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Welcome to the 29th Annual Okanagan Volunteer Fair!

This year, our theme is Ignite Volunteerism, a celebration of the spark that begins when someone chooses to care, connect, and show up for their community. That spark doesn't have to start with something big. It can begin with one conversation, one hour of your time, one skill shared, or simply a willingness to help. But small actions have a way of growing. One person inspires another, connections are formed, and before we know it, that small spark becomes something much brighter.

Volunteers bring that energy to life every day across the Central Okanagan. They share knowledge, support neighbours, welcome newcomers, care for people and animals, bring arts and culture to our community, protect the places we love, and create spaces where people feel connected and that they belong.

Whether you arrived today knowing exactly where you want to volunteer or you're simply curious about what's out there, we hope you'll explore, ask questions, meet new people, and discover something that sparks your interest. **Your time, skills, experiences, and passions all have something valuable to offer.**

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and help us ignite volunteerism
across our community!**

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The Animal Lifeline Emergency Response Team (ALERT) is dedicated to animal welfare through the preparation for the actual rescue and shelter of domestic animals and livestock in a disaster. Whether this be residential fire, wildfire, flood or any other disaster, ALERT is there to assist people with their animals.



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Volunteer with Baptist Housing and make a meaningful difference in the lives of seniors. With five locations across West Kelowna, Kelowna, Armstrong, and Salmon Arm, we provide care and community through exceptional holistic care as we assist our residents to experience life well in supportive communities. Guided by our values of compassion, respect, service, and excellence, volunteers help create belonging, connection, and purpose. Learn more at baptisthousing.org/volunteer



Health Equipment Loan Program
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The Canadian Red Cross offers free loans of basic medical equipment to people recovering from illness, surgery, or wishing to spend their final days at home providing safety, mobility, and independence, ensuring better outcomes for our clients. HELP Client Services volunteers coordinates loans, returns, and answer inquiries while providing empathetic support. Maintenance Technician volunteers complete equipment repairs. Positions are also available with Emergency Management.



**Central Okanagan
Emergency Support Services
(ESS)**

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Emergency Support Services (ESS) is a Provincial Program delivered by local authorities and First Nations to meet the basic needs of British Columbians impacted by disasters by providing short-term support in a compassionate manner. This includes providing temporary relief to individuals and families so they can begin to plan their next steps to recover after disaster. Primary services include food, lodging, clothing, and family reunification.



Central Okanagan Food Bank
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Volunteers are at the heart of the Central Okanagan Food Bank, helping provide food support to local families and individuals each month. From food sorting, client services, and special events, volunteers make a meaningful difference while building community connections. We welcome people of all ages and skills to join us in creating a future where everyone has access to nutritious food.



CFUW (Canadian Federation of University Women)
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Where women meet, good work happens, and friends are made.

Membership in the CFUW Kelowna is open to all interested women. You do not need a university degree. Join dynamic women in many interest groups such as book club, hiking, golf, lunch out, crafting, advocacy, bridge and more. Enjoy monthly sessions on various topics. Advocate on important issues relevant to women and girls.

Support women in post-secondary education by raising funds for scholarships and bursaries.



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The City of Kelowna's Active Living & Culture Department provides inclusive programs and events throughout the community. Volunteers play an important role in supporting the diverse programs and events offered to people of all ages and abilities. Our volunteer program provides both short-term and long-term opportunities, allowing volunteers to make a meaningful impact while contributing to an inclusive and welcoming community.



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The Canadian National Institute for the Blind is a national nonprofit organization driven to change what it is to be blind today through innovative programs and powerful advocacy that empower people impacted by blindness to live their dreams and tear down barriers to inclusion. Our work is strengthened by a network of staff, volunteers, donors, stakeholders, and partners across Canada. If you're interested in volunteering, please reach us!
Hours: Mon – Fri. 8:30 pm to 4:30 pm



Kelowna

Dress for Success Okanagan
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At Dress for Success Kelowna, we believe that when a woman is supported on her journey to employment, the impact reaches far beyond the workplace. We provide workwear attire, career development workshops & mentorship to support women as they build confidence towards lasting change. Volunteers are essential to the success of our organization. Join us in empowering women to take meaningful steps toward their goals. Your skills, guidance, and enthusiasm can truly change lives!



