Youth Volunteer Opportunity

Community Violence Prevention Funding Application Selection Committee Representative

Join the York Region Community Violence Prevention Funding Selection Committee

About

The York Region Community Violence Prevention Funding aims to reduce youth crime, harm, and victimization by supporting initiatives aligned with the <u>Community Safety and Well-Being</u> (<u>CSWB</u>) <u>Plan</u>. As a committee member, you will play a crucial role in reviewing proposals and recommending projects that prioritize the needs of youth. Your insights, particularly from a youth perspective, will help shape the decision-making process.

Responsibilities

- Review proposals and recommend projects that align with the CSWB Plan
- Actively participate in selection committee meetings, providing valuable insights and perspectives
- Champion for projects that address the needs and concerns of marginalized or at-risk youth

Eligibility Criteria

- Must be between 15-26 years of age
- Experience or involvement in community/school programming and/or knowledge of community programs is preferred
- Reside, work or attend school in one or more of the 4 Focus Areas identified in the Plan:
 - Northern Georgina
 - Central Newmarket
 - South-central Markham; and
 - South-central Richmond Hill (also including the City of Vaughan geographic boundaries)

Benefits of Participation

- Make a positive impact in your community by contributing to the selection of violence prevention projects
- Develop essential skills in decision-making, critical analysis and collaboration
- Expand your professional network by connecting with community leaders and other youth representatives
- An honorarium will be provided to committee members who fulfill their responsibilities

What is the Commitment?

Resident Selection Committee (Ongoing)

This role requires a commitment of three hours a month. This includes evaluating resident applications independently, followed by a brief group discussion that will be held every three weeks. Reviewers must commit to attending at least seven out of 10 scheduled meetings. This opportunity begins in June and is anticipated to end on December 5.

Deadline and Next Steps

To express your interest in either the agency or resident stream selection committee, please send an email to communityaction@york.ca by May 30, 2024.

Please include the following information in your email:

- Name
- Age
- Phone number
- Current residence
- Brief statement (maximum 50 words) outlining why you want to get involved

For any inquiries or support, please email communityaction@york.ca.