



## **Join the Welcome Group Program in Moncton, Vancouver, and Winnipeg!**

Together Project is seeking volunteers to join its Welcome Group Program in three new cities (Moncton, NB; Vancouver, BC, and Winnipeg, MB) as well as the Greater Toronto Area.

The Welcome Group Program matches “Welcome Groups” of volunteers with refugee newcomer families for social support and assistance with settlement and integration. Over 3-6 months, volunteers will work together as a group to address the priorities identified by their matched household; in this way, volunteers will have the opportunity to meet, empower, and welcome refugee newcomers in the community, and both newcomers and volunteers have an opportunity to get to know each other over time.

Together Project is excited to expand the Welcome Group Program to Moncton, NB, Vancouver, BC, and Winnipeg, MB, in collaboration with IRCOM (Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization of Manitoba), ISSofBC (Immigrant Services Society of British Columbia), and MAGMA-AMGM (Multicultural Agency of the Greater Moncton Area).

### **Responsibilities**

Volunteers will be assigned to their Welcome Groups and matched with refugee newcomer families based on things like availability, skills, location, shared interests, and family composition. We like to think there’s a match for every kind of Welcome Group.

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#### **As a volunteer, you can help newcomers with:**

- practicing conversational English skills
- accessing and navigating services, like healthcare



- finding and applying to employment opportunities
- helping youth with school and extracurricular activities
- socializing and helping newcomers learn about Canada

**We're looking for volunteers who are:**

- passionate about helping newcomers and making social connections
- organized
- sociable
- culturally sensitive
- Patient
- interested in social work, immigration, and/or settlement
- open to using virtual communication tools (e.g. WhatsApp, Zoom, etc.)

**Commitment**

Since we recommend a weekly interaction between Welcome Groups and matched newcomer families, most volunteers dedicate roughly 3-4 hours a month to their match over a 3-6 month period. These interactions can take place online or in-person, as preferred/convenient.

**Training:**

Together Project provides volunteers with training, guidance, and interpretation/translation assistance to help each Welcome Group maximize its impact.

**How to Apply**

**Follow this link to sign up: [www.bttr.im/a772o](http://www.bttr.im/a772o)**

Volunteers can sign up as individuals or as a group with their friends, family members, and/or colleagues. Volunteers registering on their own will be connected to other volunteers to form Welcome Groups based on their skillset and interests. If you are signing up as part of a group, please indicate the names of other registrants you'd like to be in a Welcome Group with.



Volunteers will be asked to complete a local police background check before beginning their match.

Please bear in mind that volunteer interest typically exceeds available opportunities, and it may take time to hear back from us.

Once we have accepted your application, a member of our staff will contact you via email to arrange for an interview.

## **Contact**

Have any questions? Please contact Jennilee, Communications and Program Outreach Specialist, at [jennilee@togetherproject.ca](mailto:jennilee@togetherproject.ca)

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*For more information, please go to  
<https://makeway.org/solutions/shared-platform>*

*Together Project is committed to creating an inclusive environment, and we welcome applications from the diverse communities we engage.*