

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 6:00-7:00 pm
 - Family cooking classes, Tuesdays 6:00-8:00 pm
 - Women's Space, Wednesdays 1:00-4:00 pm (female-identified volunteers only)
 - Conversation Circles, Thursdays 4:00-5:30 pm
 - Community Connections, Saturdays 11:00 am-3:00 pm

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 6:00-8:00 pm
 - 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:

- Vulnerable Sector Check for volunteers 18+ years old through your municipality ([Hamilton/Halton](#)), and
- Consent to abiding by BGC Hamilton-Halton's volunteer policies and procedures (to be sent for review after VSC is submitted).

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

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