Name of community agency/organization:

Peel Multicultural Council

Description of community agency/organization:

The Peel Multicultural Council (PMC) was established in 1977 as a response to concerns arising from a Social Planning Council report on immigrant needs in the Region of Peel. A group of ethnic leaders collaborated to facilitate positive community relations through providing resources, programs and services to residents of the region. The PMC deeply values Canadian diversity and strives to nurture a climate of trust and respect amongst all ethnic groups. In addition, The Peel Multicultural Council strives to implement innovative strategies to empower and assist marginalized community members, helping them to both be self-sufficient and accomplish their personal and professional goals.

A new volunteer opportunity for youth has been created this year at PMC within a program called Mississauga Cycles. This program is made possible in partnership between PMC and CultureLink, a settlement agency in Toronto with a history of running cycling programs with newcomers and youth, under the title of Bike Host. Funding for this program is provided by the Region of Peel.

Position title:

DIY Bike Hub volunteer

What will the student do:

Students will actively participate in basic bike maintenance, assessment and repair, with support from the Program Worker in charge of the Mississauga Cycles DIY Bike Hub. Route planning, safe cycling skills and short group rides will also be a part of the full set of skills developed with students to help them be safe and competent cyclists that can in turn help and educate new participants, their friends and their families. Over time, as students learn safe and effective techniques for bike repair, they will be able to help dismantle and assemble bikes with all the parts and tools they need, and teach other volunteers in turn. Adult supervision is always provided in addition to snacks, cycling information and accessories for students to take home.

Skills required:

No skills are required for this position, not even a bike - just a willingness to learn!
**Skills student will learn:**

Proper bike maintenance and assessment, bicycle repair (learning more advanced maintenance and repair skills with each week they attend), route planning and cycling skills (outside PMC, in the parking lot, weather dependant). Students will also improve their communication and teamwork skills as part of the group repair activities and support we provide to current and new volunteers and residents who wish to tune-up their bikes.

**Length of time required:**

Minimum one hour within our weekly three hour sessions.

**What is the registration deadline for volunteer positions?**

There is no deadline or requirement to register. This is a drop-in program designed to be flexible for youth and their busy schedules. That being said, the more regularly and fully students can participate in this program, the more they can learn from it and feel part of a growing cycling community.

**Location:**

Our DIY Bike Hub is located at Peel Multicultural Council, 6630 Turner Valley Road, Mississauga, Ontario, in our Youth Space.

**How students can get involved/How to apply:**

The DIY Bike Hub is a drop-in program open to any young person ages 13-24 and runs in three hour sessions from 4-7pm every week. Our scheduled day each week varies depending on the time of year, so please contact the Mississauga Cycles Program Worker by phone or email to confirm the current schedule.

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