

# Volunteer Opportunity

## Adult English Conversation Group Facilitator

### *The Program*

The library's adult English Conversation Groups provide an opportunity for newcomers to practice their English conversation skills in a small group setting, focussing on current events and topics of personal interest. We serve participants that are different English proficiency levels, from beginner to intermediate and advanced.

### *How Volunteers Can Help*

As a Conversation Group Facilitator you will:

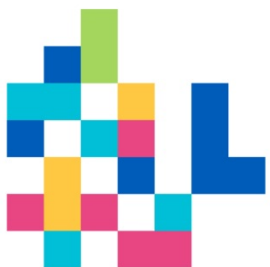
- Help your learners practice their English in a relaxed and supportive group setting
- Support them in learning about Canadian culture and life in Nova Scotia
- Enable them to make important community connections

### *The Volunteer Role*

- Assess the English proficiency of the learners in your group, determine their goals and discuss options with the program coordinator
- Prepare suitable topics activities for discussion using appropriate resources
- Participate in training opportunities
- Share ideas and resources with other volunteers in the program

### *We are looking for volunteers who:*

- Are at least 18 years of age
- Have completed high school or a high school equivalent
- Have experience in ESL, group facilitation or tutoring
- Have great interpersonal and communication skills
- Are passionate about welcoming newcomers into the community
- Are knowledgeable about local culture and life
- Have a good understanding of the challenges and barriers newcomers face in their settlement process
- Are curious about other cultures
- Are objective, impartial and non-judgemental in their work
- Are compassionate, approachable and dependable



### ***Time Commitment***

2 hours facilitation time and at least 1 hour program preparation time per week.  
A minimum 3-month commitment to the program is also required.

### ***NOTE:***

All volunteers will require a Criminal Records Check. The library will initiate these through MyBackCheck.com and will also cover the cost.

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