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Elevation Outdoors provides outdoor programming for youth who wouldn't otherwise get the chance to learn sports skills and get outside! We provide youth with transportation, equipment and instruction in our hiking, rock climbing, mountain biking, snowboarding, and leadership programs! Our programs are made possible with the support of volunteers who want to get outside, build meaningful relationships with youth, and pass along their passion for the sports they love!



Fletcher's Keep
Senior Dog Foundation
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Help Senior Dogs in Need! Fletcher's Keep Senior Dog Foundation supports struggling owners and senior dogs in crisis across the Okanagan. We're seeking compassionate Volunteer Keepers for in-home care visits, temporary fostering, event support, and admin help. Join us in preserving the human-canine bond and ensuring no old dog is left behind. Flexible remote opportunities available-
Make a difference today!



Friends of the Okanagan Rail Trail
(FORT)

C/O 160 Whitetail Ridge, Vernon
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www.okanaganrailtrail.ca

Local volunteers who support the trail call themselves Friends of Okanagan Rail Trail, or FORT for short. FORT is a volunteer, non-profit organization and the official non-government partner to the rail trail owner jurisdictions. FORT programs and activities are coordinated with owner jurisdictions and include:

- Trail Ambassadors,
- Trail Stewards and other volunteers
- Trail Improvement and
- Input to Planning
- Fundraising
- Communication



Retirement Engagement Program: Staying Connected, Finding Purpose

Retirement can be an exciting new chapter. After years of work and busy schedules, it can bring more freedom, time to explore new interests, and opportunities to focus on the things that matter most. But like any major life transition, retirement can also come with challenges. Leaving the workplace may mean losing familiar routines, daily social connections, or even a sense of purpose and belonging.

Staying connected and engaged in community life can make a meaningful difference during this transition, and volunteering can be a wonderful way to do just that.

KCR Community Resources, through Volunteer Okanagan, is launching the **Retirement Engagement Program**, a new initiative designed to support seniors and retirees in finding meaningful ways to stay active, connected, and involved in their communities through volunteering.

The program recognizes that there is no single way to volunteer, just as there is no single experience of retirement. Some people may be ready to jump into a new role, while others may not know where to begin. Through one-on-one volunteer support, skills matching,

training, social connection, and connections with local organizations, the program will help seniors explore opportunities that reflect their interests, experiences, skills, and the ways they want to contribute.

Volunteering can be about giving back, but it can also be about discovering something new. It can create friendships, build confidence, provide opportunities to keep learning, and offer a renewed sense of connection and purpose. It also gives seniors an opportunity to continue sharing the incredible knowledge, skills, and life experiences they have built over the years.

One of the most important parts of the Retirement Engagement Program is that it is being **co-created with retirees themselves**.

Through a Senior Steering Committee, retirees from across the Central Okanagan will help guide the program by sharing their experiences, perspectives, and ideas. Committee members will help us understand what seniors actually want from volunteering, what barriers may make participation difficult, and what kinds of opportunities could make this stage of life more connected and fulfilling.



Volunteering can be about giving back, but it can also be about discovering something new. It can create friendships, build confidence, provide opportunities to keep learning, and offer a renewed sense of connection and purpose.

We believe the strongest community programs are created with the people they are meant to support, not simply for them. Seniors are not only participants in this program; they are leaders, mentors, neighbours, and valued contributors whose voices will help shape what comes next.

Whether you are recently retired, have been retired for years, are looking for a meaningful volunteer opportunity, or simply want to learn more, we would love to connect with you.

For more information, contact volunteer@kcr.ca.

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As a Girl Guide volunteer, you'll make meaningful connections, invest in unbreakable bonds and create a space for girls to just be. When girls have someone in their corner, they can do anything! Girls in your community need women like YOU to cheer them on as they take on new challenges and become the leaders of tomorrow.

