



Calling Youth Leaders!

Dear Teachers, Counsellors, MCLWs, SWIS, and Youth Workers,

We are seeking your support in identifying youth leaders to help with this year’s Newcomer Orientation & Welcome British Columbia (NOW^{BC}). NOW^{BC} helps newcomer youth and parents understand the English Language Learner (ELL) system, pathways to graduation, and the school system and community resources in general. NOW^{BC} seeks to welcome up to 600 immigrant/refugee parents and youth to the Vancouver School Board this August. In addition, NOW^{BC} works with trained Youth Ambassadors to deliver year-long school-based welcoming activities so that newcomer youth who arrive throughout the year feel as welcome as those who arrive before the start of the school year.

In order to provide a meaningful experience for new immigrants/refugees we are looking for youth leaders to help with the planning and delivery of NOW^{BC} including the design and facilitation of games and activities for newcomer youth in particular. These games and activities will help newcomer youth become familiar with Canada, Vancouver schools, the ELL system as well as basic school integration such as packing a lunch and using a locker.

In order for youth to volunteer for this exciting event they need your nomination!
To nominate a youth please share this form with them after filling in the *sections.

Thank you for supporting NOW^{BC}, your nominations are essential to the success of this event!

Who are NOW Youth Leaders?

- ✓ Nominated by a Teacher, Counsellor, Multicultural Liaison Worker, Settlement Worker, or Youth Worker
- ✓ Currently in Grade 10, 11 or 12
- ✓ Have leadership experience
- ✓ Have experience planning and leading games and activities
- ✓ Understand issues that face immigrant/refugee youth
- ✓ Excellent communication skills

What is the opportunity?

Use your knowledge and skills to help new immigrant and refugee youth adjust to the community and the school system. You will work with other outstanding youth leaders to gain training, and plan and facilitate interactive games and activities for groups of 20 youth!

- ✓ Be a leader
- ✓ Gain valuable experience planning and leading your own games and activities
- ✓ Give back to your community
- ✓ Use your leadership skills
- ✓ Gain volunteer hours

What is the commitment?

Activity	Time Commitment
Apply By	May 19th
Interview Dates	May 25th (Phone & In Person)
Orientation	June 8th 4:00pm – 8:00pm
Independent Planning July	July 10hours – 20 hours
Check in	Late-July half day
Independent Planning August	August 10hours
Rehearsal	August 15th full day
NOW^{BC}	August 24th, 25th, 26th, and 27th
Debrief & Celebration	August 28 th
On-Going School-Based Welcoming Activities	At least 1/month September – June



Vancouver School Board – District Reception and Placement Centre
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NOW Youth Ambassador Application – Deadline Tuesday May 19th

*Youth Name _____ *Nominated By _____
School _____ *Nominator Title _____
Grade _____ *Nominator Phone Number _____
Phone _____
Email _____

1. Describe your leadership experience:

2. What is your knowledge about issues facing immigrant/refugee youth:

3. What does it mean to be a Youth Ambassador for the Newcomer Orientation & Welcome (NOW):

***Please scan/email/bluebag completed form to 604 379 3762, jreddy@vsb.bc.ca**

To Jennifer Reddy @ DRPC/Moberly by Tuesday May 19th 2015.