

ISSA is continually looking for volunteers to help with various community and service activities. Volunteering with ISSA is an opportunity to contribute to our community and to get experience working with others promoting social justice.

The kind of person who we are looking for, wants to support their community. We want people who share our values of social inclusion, respect and diversity. In the past, our volunteers have been Muslim and non-Muslim, young and old, male and female.

Volunteers are essential for the operations of ISSA and what the organization provides the community. We could not exist without that active input of volunteers. Not only do volunteers carry a great deal of the work load but they bring a social and intellectual energy that helps ISSA stay in touch with Winnipeggers.

Here is a list of some of the tasks, events and activities that volunteers can help with.

Activities and Tasks that need Volunteers

Events

Organizing – people who are experienced in setting up events such as training sessions
Ambassadors – who greet guests and generally help at the Tea Fest, fund raising dinner, etc.
Speakers on Islam – individuals who can help inform and support non-Muslims about Islam
Facilitators – to assist workshop Presenters on managing group discussion etc.

Projects

Interpreting – people who speak Arabic and who can help with various needs
Coordinating – the planning and implementation of short term project activities
Fund raising – assisting with special events, direct appeals, mailings and resource production
Writing – for handouts, pamphlets or handbooks to support trainings

Office

Organizing - Updating and maintaining the ISSA library
Archiving updates – to organize and back up digital files
Social Media management – to regularly update our Facebook, YouTube and Flickr accounts
Packaging materials – helping prepare and copy handouts for different training sessions
Miscellaneous Specific Tasks – to be assigned.

Contact:

For more information or to volunteer: Irene McConachy at imcconchy@issacanada.com



As a volunteer, staff or board member with the Islamic Social Services Association, You can expect the following:

- To be valued and respected as part of the team,
- To have access to information about the ISSA, its history, policies and purpose,
- To receive guidance and training for your specific role,
- To have the opportunity to develop skills and be assigned to roles that offer new challenges, and
- To receive ongoing guidance, feedback, encouragement and recognition from Association staff.

In return, we ask that you:

- Approach your role with enthusiasm, honesty and an open mind,
- Ask questions to ensure that you understand a role before accepting it ,
- Carry out your tasks efficiently and effectively and ask for help when you need it ,
- Participate in any training offered by the Islamic Social Services Association,
- Respect confidentiality,
- Provide constructive feedback to staff and suggest improvements or changes for your role, and
- Notify staff as soon as possible (preferably 24 hours notice) if you are unable to fulfill a scheduled commitment .

ISSA Volunteers:

- Will be compensated for bus fare if that is the transportation you use to complete your assignment.
- After contributing 50 hours you will be given a letter of reference from the president of ISSA.
- After 100 hours will be given an official ISSA certificate signifying the completion of the assignment.