Together we can make a better world, by girls possible. Volunteer with Girl Guides – it's worth your time.



Interior Health
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Interior Health is looking for Volunteers to support clients in community stay home longer. Volunteers needed in our Friendly Visitor Program, Driving Program, and Shop by Phone program.



Enhancing Lives - Connecting Communities

KCR Community Resources
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Volunteers are at the heart of KCR's programs and services. There are a variety of ways to get involved with KCR: Help newcomers feel welcome in our community, provide support and resources to assist people in crisis, become a mentor to parents and connect them with community resources, share your knowledge and expertise as a workshop facilitator, or provide practical support and connection for newcomers seeking employment. Contact us to find a volunteer position that works for you!



KCR Community Resources -
Crisis Lines
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kcr.ca/family-services/suicide-crisis-hotline-en/

Are you looking for ways to give back and make a difference in someone's life? Are you a caring, empathetic, non-judgmental individual? You can be a part of this by volunteering with the Kelowna Crisis Line. Responders provide emotional support to people experiencing family and personal problems, mental health issues, suicide and more. You will empower people to explore their options and solve their own problems. You will support people using call or text. Training is provided.



Enhancing Lives - Connecting Communities

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Our KCR Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP) Tax Clinic operates in partnership with the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) to provide free and confidential tax filing services for eligible individuals. With the support of the CRA, our dedicated volunteers help individuals with modest incomes and simple tax situations file their tax returns accurately and on time. Looking for a meaningful way to give back? Join us and become a volunteer today.



Kelowna & District
S.H.A.R.E. Society
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The Kelowna & District S.H.A.R.E. Society is a long-standing community nonprofit dedicated to reducing poverty and supporting people in need. We operate a thrift store where donated goods are sold to fund community programs. With our new RE:UP Studio we are promoting environmental sustainability through reuse and upcycling. We are looking for Volunteers in all areas of the Retail, Boutique, Merchandising, Warehouse, Electronics, Jewelry, and our RE:UP Studio.



Kelowna Art Gallery
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Kelowna, BC V1Y 9R3
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Join a team that enriches our community through the presentation of visual arts. Art is for all of us! Volunteer Docents help out with our school tours for children grades K-12 (Sept-June: requires a weekly daytime commitment of 2 hrs). Event Volunteers assist with the team that hosts art openings and other special events (event-by-event commitment, typically Friday evenings). Family Sundays, geared for high school students, helps out with our Family Sundays art activities (scheduled).



Kelowna BC SPCA
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@BC SPCA Kelowna

Make a difference for animals while having fun and connecting with your community! BC SPCA volunteers play a vital role in helping vulnerable animals and supporting the people who love them. At the Kelowna Community Animal Centre, volunteers care for animals, assist with adoptions and events, and create a welcoming environment. Foster homes are especially needed. Learn more at spca.bc.ca/foster. We welcome volunteers from all backgrounds who are aligned with our mission, vision and values.



Kelowna Community Music School
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KCMS is a not-for-profit school dedicated to inspiring musicians of all ages. We share our passion for music education through private lessons, recitals, ensembles, orchestra, workshops, masterclasses, music theory and more. Volunteers matter! Currently seeking Board members, marketing and social media expertise, and energetic helpers at our community events. Training provided. You're invited to join our vibrant community passionate about exploring the world of music – together.



Kelowna Friends of the Library
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fol4k@hotmail.com

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Friends enthused about libraries, books & reading support Okanagan Regional Library branches. Opportunities: fundraising book sales, Fall & Summer/ Spring: set-ups, sorting & replenishing (physical labour), cashiering, clearing donation bins; hosting library activities, irregular. Book donations accepted year-round: #114-2476 Westlake Rd, West Kelowna (Fridays only 9-11:30am). Kelowna Drop-off bins anytime - ORL Admin Centre 1430 K.L.O. Rd & Parkinson Rec Centre, Harvey Ave.



