



Position	Community Animator – Seniors’ Empowerment & Safety Program
Employment Type	Volunteer
Work Hours	4-5 hours per week for the duration of the series (September – December 2025) = total of ten weeks. Up to 10 additional hours required for training.
Work Setting	Hybrid
Salary	Honorarium - \$1,000
Level	1
Application Deadline	June 13, 2025

POSITION OVERVIEW

The North York Women’s Centre (NYWC) is looking for three volunteer Community Animators to join our team to support our new seniors’ programming. Community Animators will play a key role, drawing from their own life experience to support other older women and engage them in conversations about healthy relationships while creating community in a casual, welcoming environment.

As a Community Animator, you are a woman 55 years of age or older, who will take a leadership role in delivering the program and champion the program and the skills within your networks and the broader community. This includes feeding into the program content, supporting with workshop coordination and administration, and raising awareness about gender-based violence (GBV) and intimate partner violence (IPV). You will receive valuable training from NYWC to support you in your roles and an honorarium for your participation.

The Seniors’ Empowerment & Safety program (SES) is a set of free gender-based violence prevention, education, and support groups designed by and for older women that will take place from September to December, 2025. This 10-week program uses a trauma-informed approach in order to engage participants in conversation about healthy relationships while increasing social networks, and building knowledge of support services and how to access them.

WHAT YOU WILL DO

- Attend meetings to provide your feedback and lived experience to inform program content
- Attend three training sessions between June and August, 2025
- Attend weekly program sessions between September and December 2025
- Coordinate catering and lunch menus each week for program participants
- Provide accurate program information to program participants
- Contribute to creating a short community guide to share with the community for how to support older women experiencing Gender-Based Violence and Abuse.

WHAT YOU BRING TO THE TEAM

- Organization skills, to support with coordinating weekly meals and program supplies
- Enthusiasm for learning and engaging with new subjects
- Strong relationship and interpersonal skills
- A team player who collaborates well
- Integrity, sound judgment, tact, discretion and a healthy sense of humour

ORGANIZATIONAL COMPETENCIES

- Commitment to our values: equity, compassion, social & economic justice, anti-racism/anti-oppression, person-directed approaches and low-barrier access to services
- Initiative & problem-solving skills
- Adaptability & creativity
- Curiosity & humility
- Growth mindset & accountability
- Cultivates strong relationships

HOW TO APPLY:

Please complete our [Volunteer Interest Form](#) and include a short description of why you think you'd be a good fit for this position. When submitting this form, please ensure you select "Community Animator – Seniors' Empowerment & Safety Program" for the volunteer role you are interested in.

NYWC is committed to diversity and encourages applications from equity-seeking groups.