

Who can apply?

Participants in the program must be at least 18 years old, a Permanent Resident of Canada and currently living in the Metro Vancouver Area.

How to apply?

Our application process ensures that you are matched up with an appropriate volunteer Social Mentor.

- Email cultureconnections@mosaicbc.org or call 604.254.9626
- Participate in an intake interview
- Attend an orientation session

Once you've been matched with a Social Mentor, you will be introduced by email. Your first meeting will be decided by both parties. Further networking between you and your mentor will be done at a location convenient to you both.

Contact Information

VANCOUVER OFFICE

5575 Boundary Road

604.254.9626

Monday to Friday 9:00am - 4:30pm

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About MOSAIC

MOSAIC is a non-profit organization and registered charity serving immigrants and newcomers since 1976. Today, we offer comprehensive services for Canadian citizens, newcomers, refugees, immigrants, and temporary foreign workers at multiple locations throughout Metro Vancouver.

**In addition to this program,
MOSAIC also offers the following:**

Children and Family Programs
Employment Programs | English Language Centres
Interpretation Services | Settlement Programs
Specialized Programs | Translation Services

**For contact information, or to find out
more about these services, please visit us at:
www.mosaicbc.org or call 604.254.9626**



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*Empowering newcomers to fully participate
in Canadian society for over 40 years*

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Why does *Culture Connections* matter?

At MOSAIC, we know that creating positive connections is key to integrating fully into life in Canada. Our Culture Connections Social Mentoring Program is designed to help immigrants and newcomers to Canada build relationships and learn about the many opportunities in your local community.



How can you participate?

One-On-One Social Mentoring

We believe that the first step in connecting to the community is to make friends and to socialize one-on-one. At MOSAIC, we provide that one-on-one relationship through “Social Mentors” who will spend time with you, discussing your life, exploring hobbies and attending gatherings.

Newcomers are matched with a mentor and meet two hours once a week for three months.

Activity Focused Group Mentoring

Join group mentoring to enjoy various activities with your mentors and other newcomer friends. Activities include: photography, cooking, knitting, music, dance, sports, language and play dates for little ones!



Who are the mentors?

Mentors are friendly, welcoming volunteers who are interested in assisting newcomers. They are fluent in English and familiar with life in Canada. Some of our mentors are immigrants who have been living in Canada for a long time and understand the difficulties newcomers face. Mentors are kind, patient, and interested in learning more about other cultures.

Together, you will have a chance to practise speaking and writing English, discuss Canadian life and culture, try new activities and hobbies, explore your local community and make new friends.

“ Not only have I gained knowledge about the city and Canada, but I have also gained a lifelong friend. ”

- *Laura, Newcomer*

“ I learned so much about obstacles facing immigrants. It made me so happy to offer my help and be there for my partner. ”

- *Harry, Mentor*