



Timmins & District Multicultural Centre

Immigrant Settlement Services

Le centre multiculturel

de Timmins et du District

Services d'établissement pour les immigrants

In search of Welcoming Communities Volunteers

The Timmins & District Multicultural Centre (TDMC) matches immigrants with volunteers who, through friendship and mentorship, facilitate the process of settlement and integration into the new community. Volunteers will be screened and trained prior to matching.

Welcoming Communities Coordinator: Jaspreet Kaur

Settlement Counselor: Elizabeth Esin

Program Coordinator: Vindra Sahadeo

Job Activities: The volunteer is matched with a newcomer and together they decide on activities depending on the needs and interests of both the newcomer and the volunteer. Activities will normally occur in public places and could include:

- Orientation to the community (shopping, transit, community activities, etc.)
- Navigating new skills relative to living in Northern Ontario
- Learning and practicing English, or French in informal environments
- Fun, social, and recreational activities
- Promoting cultural integration within the community

Commitment:

- Volunteer matches can communicate in person (while keeping social distancing in mind), via phone, email, text messages, or Skype.
- Matches will meet regularly, at least once a month, for the first year after arrival and as needed on an ongoing basis

Volunteer Qualifications:

- Ability to offer guidance in navigating cultural challenges newcomers may experience in Canada
- Being open to sharing previous life experiences as a newcomer in our community
- Knowledge, understanding, and sensitivity to challenges of settling in a new country
- Ability to speak other languages is an asset; experience in a multicultural setting
- Knowledge of the local community

- Advanced interpersonal and communication skills
- Previous volunteer/mentoring experience is considered an asset

Successful candidates will be required to undergo a screening process, which includes a police record check

Contact Jaspreet at jaspreetkaur@timminsmulticultural.ca if interested, or for more information.

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