



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

HUB Cycling is partnering again with the Immigrant Services Society of BC (ISSofBC) to deliver the **Newcomer Bike Host Program**, and YOU can be part of it! In its second year, this program will match enthusiastic volunteers with newcomers who have recently settled in Vancouver. 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 at 2610 Victoria Drive

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 30 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
- Available to volunteer for a three month period (Round 1: June-August or Round 2: July to September)
- Current Criminal Records Check of willingness to obtain one prior to volunteering
- Ability to speak multiple languages is an asset

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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

The 2018 Bike Host program will be running two rounds of intakes this year: **Round 1 (June 1- August 31)**, and **Round 2 (July 7 – September 30th)**. 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 hours per week** for individual match activities as well as occasional group events. Volunteers are also required to attend a volunteer orientation session and matching day at the start of the program for the intake round that are interested in (see dates below).

All applicants will be required to obtain a current Criminal Record Check (CRC) **for the vulnerable sector**. Primary applicants need to be 19 years of age or older and live or work in Metro 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](http://bit.ly/bikehostvolunteer2018) (<http://bit.ly/bikehostvolunteer2018>). We will be in touch with all interested volunteers. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis until further notice. **Screening interviews** will begin the week of May 14th onwards.

Key dates:

Round 1

Volunteer Orientation: Tuesday, May 29 5pm-8pm – snacks will be provided – at ISSofBC Welcome Centre (2610 Victoria Dr, Vancouver)

Matching day: Meet your newcomer(s) Saturday, June 2nd from 10am -12pm at ISSofBC Welcome Centre. Lunch will be provided.

Round 2

Volunteer Orientation: Wednesday, June 27th 5:30pm-8:30pm – snacks will be provided – at HUB Cycling Office (343 Railway Street, Vancouver)

Matching day: Meet your newcomer(s) Saturday, July 7th from 10am -12pm at ISSofBC Welcome Centre (2610 Victoria Drive). Lunch will be provided.

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