Kelowna General Hospital
2268 Pandosy Street,
Kelowna, BC V1Y 1T2
250-862-4492 / 250-862-4497

kelownaghvolunteerservices

@interiorhealth.ca

Does volunteering with patients in a hospital setting appeal to you? Volunteers visit, guide, support, and provide directions and information to visitors or patients. Volunteers make a difference in the lives of patients and their families and work to complement the care that staff provides.

Volunteers are on duty in a variety of shifts and departments from approximately 7:00am-11:00pm, 7 days a week.



Kelowna International Airport
1-5533 Airport Way
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jmonk@kelowna.ca

ylw.kelowna.ca/about-ylw/volunteer-ylw

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@ylw.kelownaairport

We perform a range of services from assisting people with disabilities to providing information on the community.

Our volunteers are positioned throughout the airport seven days a week, 365 days a year and can be identified by their red blazers or golf shirts to help travellers. In partnership with Central Okanagan Public Schools, YLW launched the Junior Ambassador Program in the summer of 2010 where high school students in grade 10-12 at Central Okanagan Public Schools can earn volunteer hours.



Kelowna Kasugai Sister City
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@Kelowna Kasugai Sister City Association

Since 1981, the Kelowna Kasugai Sister City Association has nurtured a strong and lasting relationship between Kelowna, Canada, and Kasugai, Japan. Over the years, exchange visits have deepened this connection opening doors to exciting collaborations in culture, education, horticulture, firefighting, and more. As we continue to grow together, we're inspired by the shared opportunities ahead and the enduring spirit of international friendship.



Kelowna's Gospel Mission
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Kelowna's Gospel Mission (KGM) is a non-profit organization that connects people to life-changing programs, nourishing meals, a safe place to sleep and encouragement to keep going. Fresh starts are possible with your care. Our services include outreach, case management, emergency shelters, dental clinic, thrift store and supportive housing. Volunteers are at the heart of our organization.



Kiwanis Club of the Central
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Kids Need Kiwanis... Kiwanis Needs You!

Kiwanis's mission is to support children & youth through initiatives with local organizations. Membership is open to all adults who share a passion for community service & making a difference in the lives of young people. Join us & participate in meaningful projects that positively impact the community. Through collective efforts, members work together to create a nurturing environment for the next generation. Together, we can build a brighter future!



Mission Thrift Store
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Mission Thrift Store is a volunteer-driven, Christian organization. Our stores convert donated goods into cash, and the net revenue is devoted to the joint ministry of Mission Thrift Stores and Bible League Canada giving people access to the life-giving, life-changing, Word of God. We believe there is a deeper purpose to everything in life, including shopping. Our mission is to save you money, save the planet and tell the world about the saving work of Christ.



Niteo Africa Society
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Join Niteo in supporting children to develop the literacy skills needed to build bright and hopeful futures!

Volunteer opportunities include:

- 1) Reading Mentors in our family reading program for newcomer families;
- 2) Book Wranglers to sort donated books for libraries in Uganda; and
- 3) Special Event volunteers who create a welcoming & meaningful experience at community & fundraising events. No previous experience required – just a passion for child literacy and lifelong learning!



Okanagan 4 Ukraine Foundation
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Join the team at Okanagan 4 Ukraine Foundation (O4U), a CRA-registered charity building community locally while supporting humanitarian initiatives in Ukraine. Adult volunteers help with concerts, teas, community events, cultural celebrations, communications, website support, and conversational English opportunities. Ukrainian is not required. Make local and global impact, build new skills, and make friends along the way.

Volunteer Okanagan: Connecting People, Building Community

Volunteer Okanagan is often mistaken for a traditional Volunteer Centre—but we're something a little different, and proudly so. While we share the same heart for community building, our approach is flexible, people-focused, and designed to meet individuals and organizations where they are.

