

At BGC Hamilton-Halton we strive to be a safe and welcoming space for all members of the communities we serve. We are proud to offer a variety of programs for newcomers to Canada, Indigenous peoples, 2SLGBTQIA+ youth, and self-identifying women/girls.

**Volunteers Currently Needed in Newcomer Programs:**

- Programs for youth and parents that provide services to newcomers to encourage social, cultural and professional interactions to help them in their settlement journey to Canada
- In-person and virtual
- In need of volunteer interpreters to assist with interpretation and program delivery support
- Particularly interested in Arabic-speaking interpreters, but welcome any and all
- Newcomer programs needing volunteers are:
  - Virtual, Mondays 6-7pm
  - Family cooking classes, Tuesdays 6-8pm
  - Women's Space, Wednesdays 1-4pm (female-identified volunteers only)
  - Conversation Circles, Thursdays 4-5:30pm
  - Community Connections, Saturdays 11am-3pm

**Volunteers Currently Needed in Gender Inclusive Programs:**

- Girlsport
  - For girls between 7-12 years old (or grade 8) to promote a lifelong connection to physical activity, sport, and/or the gym
  - Facilitators will support girls to run physical activities and will spend time going over other aspects of positive health
  - Volunteers must be female-identified
- GirlZone
  - Drop-in program for girls between 7-14 years old (or grade 9) to promote a safe space for social connection
  - Programs offer a variety of activities including crafts, outdoor time, healthy relationship building and more
- Positive Space
  - A youth-led initiative whose purpose is to support 2SLGBTQIA+ youth between (grade 9 or) 14-24 years old
  - Youth will have access to a safe space where they can share their struggles and joys around their sexual orientation and gender identities
  - Mondays from 6-8pm
  - Need volunteers that personally identify as LGBTQ+
- Positive Space Jr.
  - Junior version of Positive Space for members ages 7-12 years old (or grade 8) identifying as 2SLGBTQIA+
  - Members are able to engage in a variety of activities including crafts, scavenger hunts, leadership building activities and more
  - Need volunteers that personally identify as LGBTQ+

**Volunteer Roles & Responsibilities:**

- Build relationships with members
- Create safe, inclusive environments
- Support staff in program delivery

To become a volunteer, please complete the volunteer application ([here](#)). Please note that after submitting an application, you will be required to provide:

- Police Record Check for volunteers 18+ years old through your municipality ([Hamilton/Halton](#)), and
- Proof of COVID vaccinations (minimum 2 doses).

For more information about Equity, Diversity and Inclusion volunteer opportunities, please contact:

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