



Volunteer Role: Venue Team Culture Lead (Competition Venues)

Reports to: Venue Team Lead

Pjila'si! We're saving you a seat!

Do you seek new experiences and friendships? Are you passionate about sport or learning about Indigenous cultures? Join the North American Indigenous Games 2023 as we help the Mi'kmaw Nation prepare to welcome over 5,000 Indigenous youth from across Turtle Island (North America) from July 15 to 23, 2023. We're looking for individuals who are eager to make an impact by joining our volunteer team of 3,000 community minded leaders. We want everyone to feel that they belong and you can help. NAIG 2023 is organized and executed by the NAIG 2023 Host Society, which is a not-for-profit organization and the employer of this opportunity.

What's involved?

The Culture Lead is an essential part of each Venue Team (VTeam), with the responsibility to ensure that venues are welcoming and properly equipped to support the cultural needs of all athletes, coaches, participants, and Elders. This includes ensuring that there are appropriate spaces and items for ceremony and smudging, that Elders receive and support and care necessary.

Time commitment and responsibilities:

Pre-Games (September 2022 - July 2023):

- 7-10 hours monthly for Venue Team meetings (including planning and coordination of meetings), of which will ramp up to weekly in the two months leading up to the Games
- Attendance at Mission staff and Executive Meetings may be required
- Involvement in development of venue site plans, including planning for ceremonial spaces, smudging stations and seating arrangements for Elders
- Ensure that cultural information kits are shared with all venue staff to ensure a smooth and welcome experience for participants
- Training of venue specific Culture volunteers

Games-Time (July 15-23, 2023):

- Availability for the duration of the Games (including bump-in/out), and for 3-5 days post-Games for assist with Venue decommissioning
- Conduct daily checks that medicines are properly placed at each doorway
- On-site coordination of venue cultural spaces for ceremony, ensuring that they are all properly stocked with medicines

- Ensuring that Elders and VIP have appropriate support

Expected start date: Fallr 2022

What skills and qualifications are an asset?

Above all else, we require that all our volunteers have a desire to support and celebrate Indigenous youth as they pursue excellence in sport.

- Preference will be given to those who self-identity as Indigenous, but all applicants are welcome
- Cultural knowledge is an asset
- Leadership experience either in volunteer roles or in a workplace setting
- Previous experience working with and directing volunteers
- Experience leading committees or groups and building a productive and collaborative team
- Ability to communicate in an effective and kind manner both in person and in written formats
- Highly responsive, thoughtful, and forward thinking
- Proven event planning and organizational skills
- Ability to make quick, sound decisions in difficult or stressful situations
- Able to lift up to 30 lbs and spent extended period of time standing (accommodations can be made if required)
- Leadership positions are required to be a minimum of 18 years of age

Ability to speak Mi'kmaq, French or other languages is considered an asset but is not a requirement.

I'm interested, how do I apply?

Please send a resume and letter of interest to the Volunteer Services Manager, Alex Cherry at volunteer@naig2023.com