

We currently have opportunities for volunteer mentors. Our organization, the Ridge Meadows Youth & Justice Advocacy Association has opportunities in its Ridge Meadows Youth Diversion Program for those who would like to be involved with youth who are in conflict with the law in a mentorship and restorative justice capacity.

### **Position Description**

We are seeking volunteer mentors, from varying backgrounds and walks of life, to engage in meaningful and supportive relationships with youth ages 12 to 17 who are in conflict with the law. Mentors provide support and guidance as the youth completes the terms of their extrajudicial measures (diversion agreement). Volunteer mentors are expected to attend Community Accountability Panels, Family Group Conferences, and volunteer training sessions and meetings.

### **Mentorship**

Every youth accepted into the program is assigned a mentor who works directly with them throughout the duration of their agreement, providing support and guidance and encouraging accountability. Mentors are community minded people with a variety of life experiences who practice the values of acceptance, equality, integrity, inclusivity, empathy, and social justice.

### **Position Benefits**

In addition to helping to support local youth in making better choices moving forward, you will also benefit from ongoing staff support, regularly scheduled training, and the opportunity to meet other like-minded community volunteers. All mentors are provided with complementary annual membership and are encouraged to provide input towards, and participate in, fundraising activities and events. A volunteer application form is attached.

Further information on the Ridge Meadows Youth Diversion Program can be accessed at [www.youthdiversion.ca](http://www.youthdiversion.ca) by email [connect@youthdiversion.ca](mailto:connect@youthdiversion.ca) or by calling 604.467.5889.