



SPORTS TALK

Conversational English Program

Volunteer Position Description

Volunteer Role: Conversational English Volunteer

Reports To: Education Coordinator

Program: SPORTS TALK Conversational English Program

Location: The Huddle Wyndham, Avalon Airport Oval @ Chirnside Park

Program Hours: Mondays, 4pm-6pm

Volunteer Commitment: 2 hours per week for a minimum of 6 months

About The Huddle

Established in 2010, The Huddle is a joint initiative of the North Melbourne Football Club, the Scanlon Foundation and the Australian Multicultural Foundation with the aim to engage, support and empower young people to build on their strengths, increase their ability to participate in society and contribute to more socially inclusive communities.

Since inception, The Huddle programs have engaged more than 65,000 young people from the areas of North Melbourne, Flemington, Kensington and West Melbourne. More recently, The Huddle's programs have grown to support youth in some of Australia's fastest growing and culturally diverse communities including Wyndham. The Huddle is now extending its reach and impact to support more young people across Tasmania.

The Huddle will engage, support and empower young people to Learn, Grow and Belong in their community through a range of initiatives with a focus on sport and recreation, education and careers, digital skills and civic participation.

More information about The Huddle can be found at www.nmfc.com.au/huddle, or on our Facebook (huddlenmfc) or Twitter pages (@huddlenmfc).

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SPORTS TALK is a conversational English program for young people aged 13-25 that uses sports as a conversation starter. Each week, participants gather at The Huddle to watch clips from different recent sporting events and discuss sports while practicing their English and connecting with new people.

SPORTS TALK is a safe and inclusive space where young people learning English can come together, practice their English and connect with people who share an interest in sports.

Position Overview

To engage in conversations with young people aged between 13-25 who are learning English. Volunteers will contribute to an engaging, respectful and inclusive learning space, where all participants feel safe and valued.



Responsibilities and Duties

- To engage openly in conversation with participants in English
- To build positive relationships with participants
- To be a positive role model, acting professionally and appropriately
- To liaise with the Education Coordinator regarding participants' needs
- To attend agreed shifts, and in cases where it is not possible, communicate your non-attendance with the Education Coordinator

Skills and Attributes

Essential:

- Confident English speaker
- Interest in sports
- Patience and acceptance of limitations in conversation with those whom English is not their preferred language
- Well-developed interpersonal and communication skills
- Ability to develop a rapport with participants and act as a positive role model
- Reliable and punctual

Desired:

- Ability to speak a language other than English, with Karen, Somali, Dinka and Arabic most desirable
- Experience working with young people from diverse cultural and socio-economic backgrounds

Volunteer Shifts and Commitment

SPORTS TALK runs on Mondays from 4pm-6pm at The Huddle Wyndham (Avalon Airport Oval @ Chirnside Park, Level 1, 150-226 Watton Street, Werribee). We ask that volunteers commit to attending weekly for a minimum of six months.

Volunteer Development Opportunities

The Huddle is committed to supporting the professional and personal development of volunteers wherever possible. Interested volunteers will have the opportunity to take on leadership roles during and prior to SPORTS TALK sessions.

Application Conditions

- To undergo a selection process including interview, reference checks and a Working with Children Check. Any position is subject to satisfactory checks.
- To participate in an induction and training session upon appointment.
- Be over the age of 18.