

# Volunteering Opportunities

## Resources for Newcomers

Volunteering is an excellent way for newcomers to gain Canadian experience, expand their personal and professional networks, and give back to their community. It can also help you develop new skills, build confidence, and integrate into your new environment.

### • Why Volunteer?

- Gain valuable Canadian work experience.
- Expand your professional network and meet new people.
- Support a cause you're passionate about.
- Enhance your resume and showcase your commitment to contributing to the community.

### • How to Choose the Right Volunteering Role

- Consider the following questions when selecting a volunteering opportunity:
  - What skills can you contribute?
  - What causes inspire or interest you?
  - How much time are you willing to commit?
  - Do you want to work with kids, adults, or animals?
  - Would you prefer to volunteer remotely or in person?
  - Are you looking for opportunities within your field?

### • Where to Find Volunteering Opportunities

Once you have an idea of what you're looking for, explore these platforms and resources:

- **Jewish Community:** Visit our [Jewish Vancouver Job Board](#) for volunteering roles within the local community or reach out directly to an organization you are interested in.
- **Online Platforms:**
  - [Volunteer Match](#): Discover nonprofit organizations in BC, their missions, and how to get involved.
  - [Volunteer Canada](#): Learn about companies offering volunteering opportunities and explore positions aligned with your interests.
  - [CharityVillage](#): A dedicated board for finding volunteering opportunities in non-profit sector.
- **Specialized Opportunities:**
  - [BC Speaking for Animals](#): Volunteer with animal-focused organizations and shelters.
  - **Parent Advisory Committees (PACs)**: Get involved at your child's school and support its programs and activities.
  - **Senior Volunteering Opportunities**: Check local resources or the [BC volunteering](#) network for roles tailored to seniors.
  - Check your local Community Centre board for volunteering opportunities.