Volunteer Posting

Volunteer Position:	Renfrew Collingwood Food Justice Mentor
Posting End Date:	Dec 31, 2022
Name of Program:	Renfrew-Collingwood Food Justice Mentorship Program
Program Description:	<p>This new project from Collingwood Neighbourhood House will support numerous newcomers in our community. Over the past 20 years Renfrew Collingwood Food Justice has seen firsthand how newcomers face different systemic barriers to life in Canada. Often Newcomers are unable find the right foods to feed themselves well or have insufficient funds to purchase increasingly expensive healthy foods. Newcomers who have arrived in Canada within the last five years have also faced social isolation due to the COVID-19 pandemic on top of the loneliness and isolation that comes with moving to a new country. These factors affect the health and wellbeing of our newer community members. By introducing the Newcomer Mentorship Program, we aim to connect newcomers and settled neighbours to create social connections, support nutritional education of folks settling in Canada, improve food security, and empower newcomers to make an impact in their community.</p> <p>This one-year pilot project will target ten pairs of newcomers and settled neighbours. The program will host one community orientation to support newcomers in learning about where they can access different healthy foods in the community. By working with RISE Community Health Center, we will also be providing more formal nutritional education workshops including a grocery nutrition tour. This module will culminate in a community kitchen session where participants can bring together their knowledge from the program. By the end of the program we will review the project and work with the participants to evaluate the success of the program.</p> <p>If you have any questions about this role or its duties, please contact Ryan by email rng@cnh.bc.ca</p>
Day and Time:	<p>From January 2023 to December 2023. Temporary schedule is as below,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jan 2023: Kick off and orientation• Apr, Jul, Oct 2023: Seasonal gatherings (Health talk, nutrition tour and community kitchen)• Dec 2023: Evaluation and Celebration
Location:	CNH main building (5288 Joyce St)
Duties:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attend activities to connect with newcomers• Provide supports to newcomers• Share life experience with newcomers• Give advices to improve the mentorship program

Requirements:

- Aged 18 or above
- Settled neighbours who are living in Renfrew-Collingwood
- Passionate to contribute to the community
- Willing to share self-experience
- Willing to understand issues affecting immigrant and refugee communities
- Strong communication skills

Assets: Food safe training, proficiency in additional language(s)

Additional requirements:

- Successful completion of criminal record check
- Proof of Covid-19 vaccination status will be required

Benefits:

- Gain connections with the community, including volunteers and newcomers
- Gain food skills and nutrition knowledge
- Get subsidy to explore the community food access
- Help shape a more diverse community
- Help pursue food security

If you are interested in volunteering, please submit your completed registration form available online [here](#) to Yndira Arteaga - CNH Volunteer Manager email: volunteering@cnh.bc.ca, phone: 604-366-9142.