

# Volunteer Fair 2024

Career & Experiential Learning



<p><b>Autism Nova Scotia</b></p>	<p>It's our vision to create a world where autism is understood, accepted and everyone is living a full life. We offer a range of programming, services and advocacy across the lifespan.</p>	<p>Mackenzie Matheson mmatheson@autismns.ca</p>
<p><b>Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Halifax</b></p>	<p>Our vision is that every child who wants a mentor has a mentor! We train and screen volunteer "Bigs", then match them with a child in the community (a "Little") who shares their interests, so that they can do things together they both enjoy. We have both in-school and community-based mentoring programs. We hope our Bigs and Littles will laugh and have fun together, and our staff support them every step of the way.</p>	<p>Bethany Porter bethany.porter@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca</p>
<p><b>Canadian Blood Services</b></p>	<p>At Canadian Blood Services, we are nationally responsible for a secure system of life essentials for transfusion and transplantation that is reliable, accessible and sustainable. Whether you are supporting donors throughout the donation process, recruiting new donors, or raising awareness about the importance of blood, plasma, stem cell and organs and tissues donation; our volunteers are a vital link in Canada's Lifeline.</p>	<p>Shelby Roberts shelby.roberts@blood.ca</p>

<p><b>Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21</b></p>	<p>The Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21 is located in a national historic site at the Halifax seaport. Nearly one million immigrants landed in Canada here from 1928 to 1971. Today, as a national museum, we share the ongoing story of immigration to Canada—past to present, and coast to coast. Our content onsite, online and in our podcast, immerses visitors in the immigration experience, allowing for a deeper understanding of how newcomers continue to shape our country. Countless Journeys. One Canada.</p>	<p>Annette Carter acarter@pier21.ca</p>
<p><b>Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB)</b></p>	<p>Living without sight can be hard, but people do it every day. Sometimes it's easier to have a friend come and help with some of those daily sighted tasks that we take for granted. CNIB is looking to provide that assistance. Our Vision Mate program matches volunteers to people with sight loss to help one-on-one with things like reading mail, organizing, going for walks, or technology on a weekly basis (2 hours per week).</p>	<p>Aidan Gray Aidan.Gray@cnib.ca</p>
<p><b>Chebucto Connections - Pathways to Education</b></p>	<p>Chebucto Connections is a Community Development Association providing a variety of community services and programs to residents in the Spryfield and Sambro Loop area. One of our main programs is Pathways to Education: Pathways is a national organization with the goal of helping students in low-income community's graduate from high school, and the Spryfield program location was established in 2010 in response to a graduation rate of 55% in the area at the time. Pathways serves students and their families through one-on-one mentorship from Student Parent Support Workers, financial aid including scholarships for post-secondary education or job training, academic help, and nutrition support.</p>	<p>Laura Mackenzie laura@chebuctoconnections.ca</p>

<p><b>Chisholm Services for Children - LINKS Literacy Program</b></p>	<p>The LINKS Literacy Program is a research-based, early intervention program for children in Grade 1 to 6 who are at least one year behind in their reading and/or writing skills, possibly due to a learning disability such as Dyslexia. This program was developed by The Learning Disabilities Association of Nova Scotia and is currently one of the community services provided by Chisholm Services for Children. Literacy Instructors will receive valuable training on the LINKS Curriculum and will work 1-to-1 with students for 1 hour twice per week.</p>	<p>Tirsa Finlay links@chisholm4children.ca</p>
<p><b>Enactus Saint Mary's University</b></p>	<p>Enactus is the largest student leadership organization in the world and strives to solve environmental, social and economic issues through entrepreneurial action. Enactus chapters (universities and colleges) from around the world work to solve global issues and showcase their successes through regional, national and worldwide competitions.</p>	<p>Courtney Dingle info@enactusmu.ca</p>
<p><b>Gem Health Care - Melville Gardens</b></p>	<p>We provide continuing care for people who need assistance with most or all daily activities. There are two types of long-term care facilities available: nursing homes, and residential care facilities. The contributions from our volunteers are so important in building a strong community at all of our homes. Their dedication to the well-being and happiness of our residents makes them a truly valued member of the GEM family.</p>	<p>Michelle Mason michelle.mason@melvillegardensltc.com</p>

