

IMMIGRANT PEER EDUCATOR

Position Summary:	Support your peers, your social, family and work connections, with information and referrals that help them cope with adjusting and adapting to life in Canada and Whistler.
Reports to:	Settlement & Integration Worker
Roles and Responsibilities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify instances where peers require information/support related to adapting to life in Whistler • Provide information and referrals to peers and other connections in the community • Refer requests for help/support to the Settlement Worker • Report back to the program coordinator regularly to highlight immigrant service/program needs encountered in the community • Keep updated on services and programs available in Whistler
Skills and Qualifications:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge, understanding (and preferably lived experience) of the immigrant experience • an interest in helping others • English language skills at a level where Canadian native speakers are understood if they speak slowly • flexibility and creativity • caring and positive attitude • good understanding of immigrant community • basic knowledge of Whistler community
Time Required:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 hours per month (after training)
Why Volunteer?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet new people and contribute to your community • Receive free training and ongoing updates and guidance • Gain experience and develop skills for future career opportunities • Add it to your resume • Practice and develop English language skills,

especially listening and speaking and communication skills.

- Receive a reference after 6 months of participation
- Build knowledge and skills to support friends and co-workers (your 'peers') with information about where to go and how to solve issues.

Immigrant Peer Educator training consists of two parts. In Part One, participants attend 2 hours of training for 8 weeks to build peer educator skills, and to learn about resources that are available in the community through a series of guest speakers. In Part Two, and post-training, participants use the training to help their peers while meeting monthly to discuss and learn more information.