



IIT Syrian Newcomer Support Effort – Volunteer Roles Summary

Volunteer Role	Role Description	Role Requirements	When Needed (Depending upon your availability)	Other Requirements
Befriend a Family	Provide social and emotional support over a period of time to a newcomer family as they acclimate to life in Canada; assist newcomers in navigating experiences arising from settling into a new home	-Willingness to build a close relationship with newcomer family -2-3 month commitment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Days ✓ Evenings ✓ Nights 	-Police record verification -Reference -Training
Arabic Language Support	Assist volunteers and newcomers with spoken or written communication in various areas of newcomer support	-Arabic (spoken, written or both)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Days ✓ Evenings ✓ Nights 	-None
Driver	Transport families to appointments, etc., and/or transport items to required locations	-Car -Valid Driver's License -Valid Insurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Days ✓ Evenings 	-Reference -Training
Apartment SetUp	Helping newcomers set up their first Canadian homes	-Light lifting, possible assembly of furniture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Days ✓ Evenings 	-Reference
Neighborhood Orientation	Familiarizing newcomers with their neighborhood and important locations within it (e.g., bank, library, grocery store, playground, etc.)	-Willingness to use and demonstrate use of public transit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Days ✓ Evenings 	-Reference -Training
Coordination Support	Preparing, coordinating, and supporting volunteers in their various roles	-Logistical skills -People skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Flexible 	-Training
Administrative Support	Varied roles: -Data collection and analysis -Preparation of resource handbooks	-Administrative skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Flexible 	-Training
Fundraising	Source funds to support newcomers and programs; conduct fundraising campaigns and/or write proposals for grants	-Prior fundraising experience is an asset (but not necessary) -Administrative skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Flexible 	-None
Safe Social Spaces	Facilitate after school /weekend activities, excursions, social and life skills programs for children and adults.	-Experience engaging children or adults -Professional training experience (for adult life skills sessions only)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Days ✓ Evenings ✓ Weekend 	-Reference
Child Minding	Engaging and supervising children while their parents are attending programs.	-Experience supervising and engaging young children in play -Early childhood education experience is an asset	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Days ✓ Evenings ✓ Weekend 	-Reference

Please email syriansupport@islam.ca if you have any questions or concerns



IIT Syrian Newcomer Support Effort - Volunteer Application

First name _____ Surname _____

Home Address _____

Cell Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Best method of contact: text call Whatsapp email

Age: 16-18 19-25 26-40 41-50 51-60 60+

Gender: M () F () Profession: _____

A. Roles you would be interested in helping with:

<input type="checkbox"/> Befriend a Family	<input type="checkbox"/> Driver
<input type="checkbox"/> Apartment Setup	<input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Orientation
<input type="checkbox"/> Coordination Support	<input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Support
<input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising	<input type="checkbox"/> Safe Social Spaces
<input type="checkbox"/> Child Minding	
<input type="checkbox"/> Arabic Language Support *Please ALSO complete Arabic Speaker Volunteer Application*	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please explain):	

B. Please indicate your availability (check all that apply):

Monday - Friday	<input type="checkbox"/> Mornings	<input type="checkbox"/> Afternoons	<input type="checkbox"/> Evenings	<input type="checkbox"/> Nights
Saturday	<input type="checkbox"/> Mornings	<input type="checkbox"/> Afternoons	<input type="checkbox"/> Evenings	<input type="checkbox"/> Nights
Sunday	<input type="checkbox"/> Mornings	<input type="checkbox"/> Afternoons	<input type="checkbox"/> Evenings	<input type="checkbox"/> Nights

Additional Notes:

C. Please comment below if you have any other ideas/suggestions that could be helpful in our program planning efforts for the Syrian newcomers.



IIT Syrian Newcomer Support Volunteer Agreement

Respect for the dignity and privacy of the Syrian newcomers is very important. Being aware of the experiences that led to their arrival in Canada is a requirement in volunteering with this effort. We will foster this understanding by providing a more in-depth volunteer orientation session.

Please read the terms and condition of this agreement and sign to acknowledge your acceptance.

=====

I agree to the following terms and conditions of volunteering with IIT:

- 1. I verify that I do not have a criminal record.**
- 2. I will not ask for personal information from the newcomers, except as part of the necessary information-gathering required by this effort.**
- 3. Any personal information that is shared with me will be kept confidential with the following exceptions:**
 - The newcomer asks me to convey the information to someone who can provide support (e.g., doctor, counselor, etc.)**
 - Providing information to the organizers of this effort on a need-to-know basis**
 - There is an urgent situation which I feel requires disclosure: this disclosure will be made to the organizers of this effort**
 - I hear something (e.g., a traumatic event is described to me) that I feel I need further support with: I will debrief with the organizers of this effort**
 - I will not record or write about any experiences of the newcomers should they choose to share any with me except in the circumstances described above**
- 4. I will not take any photos or videos of the newcomers, or involve or post pictures of the newcomers in any kind of social media. (Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram, Twitter, etc.)**
- 5. I will not ask newcomers if I can take photos or videos of them.**

Volunteer name: _____

Volunteer signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Witness name: _____

Witness signature: _____

Please email syriansupport@islam.ca if you have any questions or concerns.



IIT Arabic Speaker Volunteer Application

First name: _____ Surname: _____

Home Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Best method(s) of contact: text call Whatsapp email

Age: 16-18 19-25 26-40 41-50 51-60 60+

Gender: M F Profession: _____

Education: _____

Please give us an idea of how proficient you are in speaking/translating the Arabic language.

1. What Arabic dialect(s) are you familiar with? Please list countries and/or type

2. Level of formal Arabic language training: _____

3. Fluency in speaking: Lifelong over 10yrs 3-5yrs 2 yrs or less.

4. Can you understand written Arabic: Yes No

5. Can you write Arabic sentences: Yes No

6. Are you able to provide Syrian cultural interpretation? Yes No

Arabic Interpretation Services You could help with (check all that applies):

Interpretation via telephone - Interpreting oral communications between Newcomer and IIT appointed individuals. **Availability: Please identify days of week and times** _____

Interpretation in person - Interpreting for newcomers at newcomer home or at IIT events for IIT appointed individuals. **Availability: Please identify days of week and times** _____

Written material translation - Translating written documents for IIT for Syrian Newcomer Support resources. **Availability: Please identify days of week and times** _____

Interpretation at workshops – Interpreting life skills and health education workshops for IIT. **Availability: Please identify days of week and times** _____

How well do you think you could translate for an education session or workshop: explain

What other education and/or experience do you have, that could contribute to IIT's response in the resettlement of the Syrian newcomers in the community.