<p><b>Girl Guides of Canada - Nova Scotia Council</b></p>	<p>Guiding provides a safe, all-girl environment that invites girls to challenge themselves, to find their voice, meet new friends, have fun and make a difference in the world. Girl Guides of Canada–Guides du Canada (GGC) strives to ensure that girls and women from all walks of life, identities and lived experiences feel a sense of belonging and can fully participate. Girl Guides is an organization with over 100 years of history and a strong and growing future.</p>	<p>Kathy Martin ns-memberservices@girlguides.ca</p>
<p><b>Halifax Public Libraries</b></p>	<p>Halifax Public Libraries provides public library services throughout Halifax Regional Municipality via our network of 14 library branches, Home Delivery, Borrow by Mail, Community Kiosks and via our website at <a href="http://www.halifaxpubliclibraries.ca">www.halifaxpubliclibraries.ca</a>. We offer a broad range of community-focused programs and services for all ages and our volunteers support a wide range of activities including English Language Learning, Adult Literacy, Children's Reading Support and more!</p>	<p>Heather MacKenzie mackenh@halifaxlibrary.ca</p>
<p><b>Halifax Tool Library</b></p>	<p>Our mission is to provide access to tools and empower people to use them. We offer many volunteering opportunities. No prior experience needed. All volunteers are fully trained. The commitment is for 2 hours per month of volunteering which gets you a free membership and, after a probationary period, most volunteers get free 24/7 access to the tools and workshop.</p>	<p>Ian Lawless ian@halifaxtoolibrary.ca</p>

<b>Hospice Halifax</b>	Hospice Halifax is a compassionate and supportive community of staff members, volunteers, and donors dedicated to making dying and living as comfortable and as meaningful as possible at the end of life. AND Hospice Halifax is a compassionate and supportive community of staff members, volunteers, and donors dedicated to making dying and living as comfortable and as meaningful as possible at the end of life.	Ondra DeJager o.dejager@hospicehalifax.ca
<b>Immigrant Services Association of Nova Scotia (ISANS)</b>	ISANS is the leading immigrant settlement service agency in Atlantic Canada, serving 15,000+ clients annually in 104 communities across Nova Scotia, through many kinds of services—language, settlement, community integration, business development, and employment—both in person and online.	Sylvia Calatayud scalatayud@isans.ca
<b>IWK Foundation</b>	We are a public, not-for-profit organization that raises funds to support the urgent priority needs of IWK Health in Halifax, Nova Scotia. IWK Health provides specialized care to women, children and youth from across the Maritime provinces. We are building a movement that aims to have a far-reaching impact on the lives of children, women and their families. The IWK Foundation is the preeminent fundraising movement for children and women's healthcare in the Maritimes. We are powered by a legacy of best-in-class care, diversity and inclusion, and the personal connections our donors have to the IWK and the region it calls home.	Sarah Moore sarah.moore@iwkfoundation.org

<b>JA Nova Scotia</b>	JA inspires and prepares young people to succeed in a global economy. JA Nova Scotia recruits volunteers from the business community to collaborate on delivery of several programs, which exposes students to real world business perspectives and ideas. Our network of volunteers share their own life experiences to students while delivering immersive learning experiences. Volunteer opportunities include during day and evening as well as short and long-term.	Kiah Matthews kmatthews@janovascotia.ca
<b>Mobile Food Market</b>	We embrace the understanding that meaningful change necessitates a collective endeavor. Actively engaging with community organizations, schools, vendors, farmers, NGOs, and government, we champion accessible, high-quality food with dignity.	Alexandra Cherry volunteers@mobilefoodmarket.ca
<b>Nocturne: Art at Night</b>	The Nocturne Art at Night Society (Nocturne) is a non-profit organization based in Kijipuktuk (Halifax) that gives voice and agency to the local arts community by facilitating collaborations and exhibition opportunities. Nocturne's mandate is to present critical and relevant art events of a high artistic and professional standard that focuses on the strengths of the local art community and features regional, national, and international representation. We want to change the way you see art, change the way you see your city. Nocturne's keystone event is the annual Art-at-Night public art festival, which takes place over four days during the third week in October. The festival began in 2008 as a conversation between representatives of art galleries and cultural institutions interested in provoking broader public interest in the visual arts sector. Looking at 'Nuit Blanche' events and other nighttime-based models taking place within Canada and internationally, the consensus approach of that initial group was to develop something similar in support of Halifax's artists and cultural communities.	Alexandra Cherry volunteers@nocturnehalifax.ca