At its core, Volunteer Okanagan is a program that supports both sides of the volunteer experience: the people who want to give their time and talents, and the organizations who rely on volunteers to deliver their vital programs and services. We act as a bridge—connecting those who want to help with those who need help—while offering tailored guidance, resources, and education along the way.

Unlike a full-service Volunteer Centre, which might offer drop-in services, formal registrations, and centralized scheduling, our model is built around one-on-one support, relationship-building, and behind-the-scenes collaboration. Our work isn't always visible, but it's impactful. In the past year alone, we supported over 40 individuals in finding volunteer placements and connected with dozens of local organizations to offer recruitment advice, strategic support, and professional development opportunities for their volunteer managers.

We understand that not everyone's path to volunteering is the same. Some individuals know exactly what they want to do and need only a bit of direction. Others face barriers—language, mental health, accessibility—and need ongoing, intensive support to find a meaningful place in the community. Volunteer Okanagan meets each person with care and flexibility, helping them navigate their options and build confidence through service.

Equally important is the work we do to support those who lead and manage volunteers. Through initiatives like the Nourishing Volunteer Managers monthly series and our Overview of Volunteer Management training, we create opportunities for learning, connection, and shared problem-solving. We believe that strong volunteer programs are built by strong volunteer leaders—and we're here to nourish both.



**Cornerstone
Early Learning
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INQUIRE TODAY:

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Owner/Operator/ECE

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Volunteer Okanagan also plays a role in organizing the annual Okanagan Volunteer Fair, which brings together non-profits from across the Central Okanagan to showcase their work and connect directly with community members. It's one of the many ways we help raise the profile of volunteering and make it easier for people to get involved.

Whether you're a volunteer seeking a meaningful way to contribute, or an organization looking for guidance on how to recruit and retain volunteers, Volunteer Okanagan is here to support you. We may not have a storefront or a front desk—but we're deeply embedded in the community, building connections that matter.

For more information or to connect with us at volunteer@kcr.ca.

IT'S BURGER TIME!
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**Get ready for the most
exciting time of the year!
Kelowna Capital News'
Burger Month will launch
October 1.**

**Our local chefs are busy creating
mouthwatering masterpieces.**

**Get ready to vote for
your favourite burger!**



kelownacapnews.com/contests



Okanagan TV & Film Society
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@okintfilmfest

f /okanagan international film festival

The Okanagan TV & Film Industry Society is dedicated to supporting, developing, and expanding the Film and TV industry in the Okanagan and surrounding regions. We strive to achieve this through community outreach, education, training, industry connections/ resources, fostering collaboration and empowering the next generation of filmmakers and creatives. Our main event is the Okanagan International Film Festival and Forum (OKIFF) Oct. 2026.

Info and volunteer opportunities at www.okiff.org



Pacific Assistance Dogs Society
(PADS Okanagan)
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We breed, raise and train fully certified assistance dogs. Our service (mobility & PTSD) and hearing dogs provide life-changing independence to those with disabilities. Our accredited facility dogs work with professionals, such as teachers, RCMP officers and psychologists to help support healthy communities.



PacificSport Okanagan
645 Dodd Road,
Kelowna BC V1X 5H1
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PacificSport Okanagan connects communities through sport, physical activity, and recreation programs that help people of all ages and abilities lead healthy, active lives. Volunteers support community events, youth programs, and sport initiatives while gaining valuable experience, skills, and connections. We welcome enthusiastic, community-minded individuals, and training is provided. Join our team and help create positive sport and recreation experiences across the Okanagan!



Looking for the
right volunteer
opportunity?

VolunteerConnector



www.volunteerconnector.org

Looking to
find the right
volunteers?

Need help navigating the
volunteer connector?

Contact volunteer@kcr.ca



Project Literacy
Central Okanagan Society
107-2293 Leckie Rd

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Project Literacy is a registered charity. We provide literacy support for adults, children and seniors. We are always seeking adults to join our family of over 120 volunteers. Whether you like reading with children, or helping newcomers improve their English, being a volunteer is a great way to meet new people, share your knowledge of Canada, learn about other cultures, and support the growth of literacy in our community. Drop by anytime to meet our staff or visit our website to learn more.



