COMMUNITY CONNECT PROGRAM

MAKE A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE THE LIVES OF NEWCOMER YOUTH.

The SFU Surrey-TD Community Engagement Centre is working with the Surrey School District (SD36) Welcome Centre to offer support and mentorship to English Language Learners in elementary and high school via the Community Connect Program.

The Community Connect Program offers the following streams:

- **Connect Through Homework**: Offers mentoring and homework support to young English Language Learners in Grades 8–10. Themes addressed in the program include: making peer connections; understanding settlement, self and others; self-image, stereotypes and social skills; communication, conflict, and care; staying safe in school and community; working, volunteering, and connecting in community.

- **Connect Through Reading**: Supports English Language Learners in Grades 5–7 with their transition into secondary school by providing mentoring through reading support. Themes addressed in the program include: how to make the best of your high school experience; staying safe and healthy in school and community; working, volunteering and connecting in community; and developing an understanding of school and community.

- **Connect 11**: Provides meaningful connection for the whole family and enhances student, parent, and other family member’s engagement and integration into their new community. Children and youth are provided with sports and activities to engage and develop the skills necessary for life and in school. For parents, there are workshops to support the family’s engagement and connectedness to school and community.

- **Connect Through Voices**: Amplifies the voices of refugee and immigrant students to talk about what they need, the challenges that they face, and how to best support them in their school and Community.

**YOUR ROLE:**

We are looking for enthusiastic and committed SFU volunteers to be leaders in these programs, helping elementary and high school students with their reading, their homework, and their transition to life in Canada.

**In this role, you will:**

- Learn about the goals of the SD36 Welcome Centre programs and settlement supports in school for newcomers to Canada.

- Identify challenges and settlement needs that newcomers to Canada often face.

- Acquire knowledge about the Community Connect program curriculum.
• Apply learned knowledge of the program as well as interpersonal, communication, cross-cultural awareness and instructional skills by assisting in the delivery of program activities.
• Apply learned knowledge of the Community Connect curriculum by coming up with new ideas for activities, or by altering existing activities to meet the needs and interests of the children/youth attending the program.
• Acquire volunteer skills for school and community involvement.
• Apply interpersonal, empathy and relationship-building skills by developing healthy relationships with the children/youth in the program.

Other benefits:
• Receive volunteer hours and SFU Co-Curricular Record credit.

PROGRAM LOCATIONS, DATES AND TIME:
Frank Hurt Secondary School – Thursdays 3 p.m. – 5 p.m., January 9, 2020 – June 4, 2020
Strawberry Hill Elementary – Thursdays 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. – January 9, 2020 – June 4, 2020
Elgin Park Secondary – Tuesdays 3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. – Dates TBD
Princess Margaret Secondary – Wednesdays 3 p.m. – 4 p.m. – January 8, 2020 - June 3, 2020

REQUIREMENTS
To thrive in this role, you should:
• Be passionate about helping those in the community and making a difference;
• Cultivate a positive and energetic attitude;
• Have a strong commitment to fostering a supportive team environment;
• Demonstrate effective interpersonal and communication skills;
• Be excited to work with people with diverse backgrounds and personalities;
• Have experience or a strong interest in working with children, youth, and newcomers to Canada;
• Be dependable, flexible and resourceful.

HOW TO APPLY
If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Trisha Dulku, Community Engagement Associate (community-volunteer@sfu.ca) with your name, contact information, current program and year of study at SFU, and any previous relevant experience.
You will be asked to participate in a quick pre-screening interview at a time that is convenient for you before your information is sent to Surrey School District (SD36) for the next steps.

Deadline to apply: Thursday, January 2nd, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.

THIS OPPORTUNITY IS RECOGNIZED ON THE CO-CURRICULAR RECORD (CCR)!
The CCR is an official university document that tracks your co-curricular involvement at SFU. Learn more about the Co-Curricular Record at www.sfu.ca/students/get-involved/recognition/co-curricular-record