



Volunteer Opportunity Hijabs & Helmets – Program Support

About Access Alliance:

Access Alliance Multicultural Health and Community Services is a multi-service community agency that works to improve health outcomes for the most vulnerable immigrants, refugees, and their communities. We do this by facilitating access to services and addressing systemic barriers and poverty. The Centre envisions a future in which Toronto's diverse communities achieve health with dignity.

Focus area: Community Service Programs

Volunteer Position Description: The 'Hijabs & Helmets' project is intended to serve refugee and immigrant communities. It engages and recruits Hijabi people and their allies to promote cycling as a recreational activity. The program also puts emphasis on raising the participants' leadership skills and training them to combat racism, hate and micro-aggressions that are rampant against visible minorities.

Tasks:

- Assist with outreach events, helps with set-ups, attendance keeping and tabling at local community events.
- Provide support with organizing and implementing weekly group rides.
- Assist with facilitating info sessions and relevant skill-building workshops.
- Contributing to an inclusive environment encouraging participants to try new things.
- Helping others learn and develop confidence when riding bikes.

Location: Access Point on Danforth – 3079 Danforth Ave.

Time Commitment: Weekly

All Shifts:

- Tuesdays 3-5
- Thursdays 5-7

Format: In-person

Qualification and Requirements:

- Volunteers must be 13 years old or older
- Experience riding a bike (i.e., riding for recreation or for commuting)

Skills Required:

- Some experience working within the community development/non-profit sector as a volunteer, placement student or intern is an asset.

- Commitment to work from an integrated anti-oppression framework.
- Able to work outdoor in various weather conditions
- Comfortable working independently and in a team environment.

Benefits to the Volunteer:

- Gain experience working in a community health setting
- Work within an equity and inclusion framework
- Gain experience working with newcomer, immigrant, and refugee communities
- Obtain hours toward your high school community service requirements
- Work alongside an interdisciplinary team of professions
- Build community and connection with like-minded peers
- The opportunity to be active and outside while volunteering
- Obtain a certificate upon completion of the volunteer period

Number of positions available: 5

Apply by: On-going

Start date: As soon as possible

End Date: August, 31 2023

To apply: [Complete an application form by clicking here.](#)

Type 'Hijabs & Helmets – Program Support' in the "Anything you would like us to know about you?" box in the Application Form

For more information about this program contact **Menna Badawi – mbadawi@accessalliance.ca** – Community Health Worker

Please note: Due to public health guidelines and organizational precautions around COVID-19, Access Alliance requires all staff, volunteers and students to be fully vaccinated.

We welcome and encourage immigrants and refugees to volunteer with us! We encourage applications from volunteers who reflect the broad diversity of communities we work with, including those from racialized and LGBTQ2+ communities.