HELP NEWCOMER YOUTH GAIN CONFIDENCE AND BUILD THE SKILLS THEY NEED TO THRIVE IN CANADA!

The SFU Surrey–TD Community Engagement Centre collaborates with DIVERSEcity Community Resources Society to offer the Youth Integration Program (YIP). YIP provides a drop-in space, workshops and training for newcomer and refugee youth ages 13-18 to build relationships, self-confidence, and self-esteem along with developing skills in areas such as cross-cultural /intergenerational communication, leadership, employment readiness and community education/awareness. YIP builds community connections by engaging youth in recreational activities and community field trips.

YOUR ROLE

We are looking for committed and enthusiastic volunteers to support newcomer students who are adjusting to a new environment by helping them develop confidence and the skills needed to succeed. You will help facilitate discussions, games and activities, help students with their homework, act as a positive role model and assist the program facilitator with session logistics. Discussion topics may include: group connectedness, integration and bonding; civic responsibility and citizenship building; leadership and confidence building; overcoming youth-related challenges; setting goals and celebrating success; and more!

In this role, you will:
- Acquire knowledge about the goals of the Youth Integration Program and the settlement needs of newcomer youth;
- Identify the important elements of child and youth safety, as well as DIVERSEcity policies and procedures;
- Apply learned knowledge of the program as well as verbal communication skills by assisting in the facilitation of program activities;
- Apply learned knowledge of Youth Integration Program curriculum by coming up with new ideas for activities or by altering existing activities to meet the needs and interests of the youth attending the program;
- Apply interpersonal and relationship-building skills by developing healthy relationships with the youth in the program.
Other benefits:

- Build experience working with and mentoring youth.
- Develop interpersonal, communication and teaching skills.
- Use your skills to help others.
- Earn credit on your co-curricular record

Program dates, times and locations:

- Fridays, January 17th – May 29th, 2020, 3:30p.m.–5:00p.m. at the SFU-TD Community Engagement Centre (10350 University Drive, Surrey), room 401).
- Saturdays, January 18th – May 28th, 2020, 10a.m.–1p.m. for field trips. Locations TBD.

REQUIREMENTS

Time commitment requirements:
Volunteers must be able to commit to the program on a weekly basis.

Training:
Training will be provided by DIVERSeCity Community Resources Society on Tuesdays from 5pm to 6pm. Training sessions will be offered regularly based on needs for upcoming sessions. Volunteers will be required to attend at least one training session before starting to volunteer.

Applicants should:

- be willing to share their own knowledge and experiences adjusting to a new country;
- have experience or a strong interest in working with youth;
- be respectful and non-judgmental;
- have a desire to help the community;
- be friendly, compassionate and motivated;
- 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 a brief summary of yourself: your name, program, whether you are an SFU student, or alumni, and any relevant previous experience or training.

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 DIVERSeCity 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