



**Community Relations Commission**  
*For a multicultural NSW*

## **VOLUNTEER**

### **‘Respected Community Members’**

The **Community Relations Commission** is seeking applications from interested community members to be part of a new initiative to assist Police when dealing with young offenders from diverse cultural backgrounds.

Respected community members from different ethnic and religious backgrounds will be called upon by the NSW Police Force and the Department of Juvenile Justice Youth Justice Conferencing Directorate to assist in giving cautions to young people and to participate in the preparation and process of youth justice conferences.

The roles and responsibilities of community members will vary but overall their purpose will be to provide advice about relevant cultural issues and play a role in reducing the risk of re-offending by young people and enhancing the young person’s links to the community.

#### **Selection Criteria:**

- Communication skills and interpersonal skills
- An understanding of and sensitivity to issues faced by young people and victims of an offence, particularly those from culturally diverse backgrounds
- A commitment to assisting young people
- Evidence of community service
- Experience in working with the community, police and/or young people
- Ability to undertake the required training
- A willingness to comply with the CRC Privacy Policy and to sign a confidentiality agreement
- Meet Criminal Record Checks and Working with Children Checks
- Two references regarding your standing in the community

**Training:** Selected candidates will have to undertake the required training.

**Locations:** Hurstville, Holroyd, Granville, Campsie, Fairfield, Auburn, Bankstown, Burwood, Cabramatta, Kuring-gai and Manly.

**Availability:** On call when available.

**Remuneration:** Engagement is voluntary.

**Closing date:** 30 June 2008

**Further information:** Elizabeth Zammit (02) 8255 6795

# Application to Volunteer as a Respected Community Member

## Instructions

1. Please complete the form and provide details of two referees who will support your application.
2. Please restrict information to the space provided. Copies of supporting material such as resumes, certificates, qualifications may be attached to the application.
3. Forms and supporting documentation should be returned to the CRC by 5.00pm on 30 June 2008.
4. Forms should be returned by fax on (02) 8255 6868 or by post to:  
Community Relations Commission  
PO Box A2618  
Sydney South NSW 1235

1. **Name:**

2. **Occupation:**

3. **Address:**

4. **Contact numbers:**  
(daytime & after hours)

**Daytime:**

**After hours / mobile:**

5. **Cultural background :**

6. **Languages spoken:**  
(must be fluent)

7. **Demonstrate your communication and interpersonal skills**  
Examples: presentations, youth work, written skills, facilitation skills

8. **Demonstrate your understanding of and sensitivity to issues faced by young people and victims of offences particularly those from migrant backgrounds**

**9. Provide examples of any experience you have in working with community, policing and/or young people**

**10. Please give details of two referees who may be contacted to support the nomination.**

**REFEREE ONE**

Name:

Telephone:

Email:

In what capacity do you know them?

**REFEREE TWO**

Name:

Telephone:

Email:

In what capacity do you know them?

**Note: Please limit your responses to the space provided on this form. Copies of certificates etc may be attached.**

- I acknowledge that this position is subject to a National Criminal History Record Check, a Working with Children Background Check and a Prohibited Employment Declaration
- I am willing to work on a volunteer basis
- I am willing to attend any information sessions and undertake the required training
- I agree to maintain all confidentiality and not disclose information acquired in the course of my assignment

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Witness Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Witness Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Privacy:** In the course of normal business, the Community Relations Commission (CRC) collects and stores personal information, such as those on this application form, to carry out its legislated and other responsibilities. By registering your details you agree to the collection, storage and use of your information by the CRC and the NSW Government. All reasonable steps are taken to protect the security of personal information held, both in electronic or hard copy form. To obtain information about the CRC's Privacy Policy, contact the Commission's Privacy Information Officer on 8255 6767 or visit [www.crc.nsw.gov.au](http://www.crc.nsw.gov.au)