



# Volunteer with us! HCoA Older Adult Peer Connector Program

## Program Overview

The HCoA Older Adult Peer Connector Program **connects** people with information to empower seniors to make informed decisions. Volunteers provide face-to-face information about programs and services at library and community locations throughout greater Hamilton. Volunteers are provided with training on the wide array of programs and services for seniors. Specially designed training modules help volunteers to navigate the system to find information and make referrals to help other seniors! *This program is a partnership of the Hamilton Council on Aging, Hamilton Public Library, and Information Hamilton, funded by the Ontario Trillium Foundation.*

## Time Commitment

- Training –two hours, twice a week for 2 weeks
- Placement – flexible (average: 2-4 hours per week)

## Volunteer Qualifications

- Excellent interpersonal, communication and teamwork skills
  - An understanding of seniors’ needs
  - Strong English language skills; additional language skills an asset
  - A Criminal Record and Judicial Matters Check is required (dated within 12 months)
- Please note that volunteers will be reimbursed for this cost.*

## Volunteer Responsibilities

- Maintain professional boundaries and confidentiality
- Act as a point of access and information for programs and services available to seniors

## Volunteer Benefits

- The opportunity to help others and make a positive contribution to the community
- Increased awareness and knowledge of seniors’ issues and where to go for help
- Help foster independence, inclusion and overall health and well being of peers

**Program Location:** Volunteers will select their program location from a list of Hamilton Public Library locations and community sites throughout greater Hamilton.

Upcoming Volunteer Training Sessions		
• November 21, 24, 28, Dec. 1	2-4pm	Sackville Hill
• December 2016		Red Hill Library
• January 2017		Central Library
• February 2017		Dundas
• March 2017		location to be confirmed

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