

PGUAJS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

GENERAL

- 1) **Circle Room** – community representatives
- 2) **One to one support** – “walk & talk” assisting the client to make scheduled appointments until comfort level and routine can be established
- 3) **Elder Restorative Justice Committee (see Project)**
- 4) **Crafts** – teaching & sharing of skills
- 5) **Cultural Awareness** – sharing and educating others to different practices and ceremonies
- 6) **Other** - as needed and / or based on volunteer strengths / client needs

For more information or to enquire about a volunteer opportunity, send an email to info@pguajs.ca ; you will be contacted by a staff member and an interview date will be determined.

PRACTICUM STUDENTS

Post-Secondary students are welcomed. PGUAJS will provide real life situational training!

For more information regarding practicum placements please contact vblinn@pguajs.ca
You will be contacted to arrange an interview date.

PROFESSIONAL ROLE

Board of Director(s)

The Society is governed by an elected Body of community members who have a desire to be involved in determining policy for this not-for-profit, Aboriginal organization, whose focus is restorative justice. Lend your experience and your knowledge of business, justice, social issues, finance, once a month for a maximum of 1.5 hrs. and again to the Annual General Meeting for election of Officers.

For more information or to enquire about a position on the Board, send an email to the Board Chair at info@pguajs.ca

All volunteers are required to complete an application; submit a resume with references, and complete a Criminal Record Check through the RCMP before having access to sensitive material, and / or direct client contact.

Role(s) of the General Volunteer / Practicum Student

- Volunteers are representatives of the Prince George community and thus have an obligation to let offender(s) know how this offense affects them and their community.
- Volunteers need to remain non-judgmental and empathic to the circumstances that led the client to offending.
- Volunteers help in the process of helping clients deal with the underlying issues of the offence through the use of appropriate communication tools while not entering into personal issues that are outside the volunteer's capacity.
- An important role as a volunteer is to represent the community in a Resolution Circle. Within the Circle all members must remain impartial to ensure a fair and equitable diversion agreement is reached. (Volunteers are required to participate in one circle, as a learning experience.)
- Volunteers who sit within the Circle are present to ensure community needs are being addressed; and to ensure there are mechanisms put into place to help facilitate the youth & or adult's acceptance or return to the community, following the reconciliation process.
- It is also the responsibility of each volunteer to ensure his or her holistic health. To be effective one must be physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually balanced. (health issues that do not impede decisions)

The expectation placed on the volunteer is the same as expectation placed on an employee by the Society: a healthy participant must not be practicing alcohol and drug use when supporting the client.

- Volunteers need to be a positive role model through demonstrating respect for the themselves, and others, thereby affirming everyone's right to be treated respectfully
- Volunteers who act as mentors have the capacity to increase client's capability for success and personal growth, therefore promoting success in mainstream society.
- VOLUNTEERS are expected to WALK the TALK.

I have read and understand the Role of Volunteer, and promise to abide by the role responsibilities as outlined.

Volunteer Signature: _____ Date: _____

Witness Signature: _____ Date: _____