



Volunteer with MCC
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Blanket Exercise Volunteer Facilitator

Impact:

The KAIROS Blanket Exercise is a powerful teaching tool to foster truth and reconciliation.

Volunteer Position: Blanket Exercise Volunteer Facilitator

Program/Department: Indigenous Neighbours Program

Purpose of Assignment: The KAIROS Blanket Exercise program is a unique, participatory history lesson developed in collaboration with Indigenous elders, knowledge keepers and educators. Volunteers help facilitate relationship building and meaningful dialogue as they assist the MCCO staff in setting up and leading this interactive experience in MCC affiliated churches, schools and grassroots community groups.

Geographic Location: Kitchener and surrounding area

Skills/Knowledge/Attitude Requirements:

- trained Blanket Exercise facilitator
- willingness to help facilitate debrief circle
- ability to provide emotional support to all participants
- knowledge of Indigenous history, culture and community
- flexibility on the job
- ability to work with a diverse constituency

Tasks and Responsibilities:

- reasonable travel may be required
- help set up blanket exercise and greet participants
- help facilitate exercise
- willingness to participate in and help facilitate debrief talking circle
- provide care and support for participants during exercise and debrief
- help clean up exercise supplies

Time Commitment

- event based, and dependent on location
- approximately 1-2 events per month

Supervision: Program Animator and Blanket Exercise Facilitator; generally overseen by Program Co-ordinator

Training and Development:

- must already be trained in Kairos Blanket Exercise facilitation
- must obtain a Vulnerable Sector Police Check

Other:

- related expenses for travel (mileage, meals and accommodation if necessary) will be covered by MCC

All MCC volunteers are expected to be respectful of the MCC mission statement: *"Mennonite Central Committee (MCC), a worldwide ministry of Anabaptist churches, shares God's love and compassion for all in the name of Christ by responding to basic human needs and working for peace and justice. MCC envisions communities worldwide in right relationship with God, one another and creation."*

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