

Host Older Adult Program

YMCA's of Cambridge and Kitchener Waterloo, Cross Cultural and Immigrant
Services.

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Description of Service	A friendship program designed to help specifically older adult newcomers, who are 60+ feel more welcome as they settle in Canada. Through this program individuals and families new to our country are paired with volunteers for a period of 4-6 months. Over this time newcomers and volunteers learn about other countries and cultures, while gaining valuable experience in being able to use their knowledge and skills. A conversation circle will also be provided which will allow newcomers to practice conversational English in a social and unstructured group setting. These will be held at various locations throughout the community and it is another opportunity for a volunteer to help a newcomer.
Who is service designed for? Who is eligible?	This service was designed for Landed Immigrants and Convention Refugees who are 60+ in age and have recently arrived in Canada. Depending on the newcomers needs the program may be more flexible.
How can this service be accessed?	Through contact with the coordinator of the program
Name of contact within agency for more information	Heidi Ingold - Host Older Adult Coordinator
Hours for service	Monday to Friday from 8:00am -4:00pm.
Address for service	800 King Street West Unit 301 Kitchener, Ontario N2G 1E8
Phone contact for service	519 -579 9622 ext. 260

Email address for service	hingold@kwymca.org
Can you offer any further information or recommendations for referring agency?	Social events are planned for the volunteers and newcomers Volunteers receive a free Y membership
What is the best way to refer/connect someone interested in this service?	A link to the Host Program can be found on the internet at www.kwymca.org . The Host Program Coordinator may be contacted by email at hingoldkwymca.org