Share your expertise and experience with your professional association

Teachers of English as a Second Language Association of Ontario
TESL Ontario Volunteer Opportunities Provide You With:

- Excellent management and leadership experience
- Professional Development (PD) credits toward your PD requirements for accredited membership renewal
- Valuable networking opportunities to connect with your peers and make new contacts
- The ability to help shape the future of TESL Ontario on behalf of your local members by sharing your expertise
- The chance to help enhance the public perception and image of language learning professionals in Ontario
- The opportunity to make new friends and enjoy the camaraderie that is shared amongst a community of volunteers.

Our Volunteers Make all the Difference

TESL Ontario relies on the contribution of volunteers who generously donate their expertise and time. We need your help to maintain the strong sense of community among our members. We strive to provide meaningful networking opportunities, valuable and convenient professional development in your communities, as well as a stronger connection to the provincial association through affiliate membership.

Volunteering with a TESL Ontario affiliate allows you to provide vital input and to be a voice for the members in your community. In this capacity, you can make a difference and help shape the direction of your association.

The many volunteers it takes to run TESL Ontario’s affiliates are instrumental in helping us to maintain member satisfaction.

I volunteer because it’s a great way to discover my community - community of people and colleagues, the community where I work, the community where I live. Through my volunteer activities, I’ve met some great people and discovered some great opportunities.

Ron C.

I have made friends, mentors, peers and advisors from those with whom I have volunteered. Many have given me excellent job references, advice and opportunities, and I have been able to pay it forward to others. It makes me a more giving and empathetic professional.

Veronica V.

I love the combination of sharing my knowledge and learning from others.

Lorraine H.

I am always impressed by the good hearts of the TESL community in general.

Kate M.
Sharing their time, expertise, commitment and vision, TESL Ontario’s volunteers make it possible for our association to grow and develop in the direction that is most beneficial to all of its members.

These volunteers are dedicated members whose work makes it possible for members in their communities to:

- Connect with their peers
- Network
- Attend PD events locally
- Have a direct link with the provincial association ensuring their collective voice is being heard

TESL Ontario sincerely appreciates the dedication, time and skills of our many volunteers and considers them to be our most valued community resource.

### Position Types and Time Commitments

There are many different types of volunteer positions within TESL Ontario affiliates including:

- Affiliate Executive
- Affiliate Membership / Member Liaison
- Professional Development /Conference Planning
- Finance
- Communications / Social media

Time commitment expectations vary depending on the position.

### Who We Are

TESL Ontario is a provincial non-profit professional association that supports the English language training community.

Over 4,500 members rely on us to keep them connected, informed and engaged. We strive to provide you, the membership, with quality professional development, timely information related to the field of language training, valuable networking opportunities, and a strong professional community.

With all of this in mind, we are continually looking for ways to provide the benefits our members want in formats that are accessible to all members.

Through an affiliate volunteer appointment you have the ability to make a difference for your community.

While volunteering I get to talk to people from across the province, encourage, support and share with them and be encouraged, supported and learn from them in return.

**Nancy C.**

Without a doubt helping, seeing, knowing and talking to colleagues from around Ontario were the most valuable part of the (volunteer) experience.

**Jannatpour A.**

Volunteering allows me to show my appreciation of all the hard work of the TESL Affiliate Executives. They are the real volunteers.

**Teresa T.**

It is very stimulating to bring together a group of people who share a mutual interest in the advancement of their profession and their own growth as professionals.

**Adrianna S.**

I love the people I work with - their willingness to commit time and energy to writing and speaking about our work as TESL teachers always humbles me.

**Theresa H.**
Benefits of Volunteering

CONNECT with your peers and make new contacts

CONTRIBUTE your time and skills to your professional organization

GAIN valuable management and leadership skills for your career

EXPAND your understanding of the language training profession

IMPROVE the public perception and image of language training professionals in Ontario

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