

NEWCOMER YOUTH - YOUTH POINT PROGRAM

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The SFU Surrey-TD Community Engagement Centre has partnered with DIVERSEcity Community Resources Society to offer the Youth Point Course. The Youth Point Course is designed for newcomer youth between the ages of 13-18. The course provides training in essential development areas such as cross-cultural communication, resume building and interview skills, volunteer experience and leadership workshops, as well as recreational activities and field trips. Guest speakers and staff deliver interactive workshops geared towards the settlement needs of youth. Participants develop essential skills, gain knowledge of life in Canada, practice official languages skills, make friends, and gain knowledge of local resources for youth.

OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION

Volunteers can provide support to newcomer students with adjusting to a new environment as well as developing compensatory strategies to approach their lives with confidence. We are looking for volunteers who have the ability to share knowledge and experiences regarding adjusting to life in a new country.

Volunteers will help facilitate discussions and activities in small groups, explain words and help with other language barriers, and act as a positive role model. Sample topics of discussion for the sessions may include friendship and relationship choices, self-awareness, education choices, financial literacy, internet safety, citizenship and responsibility (ie. volunteering), etc.

TRAINING

Training will be provided by DIVERSEcity Community Resources Society. Volunteers will have the opportunity to experience a session before going through program training.

TIME REQUIREMENTS

The Youth Point Course will run from Sept 23rd - Dec 16th 2017 on Saturdays from 10am-1pm. Volunteers need to be available to commit to the program on a weekly basis.

LOCATION

The Youth Point program will be held at the Central City Library (10350 University Drive, Surrey BC) in room 401.



BENEFITS

- Great opportunity for students interested in working with youth
- Great opportunity for students interested in teaching
- Build experience in and mentoring children
- Opportunity to develop interpersonal, communication and teaching skills
- Opportunity to use your skills to help others

REQUIREMENTS

- Ability to share knowledge and experiences regarding adjusting to a new country
- Experience or strong interest in working with youth
- Respectful and non-judgmental with a desire to help the community
- Friendly, compassionate and motivated
- Dependable, flexible and resourceful

****Volunteers will be asked to complete a short blog post (~250 words) about their experience at the end of the program)**

TO APPLY

If you are interested in this opportunity, please send an email to tdulku@sfu.ca with a brief summary of yourself; name, program, whether you are an SFU student, or alumni, and any relevant previous experience or training.