



*Connecting Talent & Community*

## **Canada 150 for 150 - *Your Country & Your Community Need You***

Volunteers encompass the heart of Canadian culture. We are a country known globally as a community of peace, freedom, acceptance and inclusion. We are recognized as a place for people of all walks of life and all races to come and be welcomed within a society that encourages immigration and celebrates the varieties of cultures within our national community. **Volunteering has the potential to transform the lives of those who offer their help and the lives of those they're helping**, and across our nation almost half of our citizens reflect the values of Canadian society through their volunteerism. When we as Canadians give back to our own communities it causes a ripple effect; we all inspire each other to continue to support one-another.



The world of volunteering has evolved dramatically over the past 30 years, and today volunteering encompasses acts of leadership, active citizenship, social action, and community engagement. We at the Volunteer Action Centre are looking at 2017 with hopes that **volunteering becomes a part of the everyday lives of people within our region** to shape our community for future generations.

To celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Canada, we are joining with other charities and not-for-profits to invite you to aim to give 150 hours of your time during 2017. Register for the Challenge by signing in to the 150 for 150 online platform at <https://volunteer150for150.ca/>. Here you will be encouraged to share your stories, track your hours, create your profile and hear about what others across the country are doing to meet the Challenge. Currently Canada is second behind the Netherlands for the country with the largest percentage of volunteers, and we believe it's time to take the lead. Let's join together to uphold the high reputation of Canada and the values that we stand for as a country - help us make 2017 the best year for volunteerism yet! **And remember: Any contribution of your time is valuable!!**

Volunteering as part of a group? Or want to share your story directly with us? Visit our website to "[Share Your Experience](#)". If you don't know where to start, let us help! Come in, call, or click! <http://www.Volunteerkw.ca>

## **How will **YOU** get involved in your community in 2017?**



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