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Volunteer Community Policing in Peachland West Kelowna and Lake Country is a partnership between residents, the RCMP, and the RDCO that supports community safety through crime prevention, public education, and neighbourhood engagement. Volunteers serve as the community's eyes and ears by participating in programs such as Citizens Patrol, Speed Watch, and Community Policing Centres, helping deter crime, promote safe driving, and strengthen connections between police and the public.



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Looking to give back to Kelowna while building great friendships? The Rotary Club of Kelowna Ogopogo invites you to volunteer with us! Throughout the year, we roll up our sleeves for hands-on community projects like our downtown Adopt-a-Road cleanups, monthly Community Free Tax Clinics, and digital literacy laptop distribution sessions. We also run vibrant local fundraisers, including our signature Fancy Pants Golf Tournament, supporting youth advocacy and education. Join our team today!



University of Victoria | Institute on Aging & Lifelong Health

Self-Management BC Programs
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Interested in helping others learn skills to improve their health outcome? Train to become a volunteer Program Leader with our programs, which were developed and evaluated by Stanford University and supported by the BC Ministry of Health.

You will contribute to the well-being of others who suffer from chronic disease and will learn effective self management strategies to help others build the self-confidence they need to manage their chronic disease symptoms.



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Sleep in Heavenly Peace is a Canadian non-profit organization whose goal is to provide new twin beds or bunks to children who don't have beds. Each chapter raises funds in their communities by partnering with local groups, businesses and individuals to hand build beds, outfit them with new bedding and deliver them to children. SHP Kelowna Chapter builds beds for youth ages 3 to 17 with volunteers from the community. Sponsor a Build Day or Donate money, materials or time by volunteering with us!



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We focus on creating solutions for environmental challenges faced by people with disabilities, improving quality of life, promoting independence and encouraging inclusion. We're looking for technically skilled volunteers to work with clients to design and build custom assistive devices. As a non-profit, Tetra raises funds to support our program, covering volunteer travel expenses and project costs up to \$500. Collaborate with like-minded makers and change lives through creativity and compassion!



The Royal Canadian Legion
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Volunteering is a major part of what the legion does, and there are opportunities ranging from occasional one day help to taking an ongoing role. The areas that members volunteer are areas such as events, fundraising, branch operations, hospitality, community service, poppy campaign.



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The Salvation Army relies on volunteers like you to bring our mission to life. Your support helps us reach more people, strengthen our connection to the community, and enhance the programs we offer. When you volunteer, you become part of a team that cares deeply for our community. Volunteers often find belonging and purpose, and we offer a gratitude discount as our way of saying thank you.

Learn. Connect. Grow.

Build your skills with KCR Community Resources

KCR Community Resources offers an array of skill-building workshops designed to empower individuals, frontline staff, and non-profit organizations across the community.

Program offerings are organized into three distinct scheduling models: seasonal sessions running throughout the year, ongoing monthly meetings, and tailored, in-service training packages requested directly by individual organizations.

The organization's core executive training focuses heavily on leadership, governance, and fund development. To strengthen organizational sustainability, KCR hosts comprehensive courses such as the eight-module **Fund Development Overview** and the six-week **Grant Writing Essentials program**, both designed to help participants craft actionable plans and secure vital grant funding. For non-profit board members and leadership, **Board Boot Camps (101 and 201)** cover fundamental responsibilities, governance structures, executive dynamics, and effective meeting management, preparing directors to lead with confidence.

Complementing board governance, KCR targets the operational drivers of the non-profit sector through specialized volunteer management and peer support programs. The intensive **Overview of Volunteer Management** equips volunteer managers with strategies based on Canadian best practices for recruiting, engaging, and retaining community changemakers. Additionally, KCR hosts "**Nourishing Volunteer Managers,**" a free monthly luncheon series held from October to June that provides a regular peer-support network to discuss professional development, self-care, and emerging management trends.