<p><b>Northwood</b></p>	<p>Northwood began in 1962 as a social movement in response to the plight of seniors living alone in Halifax. What emerged was a shared belief that people, committed to an ideal, could make a difference in the world. Since its inception, Northwood has become a powerful voice for seniors in Nova Scotia, demanding a new approach to aging in place. Today, we are the largest not-for-profit continuing care organization in Atlantic Canada, but what does this mean for you? It means that Northwood is a place of “firsts.” When life changes, and society changes, Northwood leads the way, incorporating revolutionary designed, responsive care. From new ideas to new technologies, we are empowered to do this, because our focus is on people, not on profit margins. We have led the way for over 55 years as Nova Scotia’s dynamic continuing care organization committed to innovation and change. We are recognized both here at home and across Canada as an extraordinary example of the power of social justice, but we like to call it the power of love!</p>	<p>Ruth-Ellen Jackson ruthellen.jackson@nwood.ns.ca</p>
<p><b>Open Harbour Refugee Organization (OHRA)</b></p>	<p>Open Harbour Refugee Association (OHRA) is a community-based, volunteer-run organization based in Halifax, Nova Scotia. We believe that everyone—no matter where they were born or where they live—has a right to a safe home. Supporting refugees financially is only one of our responsibilities. We offer friendship, emotional support, and, among many other tasks, help newcomers find safe housing, language training, schooling for children, learn about Canadian culture, and find a job/training.</p>	<p>Francesca Southwell Francesca.Southwell@smu.ca, volunteer@openharbour.ca</p>
<p><b>Out of the Cold Community Association</b></p>	<p>Our of the cold is a low-barrier, permanent supported housing community. We offer human-centered support grounded in harm reduction, anti-capitalist, and anti-colonialist principles. Our community brings dignified, supported housing to individuals (16+) of all genders who face a variety of barriers to finding safe and healthy housing.</p>	<p>Alyson Sarty alyson.s@outofthecold-hfx.ca</p>



<p><b>Parker Street Food and Furniture Bank</b></p>	<p>Parker Street Food &amp; Furniture Bank is the largest independent food bank in Nova Scotia! For over 40 years Parker Street has provided food, furniture, clothing, and special programming to the Halifax Regional Municipality!</p> <p>By volunteering at Parker Street you will have the opportunity to make a meaningful impact in the lives of our community's most vulnerable, and gain valuable work experience while doing it! Our diverse volunteer base is continuously growing, and we'd love to have you join on our team!</p>	<p>Chris Toulany chris.toulany@parkerstreet.org</p>
<p><b>Ronald McDonald House Charities Atlantic</b></p>	<p>Thank you for your interest in supporting Ronald McDonald House Atlantic Canada - the House that LOVE built. Volunteers play a vital role and are responsible for adding the loving touches that make our home a warm and welcoming environment. Our volunteers are often called the "heart" of the House. Each day at Ronald McDonald House brings something new, allowing volunteers to contribute in various ways: 1. Welcoming and lending a listening ear to families 2. Housekeeping 3. Assisting in the kitchen and baking 4. Organizing and hosting activities for children.</p>	<p>Daisy Cobden daisy@rmhcatlantic.ca</p>
<p><b>Sail Able Nova Scotia</b></p>	<p>Sail Able Nova Scotia is a non-profit learn-to-sail program for people with disabilities living in the HRM.</p>	<p>Simone Boudreau simone.boudreau@smu.ca</p>

<b>Saint George's YouthNet</b>	<p>YouthNet provides free programming to local youth ages 7-17. Programs include after school program for elementary students, teen program, tutoring, music and dance programs, and summer day camps.</p>	<p>Jenna Clayton jennaclayton@hotmail.com</p>
<b>Saint Vincent's Nursing Home</b>	<p>Saint Vincent's Nursing Home is a not-for-profit long term care facility located on Windsor Street in Halifax. We are looking for volunteers, in particular to assist with the Recreation Therapy Department to provide friendly visits to Residents and help with Recreation Therapy programs.</p>	<p>Amy Parker aparker@svnh.ca</p>
<b>Shelter Movers NS</b>	<p>Shelter Movers Nova Scotia is a volunteer-powered charitable organization providing moving and storage services at no cost to individuals and families fleeing abuse. We collaborate with local businesses and community agencies to support people, primarily women and children, as they transition to a life free of violence.</p>	<p>Michelle Tupy michellet@sheltermovers.com</p>

