

# CALGARY IMMIGRANT WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEER POSITION DESCRIPTION

TITLE: English as a Second Language (ESL) Tutor

**DEPARTMENT:** Language Training and Childcare Department

**REPORTS TO:** Learning Support Specialist

Volunteers will gain a personal sense of satisfaction knowing they contributed greatly to the lives of newcomers through English language support. Volunteers will help clients thrive as they expand their language and literacy skills.

## **SUMMARY OF POSITION**

As a literacy volunteer, you will work one-on-one with a client to help build their reading and communication skills in a supportive, encouraging environment. This includes simple reading exercises to strengthen phonics, casual English conversation practice, interactive activities, and the use of learning tools provided by staff. Your support will play a key role in boosting the client's confidence and helping them develop essential language skills for everyday life.

### **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Meet once a week with clients
- Utilize specific tactics to support the clients according to their needs (staff will support with identifying client needs)
- Adjust teaching strategies-based client's English level
- Support the client with reading and writing
- Meet client at CIWA or in the community (i.e., at a local library)

## STANDARDS OF PERFORMANCE

- Ensure that professional approach is aligned with CIWA values
- Demonstrate a high level of initiative and enthusiasm
- Maintain confidentiality at all times
- Uphold a consistent regular and consistent volunteer schedule
- Ensure high level of patience and understanding is instilled

#### **QUALIFICATIONS**

- Ability to work and one-on-one
- Strong communication and writing skills
- Teaching/facilitation experience is an asset
- Second language is an asset
- Think of one more qualification
- Patience gentle flexibility ability to adapt

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