



Bike Host Volunteer

Position Description

We are HUB Cycling, a charitable organization making cycling better through education, action and events. More cycling means healthier, happier, more connected communities. We're leading the way in making cycling an attractive choice for everyone and we want you to join us as a Bike Host Volunteer.

You are:

- Passionate about cycling and familiar with the cycle network in Vancouver
- Equipped with mentoring or teaching experience
- Eager to meet new people from different backgrounds and cultures

Full description

This year HUB Cycling is partnering with the Immigrant Services Society of BC (ISSofBC) to deliver Vancouver's first ever ***Newcomer Bike Host Program***, and YOU can be part of it! The program will match enthusiastic volunteers who live or work in the City of Vancouver with newcomers who have recently settled in the city. As a Bike Host Volunteer you will have the opportunity to introduce Vancouver's cycling infrastructure and culture to newcomers by meeting weekly and taking part in cycling activities together around the City of Vancouver. Newcomers will be able to borrow bikes from the program's bike fleet located at the ISSofBC Welcome Centre.

We are looking for enthusiastic individuals who want to create a welcoming community for newcomers in Vancouver, share their passion for and knowledge about city cycling and are willing to introduce newcomers to the City of Vancouver's vibrant cycling culture. We are aiming to match up to 40 Bike Host Volunteers with Newcomers this year, so apply early to secure this great volunteering opportunity for you!

Responsibilities

- Meet weekly with a newcomer match to do cycling-related activities together
- Introduce newcomer match to Vancouver's cycling culture
- Initiate and maintain effective communications with the newcomer match to assure weekly cycling activities take place
- Demonstrate safe and responsible cycling behaviour, and help newcomer match become more confident cycling around the city

Qualifications

- Access to own bicycle, helmet and related equipment
- Confidence and experience with urban riding
- Knowledge of the City of Vancouver's cycling network
- Strong communication skills and intercultural understanding
- Lives or works in the City of Vancouver
- Available to volunteer between **July and September 2017**

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- Current Criminal Records Check of willingness to obtain one prior to volunteering
- Ability to speak multiple languages is an asset

Benefits to Volunteers

- Experience cross-cultural relationship building
- Gain a better understanding of immigrant and refugee settlement and integration
- Make a difference in the lives of newcomers
- Receive invitations to HUB events during the year
- Be part of a growing HUB volunteer network and meet new people

Terms & Commitment

In 2017, the summer session of the program runs **between the 1st July – 31st September**. Volunteers must be able to commit a total of 30 hours during this period to be considered for the program. On average, volunteers are asked to dedicate **2.5 hours per week** for individual match activities as well as occasional group events.

Volunteers must be available to attend a volunteer orientation in mid-June (will be a Saturday, date tbc) at the ISSofBC Welcome Centre.

Applicants who hold a current Criminal Record Check (CRC) **for the vulnerable sector** are preferred, however all applicants who are able to provide a CRC prior to volunteering will be considered. Primary applicants need to be 19 years of age or older and live or work in the City of Vancouver. We encourage families and volunteers from diverse backgrounds to apply.

How to apply:

Please fill out and return the [Bike Host Volunteer Application form](#). We will be in touch with all interested volunteers. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis until further notice.

Screening interviews will take place at the end of May.

The Newcomer Bike Host Program is generously funded by:

