

Dear Schools,

During the past couple of years, Victoria Literacy Connection (VLC) has managed to develop some very effective online learning programs, which are subsidized to provide free literacy support services for the South Island. They range from reading, scholastic tutoring, French, English language conversation and basic computer literacy.

For two of our programs, we are opening the doors to recruiting youth age 16+ to become tutors for adults, mostly seniors, with varying **computer learning** needs but mostly understanding their devices, internet navigation, connecting with social networks, accessing important resources etc. Zoom sessions are usually once a week, one hour per session.

We also have an **online reading program** where youth read with kids in grades 2-5, sorted by reading level. Sessions are usually twice a week, 1-1,5 hours per session.

Our present youth tutors are loving this opportunity to get school credit from the comfort of their own home and getting to connect with their elders.

Criminal record checks are required but we help to get those through. Trainings and guidance by our coordinator are provided. VLC will provide a certificate/letter showing the number of volunteer hours when requested. These programs are ongoing during the school year.

I hope that you will consider promoting this volunteer opportunity with your students.

Best regards,

Executive Director
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