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Who Can Participate?

- Newcomers who are interested in learning about the Canadian way of life
- Newcomers who want to build new friendships & enhance their social and local networks
- Permanent Residents
- Convention Refugees
- Newcomer individuals age 18 and up
- Newcomer families

Canada Connects Program Participant Commitment:

- Complete participant application form
- Attend information sessions
- Ideally, meet with a program volunteer for two hours each week over six months in person, online, or by phone.

Benefits to Canada Connects Program Participants:

- Gain a better understanding of Canadian customs, culture, social, political & economic life
- Improve your language skills
- Enhance your network by making local connections
- Cultivate a sense of belonging

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