

Friendships Across Cultures The Youth Buddy Program



Friendships Across Cultures - The Youth Buddy Program is a friendship program for youth who attend school in the Abbotsford area and are between the ages of 12-18. Youth that are new to Canada are matched with youth who already live in the Abbotsford area based on similar interests, hobbies, age etc. The program hopefully eases the transition process that a new immigrant youth faces when moving to a new country, community and school. The volunteers experience will enhance his/her cross cultural awareness, promote cross cultural communication and foster leadership skills within our community. Through match support, multicultural clubs, conversation clubs and consistent interactive activities hopefully new friendships will be cemented and a lifetime of memories and experiences developed.

Benefits to Newcomer Youth

- * Receive friendship, support and encouragement
- * Practice their English skills
- * Adapt socially by participating in community life
- * Learn about Canadian culture, customs and laws
- * Participate in fun activities and educational workshops
- * Share their knowledge and culture with Canadian Youth



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Benefits to Volunteer Youth

- * Gain a valuable reference and volunteer hours
- * Learn about other cultures and languages
- * Develop new and unique friendships
- * Share experience and knowledge with others
- * Participate in fun activities and workshops