<p><b>Shelter Nova Scotia</b></p>	<p>Shelter Nova Scotia supports people in times of crisis and transition through residential, trustee and outreach programs, operating seven facilities in HRM – six overnight plus our drop-in Hub Resource Centre, providing a night of rest to 106 people and providing support to hundreds more, 365 days a year. We offer far more than shelter; utilizing client and housing support workers in tandem with our colleagues working in mental health and addiction services, we support 1,500 people annually.</p>	<p>Shannon Johnston shannonjohnston@shelternovascotia.com</p>
<p><b>Souls Harbour Rescue Mission</b></p>	<p>Souls Harbour Rescue Mission is a nonprofit organization deeply embedded in the communities of Halifax and across Nova Scotia. We address critical social issues such as homelessness, food insecurity, poverty, and addiction recovery. We provide compassionate care and practical assistance to marginalized populations, including low-income families, seniors, individuals with disabilities, refugees, and people in recovery from addiction. Souls Harbour operates Mission Mart (Thrift Store), Freemart centres at five locations, offering free essential supplies (including clothes, shoes, hygiene products, etc.) to disaster victims, low-income families, individual with disabilities, homeless and needy, residents in our men's and women's shelters, refugees, and those at risk of homelessness. Mission Mart Thrift Store with over 560 daily unique customers, a 17,000 sq. ft. facility that serves as a social enterprise dedicated to reinvesting 100% of its proceeds into feeding the homeless, supporting disaster victims, and providing essential supplies to vulnerable groups.</p>	<p>Chi Onuoha conuoha@shrm.ca</p>

<h2>Start 2 Finish</h2>	<p>Start2Finish is a national non-profit that is dedicated to breaking the cycle of child poverty in Canada. We aim to do this through free after-school programming and enhanced educational support for students in under-resourced communities. All of our programs are led by volunteers who work with students in grades 1-6 once or twice a week after school. Our programs focus on literacy &amp; physical activity.</p>	<p>Zoe Sherar zoe.sherar@start2finishonline.org</p>
<h2>Student Success Centre</h2>	<p>The Student Success Centre is a hub for students to connect, get involved, learn new skills and strategies and make the most of their university experience. You can find us in the Student Centre, room 301 and at studentsuccess@smu.ca. There are several volunteer opportunities available including the SMU Community Food Room, Keep it Social volunteers, and Pack Leading during Welcome Weeks.</p>	<p>Emma Rota food.room@smu.ca</p>
<h2>The Club Inclusion</h2>	<p>Club Inclusion, a program of Prescott Group, offers inclusive programming to individuals with a wide range of disabilities and mental health challenges through accessible, recreational, life skills, and vocation programming. Over our 3 locations in Halifax and Dartmouth we are open 7 days a week.</p>	<p>Jackie Rivers theclubmembers@gmail.com jackierivers@prescottgroup.ca linneasinclair@prescottgroup.ca</p>

<p><b>The Ecology Action Centre</b></p>	<p>The Ecology Action Centre is an environmental charity based in Mi'kma'ki/Nova Scotia. We take leadership on critical environmental issues from biodiversity protection to climate change to environmental justice. Grounded in over five decades of deep environmental change work and fuelled by love and grief, EAC takes a 50-year perspective on what is needed to build towards a time of thriving and flourishing. We work to equip human and ecological communities for resilience and build a world where ecosystems and communities are restored not just sustained.</p>	<p>Brandy Rivers brandy.rivers@ecologyaction.ca</p>
<p><b>United for Literacy</b></p>	<p>United for Literacy, previously known as Frontier College, has provided literacy programs across Canada since 1899. Initially focused on remote areas through reading camps, the organization now offers diverse literacy initiatives nationwide. We emphasize local culture and community involvement, especially within Indigenous communities. United for Literacy is committed to reconciliation, promoting educational equity, and fostering lifelong learning for all.</p>	<p>Irvana Deesse ideesse@unitedforliteracy.ca</p>
<p><b>Wellness Wags Assistance Dogs</b></p>	<p>Our nonprofit places service dogs with Nova Scotians with physical disabilities or children with autism. We seek volunteer puppy raisers to care for and socialize puppies in the community for 12-18 months. Wellness Wags covers food, vet care, and a crate. After their time with volunteers, puppies return to our program for advanced training. By opening your heart and home, you'll help shape their success as service dogs, making a life-changing impact in our community.</p>	<p>Sydney Bolak Sydney@wellnesswags.ca</p>

<p><b>YMCA Centre for Immigrant Programs</b></p>	<p>The YMCA provides newcomer children, youth, and their families with a variety of programs and outreach services. Our approach is to deliver community-based support that is inclusive and welcoming. We also provide services for students at several partner schools. Our YMCA Centre for Immigrant Programs helps newcomers to Canada settle into their new communities while also supporting the community in understanding the issues and barriers they face.</p>	<p>Shivani Narayanan shivani.narayanan@halifax.ymca.ca</p>
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