ENGLISH CONVERSATION CIRCLES

CONVERSATION FACILITATOR

HARNESS THE POWER OF CONVERSATION TO HELP NEWCOMERS LEARN ENGLISH AND SUCCEED IN THE WORKPLACE!

The SFU Surrey–TD CEC is collaborating with S.U.C.C.E.S.S. BC Settlement and Integration Services (BCSIS) to deliver English conversation groups. BCSIS is a settlement service delivered by S.U.C.C.E.S.S. to support temporary residents and naturalized citizens to settle and integrate into the community. English conversation groups will be held to support temporary foreign workers, refugee claimants and immigrants who have now become Canadian citizens but may still be facing language barriers. By removing language barriers, BCSIS clients can integrate better into their workplaces and understand more about their rights and responsibilities at work.

YOUR ROLE:

We are looking for two enthusiastic and committed volunteers to facilitate the English conversation groups.

In this role, you will:

• Acquire knowledge about the goals of the English Conversation Circles and the challenges faced by newcomers in the workplace;
• Acquire knowledge about the English Conversation Circles curriculum;
• Apply learned knowledge of the program curriculum by facilitating engaging and participatory conversations;
• Apply learned knowledge of English Conversation Circles curriculum by coming up with new ideas, or by altering existing conversation topics to meet the needs and interests of the participants attending the program;
• Apply communication, interpersonal and professionalism skills by facilitating conversations where all participants are able to practice their English skills.

Other benefits:

• Develop interpersonal, communication and teaching skills;
• Help others while improving your own soft skills
• Obtain credit on your co-curricular record.
PROGRAM DATES, TIMES & LOCATIONS:
January 30th – March 19th, 2020 Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at Surrey Central City Library, 10350 University Drive, Surrey BC, RM 405.
February 4th – March 24th, 2020 Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at City of Langley Library, 20399 Douglas Crescent, Langley City, BC.
Volunteers need to be available to commit to the program on a weekly basis.

REQUIREMENTS
Qualifications:
• Fluent in English (CLB level 9-12)
• Successful completion of a criminal background check
• Education related to teaching or adult learning is an asset

Applicants Should:
• be respectful and non-judgmental;
• be friendly and reliable;
• be encouraging and patient.

Training:
Volunteers must be available to go through training before starting as a volunteer in the program. Two hours of training will be provided by S.U.C.C.E.S.S. and will take place within two weeks of the program start date.

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 S.U.C.C.E.S.S. for the next steps.

Deadline to apply: Sunday, January 12th, 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