



Youth Programs Lead Volunteer

Term: August 2025 – April 2026

Deadline: July 2, 2025

Position type: Volunteer

Interviews: July 9 – July 11, 2025

Location: Greater Toronto Area, ON (Virtual)

Beginning: Early August 2025

Background:

The Ontario Council for International Cooperation (OCIC) is an expanding community of Ontario-based international development and global education organizations and individuals working globally for social justice.

Interested in gaining experience supporting youth engagement in policy issues in the international cooperation sector? Reporting to the Community Engagement and Gender Equality Specialist, the Programs Lead Volunteer(s) will work with OCIC staff, members and other key actors in the coordination of [OCIC's Youth Policy-Makers Hub \(YPH\)](#).

This is a virtual position, with periodic meetings and activities in Toronto. Candidates will ideally reside in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA), in Ontario, Canada.

Scope of work:

- Actively participate in planning meetings and provide input and administrative support for Youth Policy Makers Hub (YPH) activities
- Organize and leading bi-monthly virtual Coffee Chats with YPH members
- Assist in facilitating participation of OCIC members, partners and other key actors in YPH activities
- Help to document and report on good practices and lessons learned
- Support quantitative and qualitative data collection and analysis on an ongoing basis, using attendance sheets, activity-specific evaluation forms, and other MEAL tools

- Commit to approximately 5 hours per week (or an average of 20 hours per month), from August 2025 to March 2026

Desired Qualifications:

- Understanding of, passion for and experience supporting youth engagement
- Grassroots organizing experiences, lived experiences of intersectionality, alternative educational routes and non-traditional backgrounds
- Creative ideas, enthusiasm, skillful communications and writing abilities
- Knowledge of or interest in global social justice issues and the work of international cooperation and solidarity-focused non-profit and community-led organizations
- Knowledge of national and international policy frameworks and forums such as the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Canada's Feminist International Assistance Policy (FIAP), and the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action.
- Understanding of gender equality, anti-racism and anti-oppression principles and practice
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office and Google Workspace.
- Excellent interpersonal, communication and writing skills, and a demonstrated ability to work effectively with diverse groups
- Detail-oriented, with experience managing logistics and a demonstrated ability to work independently and as part of a team

Benefits of Volunteering with OCIC in this capacity:

- Opportunity to support, work with and learn from like-minded colleagues
- Opportunity to participate in youth and gender-equality related activities
- Opportunity to network with key actors in the International cooperation sector

Work from home:

All OCIC staff are currently working from home. The successful candidate must have access to a computer and a high-speed internet connection and must be able to work virtually.

Values in Practice:

OCIC's work, both internally and as a collective of members, is grounded in our shared vision of global social justice, human dignity and participation for all. Management and staff of OCIC are responsible for:

- Providing leadership in ensuring a culture of inclusive, transformative, intergenerational change within the Council and Council partnerships
- Ensuring that an intersectional approach is modeled in all aspects of the Council's work
- Ensuring gender equality, anti-oppression and anti-racism themes and results are integrated into all of the Councils' work, as outlined in OCIC policies and funding agreements

All OCIC staff, Board, volunteers, members, partners, funders, contracted parties and representatives engaged or working with or for OCIC to provide services on behalf of the Council are required to comply fully with our Prevention of Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Harassment Policy and Code of Conduct, and our Anti-Oppression and Anti-Racism Policy. As an equity seeking organization, OCIC encourages applications from individuals that represent the full diversity of communities in Canada, including complexities of intersecting identities such as disability, age, class, gender, race and sexual orientation.

Please complete [OCIC's application form](#), including your CV, written statement of interest, and the names of two professional references by no later than Wednesday, July 2, 2025. Interviews will be conducted online via Zoom from July 9 – 11, 2025.

Please contact lisa@ocic.on.ca if you require any accommodations during the application process.

Lead Volunteer Application Form

1. Full Name *
2. Email *
3. Phone Number *
4. Residential Address *
5. OCIC Lead Volunteer Position of Interest:
 - ☐ Communications
 - ☐ Membership
 - ☐ Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning
 - ☐ Youth Programs
6. Optional: As a part of OCIC's commitment to [Anti-Racist Cooperation](#), we invite you to share which perspectives you operate from:
 - a. Black
 - b. Indigenous (First Nations, Métis, Inuit)
 - c. Person of Colour
 - d. White / Caucasian (European descent)
 - e. Woman
 - f. Man
 - g. Non-Binary
 - h. New Canadian
 - i. 2SLGBTQ+
 - j. Person with a disability
 - k. Newcomer
 - l. Choose not to indicate
 - m. Other identity/identities, if applicable: _____

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7. Are there any accessibility needs or accommodations we should be aware of to fully support your engagement or work with OCIC as a Lead Volunteer?
8. Please upload your statement of interest (500 words max) here. *
9. Resume/Curriculum Vitae * Maximum 2 pages
10. Optional: Linked In Profile
11. Share a relevant writing sample (upload a file). Maximum 2 pages
12. References *
Please share the contact information of two (2) community or professional references, including their full name, title, organization, email, phone number, and relationship to you.
References will be contacted only if you have been shortlisted for the final round.