



## CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

### 2020 Greater Victoria Point-in-Time Count

The Community Social Planning Council (CSPC) and Volunteer Victoria are recruiting volunteers to take part in the biennial Point in Time Homeless (PiT) Count, which consists of conducting surveys with people experiencing homelessness in Greater Victoria on **Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020**. The PiT Count will be held from 9:00 am to 11:00 pm at service facilities and outdoor locations across the region.

Greater Victoria participated in nationwide PiT Counts in 2016 and 2018. Point-in-Time counts add essential information to our understanding of how people experience homelessness in our region. This information will assist planners, funders, and agencies in developing appropriate responses to homelessness in our region as well as to measure progress in ending homelessness.

The PiT Count is a regional-wide event that requires hundreds of volunteers to participate in various roles. While the majority of volunteers will be conducting surveys with people experiencing homelessness, volunteers will also be needed for various administrative and coordination tasks, event day set-up and take-down, and to lead teams of volunteer surveyors.

To volunteer, please complete an online application at [https://victoria.volunteerattract.com/report.php?ListType=Volunteer\\_PositionsShowAll&ID=1758&MenuItemID=20](https://victoria.volunteerattract.com/report.php?ListType=Volunteer_PositionsShowAll&ID=1758&MenuItemID=20)

We are looking for volunteers who are:

- Compassionate, accepting, and enjoy one-on-one conversations with people
- Have a non-judgmental attitude and a good sense of humour
- Outgoing, curious and have a pleasant manner
- Experienced in front line service delivery (although not necessary to volunteer)

**What is involved?** The PiT count involves working in small teams to conduct a brief, anonymous survey with people who are experiencing homelessness. The indoor survey is conducted inside shelters and other homeless service facilities, while the outside survey is done outdoors, walking around a specific area or neighbourhood.

Volunteers sign up for one 3-hour shift, attend a two-hour training session in advance of the event, and must be 19 years of age or older to participate.

Thank you for your willingness to participate in the count. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Lisa Mort-Putland or call (250) 386-2269.

We look forward to hearing from you.

