

## Available Volunteer Positions at the YIS (YMCA Immigrant Services)

### Canada Connects:

#### The Opportunity:

The YMCA Canada Connects Program is a volunteer matching program that is needs driven and supports newcomers to become fully engaged in Canadian life by increasing understanding around social, cultural, and economic context of the new community. This is also a great opportunity to expand on your cultural knowledge and build meaningful relationships.

#### Responsibilities include:

- Meeting up with your match once a week for at least 4 months.
- Help them with practicing English through informal conversations
- Connect them with other established community members
- Inform newcomers about resources and opportunities in their communities
- Take an interest in exchanging and learning about each other's cultural traditions, food, customs and ideas
- You can choose to volunteer individually or with friends and family.

#### Note:

This program is quite flexible. As a volunteer, you and your match get to decide where you want to go as well as what day and time would work best for everyone.

All individuals who are interested in applying to become a volunteer must have or be willing to complete the following mandatory checks:

- Criminal Record Check
- Vulnerable Sector Check
- Child Abuse Registry Search

#### Apply Today:

Fill out the volunteer application form and send it to our Volunteer Coordinator at [shivani.narayanan@halifax.ymca.ca](mailto:shivani.narayanan@halifax.ymca.ca). If you have any questions or need more information, feel free to reach out in the above mentioned email.