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# **Canada Day Volunteer Description**

## **Overview of Role**

Every year on July 1, the New Canadian Centre organizes the *Multicultural Canada Day Festival* to celebrate Canada's birthday at Del Crary Park, Peterborough. It is our biggest event of the year, and thousands of community members come together to enjoy a multicultural stage show, international cuisines, shop at craft vendors and enjoy free interactive activities.

A festival this size requires a lot of helping hands to pull it off. Every year we recruit over 130 volunteers to join our team for the day, and make the festival a huge success!

Volunteers complete the application online - select their preferred roles, timeslots, and number of shifts they would like. We try our best to accommodate preferences, but occasionally volunteers are assigned where they are needed most.

### Availability of Role

This role is only available on July 1<sup>st</sup> of every year (Canada Day). The application process opens in May.

### Time Commitment

Minimum of 2.5 hours and maximum 9 hours; shifts between 7:30 am and 4:30 pm

### Responsibilities

Roles throughout the day include:

- Park set-up: unloading the truck, setting up tents, table and chairs, carrying bins
- Parking and security: monitoring parking lot, carrying vendors' items to their location
- NCC Booths: Popcorn, Water, Barbeque, Info and Raffle Ticket Sales, Kids' Zone, Mehndi/Henna, Face Painting, Performers, World Activities, First Aid and more.
- Park Clean-Up: taking down tents, tables, and chairs, carrying items to truck, loading truck

### Qualifications

- Eagerness to help
- Ability to follow instructions; sign-in and out according to instructions
- Reliability; volunteers must go to all the shifts they were assigned and stay for the duration

### Benefits include the opportunity to:

- Celebrate Canada while working hard and having fun
- Be a crucial part of the success of a large scale community festival
- Make connections and learn about other cultures
- Contribute to a community not for profit organization that values your help

And receive the following:

- Small food voucher towards your lunch
- Volunteer t-shirt to wear and take home with you
- Volunteer hours for school and a certificate of participation