Finally, KCR delivers critical practical skills through frontline response, safety, and workplace culture workshops. The **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)** training consists of two 3-hour sessions exploring justice, equity, and inclusion to foster safe, welcoming workplace environments. Concurrently, KCR equips community members with life-saving mental health tools through its Suicide Awareness & Crisis Response workshop, alongside the intensive **Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST)**. Together, these programs prepare frontline workers, volunteers, and individuals to recognize warning signs, communicate supportively, construct immediate safety plans, and manage critical crisis situations with confidence and care.



Upcoming Fall/Winter Workshop Dates

- Grant Writing Essentials: September 29, October 6, 13, 20, 27, and November 3
- Overview of Volunteer Management: October 1, 8, 15, and 22
- Suicide Awareness & Crisis Response: October 5
- Nourishing Volunteer Managers: Monthly, October - June
- ASIST: Monthly, September - June
- Fund Development Overview: TBA
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion: TBA
- Board Boot Camp: TBA

Ready to learn more? Visit KCR's Workshops & Events Calendar for upcoming dates, details, and registration.

www.kcr.ca/community-services/workshops-training/

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THE UNIVERSITY
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Southern Medical Program

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Interested in communication skills and medical education? Come volunteer as a patient! A Volunteer Patient supports classroom teaching with a small group of students who perform specific physical examinations: they participate as themselves and represent their authentic medical history, whether healthy or living with a chronic condition. Folks of all ages, genders, physical conditions and background can participate, helping future medical practitioners gain confidence to provide the best care.

TOURISM Kelowna

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Tourism Kelowna has an outstanding team of volunteers that work hard to ensure visitors receive all the recommendations and information they need. Our volunteers can be found at our downtown visitor centre, airport information kiosk, and throughout the Central Okanagan with our mobile visitor services team. Interested in becoming a volunteer for Tourism Kelowna or want to learn more about volunteering opportunities at Tourism Kelowna contact us today!

VISION LOSS REHABILITATION™ CANADA BRITISH COLUMBIA

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Vision Loss Rehabilitation Canada (VLRC) is the leading national provider of rehabilitation services for people who are blind or who have experienced a significant loss of vision. Our staff of 270 certified specialists deliver services right across the country. Services are offered through telepractice (virtually) or in person at the client's home, local community setting or within one of our 44 clinic locations across Canada.

VISTA academy

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Vista Academy is a charitable therapeutic learning center for autistic and special needs kids aged 2-18. Using the power of 1:1 teaching, they deliver a comprehensive, inclusive, and holistic approach that embraces individuality and supports learning differences. Every program and intervention is implemented using evidence-based therapies, the gentle approach of Today's ABA, and prioritizes the development of self-advocacy, functional communication, and regulation.

Shine On Y Southern Interior BC

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Bring your passion and 1 hour a week to help the YMCA ignite the potential in others. As a local charity, the YMCA is devoted to building a healthier community. Whether you're passionate about developing young minds, equipping kids with water safety skills, sharing the Y's impact through events and fundraising or helping others achieve their health goals, volunteering at the Y provides opportunities for personal growth and community impact.



Looking for the
right volunteer
opportunity?

VolunteerConnector



www.volunteerconnector.org

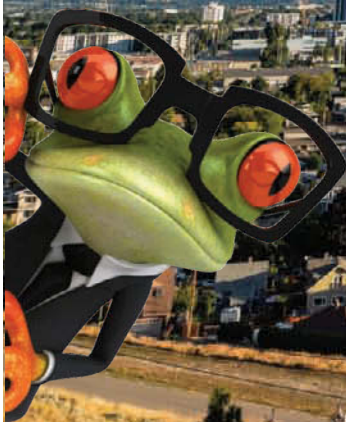
Looking to
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Need help navigating the
volunteer connector?
Contact volunteer@kcr.ca

Kelowna is a great place to call home.

Thanks to all the people who help make it that way.

To everyone who gives their time, lends a hand, coaches a team or volunteers for a cause they care about - thank you.



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