

Small loans Big ideas

Volunteer Opportunities at ACCESS Community Capital Fund

ACCESS is a registered charitable organization that helps people facing financial barriers in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA) to obtain low-interest loans of up to \$5,000 for small business and professional development. Economic barriers include; low-income, poor or limited credit history and lack of collateral (few or no assets). Most of our clients have difficulty obtaining loans from banks. Individual loans are evaluated using a character-based lending model, where the abilities, plans, skills and commitment of the applicant are key decision criteria.

Our clients encompass under-served and marginalized communities such as visible minorities, newcomers, women and others that face barriers to realizing their goals of self-employment and meaningful employment.

ACCESS supports individuals through the application process and after receiving loans, by providing consultation, coaching, referrals and resources.

Speaker Series, Workshop Presenter

Design and deliver business or finance related presentations and workshops relevant to the specific needs of the diverse cultural and socio-economic clients we serve. Topics should be relevant for small business and new entrepreneurs and may include financial literacy, business planning, operations, marketing, social media, sales and technology keeping in mind the background and challenges our clients may be experiencing. Our workshop presenters work in collaboration with our Program Coordinator and may co-present depending on the session.

ACCESS provides input to our workshop presenters on general training topics that would be relevant to the needs of our clients. We however rely on the expertise of each volunteer to develop and design the individual training sessions.

Related Skills & Experience:

- Experience as an entrepreneur or intrapreneur or in a business environment
- Experience delivering business or financial workshops for small business and the general public.
- Strong communication, interpersonal & networking skills.
- Public speaking and presentation.
- Experience working with diverse cultural and socio-economic groups.
- Second language an asset.

Commitment: Will vary based on need and availability. Workshop presenters can expect to participate in one to three presentations per year.

For further information, please contact Michael Fliess, Coordinator of Volunteer Engagement at volunteers@accessccf.com or 416-462-0496