



Canada Connects English Conversation Circles

Canada Connects helps newcomers receive informal support enhancing their spoken language skills. Volunteer facilitators organize conversation circles along certain social themes that are discussed each session. Conversation groups provide newcomers and volunteers the opportunity to meet other newcomers, share experiences, socialize and make new friends.

Be a Canada Connect Volunteer. Make a Difference.

Who can Volunteer?

Someone who has experience and is interested to working with newcomers of diverse cultural backgrounds; excellent communication and active listening skills; knowledge of Canadian culture and social norms; dependable; non-judgmental; empathic and able to work with minimal support.

Facilitator Commitment:

- Attend volunteer training sessions
- Facilitate weekly English Conversation Circle (in-person or remote) for a minimum of 3 months
- Research/prepare weekly conversation subjects
- Create a safe and inclusive environment for participants
- Maintain confidentiality and protect participants' personal information
- Complete vulnerable sector police reference check
- Adhere to the YMCA Confidentiality and Privacy Policies

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