



For the future of our community, we need...

Your voice at the table!



Are you
aged 18-29 and
interested in making life better in your community?

Are you
aged 55+, from a rural community and
have experience working with boards of directors?

Are you
a representative of a nonprofit organization in need of new
board members and the youth voice to help shape the future?

If you answered "YES" to any of these questions, you might be..

BOARDWARD BOUND!

Introducing Boardward Bound, a project supporting seniors and youth, mentorship, and community engagement.

We're inviting you to become a part of something truly special.

With the assistance of a one-year New Horizons for Seniors Grant, Volunteer Dufferin is developing a program that aims to address senior isolation, support healthy aging and resiliency, promote inclusion and to enhance and encourage youth participation in Dufferin/Caledon at the leadership level. Through collaboration, education and mentorship, **Boardward Bound** will promote an intergenerational approach to volunteerism and community leadership, that will, in turn, promote board and leadership council involvement for the benefit of nonprofits throughout Dufferin/Caledon.

We are looking for three types of community partners:

- young adults between the ages of 18 and 29 who are looking for opportunities to support the wellbeing of a vibrant, sustainable and resilient community.
- adults aged 55+ and living in rural areas, who have board experience, and
- nonprofit organizations who rely on volunteers at their board, committees and leadership tables

With your support, our project will:

- Pair engaged and enthusiastic young adults and seniors for mentorship and learning
- Allow seniors to share their knowledge, skills and advice related to good governance in nonprofit organizations
- Develop a pool of skilled, enthusiastic and knowledgeable candidates for board participation ready to take on the role of future leaders in the community
- Support healthy aging, encouraging seniors to remain active and involved in the community
- Build community resilience by establishing a permanent program dedicated to ongoing, reciprocal mentorship between seniors and youth

Your commitment may involve:

- A series of meetings, both virtual and in person between May 2023 and April 2024
- Working with your fellow project team members to help develop key aspects of the program, define what success looks like and how it can be achieved
- Attend training and information sessions in support of the project
- Organizations may be asked to consider board "shadow" opportunities, providing a space for hands-on learning in a non-voting capacity

The Boardward Bound Project is committed to creating opportunities that

enable interested community members from diverse and marginalized communities to participate. We actively encourage low income seniors, youth, 2SLGBTQ+, newcomers and persons with disabilities to consider getting involved.



Are you Boardward Bound?

We are currently assembling a core team of people who will help design the program, so that the three key perspectives are embedded in its development, before the program is formally launched. Spaces are limited in each category.

If you are ready now to express your interest in participating in this core program development team, which perspective would you represent?

Select one:

Rural senior aged
55+

Select

Young adult aged 18-
29

Select

Leader/member of a nonprofit organization (any
age)

Select

Want to learn more?

We will host an information session in late May/early June. If you would like to learn more about Boardward Bound and how you can be a part of this exciting new initiative in Dufferin County, **please respond to this communication no later than May 18th, 2023.**

Click [reply](#) or email Sheralyn at: info@volunteerdufferin.ca

We also encourage you to forward this message to others in our community

who you feel might be interested in getting involved.

Join our Information Session

LOCATION
TBD

Not sure yet? We will be hosting an in person information session in late May/early June where you can learn more. Will you join us?

No,
but
keep
in
touch

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