



Education and Community Engagement Volunteers

The Ontario Farmland Trust (OFT) works across Ontario to protect farmlands and associated agricultural, natural and cultural landscapes of food production for the benefit of current and future generations. There are three aspects to OFT's work: farmland securement and stewardship, policy engagement related to farmland protection, and outreach and education. To have an even greater impact, we are seeking engaged and passionate volunteers to get involved with our work. Help protect farmland for future generations, through volunteering with OFT!

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The Education and Community Engagement Volunteers are OFT ambassadors. These volunteers interact and engage with the public at outreach events, as well as assisting with OFT led events such as online webinars and our annual forum. Outreach can include booths at farmers markets, farm shows or conferences, and other external outreach events.

Depending on a volunteer's interest and location, there are opportunities for both in person and virtual volunteer work, as some education and community engagement opportunities such as the webinars are virtual, while others are in person. Mileage costs will be reimbursed if traveling regionally.

Tasks will include, depending on the interest of the volunteer:

1. Attend OFT's booth at community events, interacting with visitors to spread awareness on OFT's mission, and promote any current educational and/or fundraising campaigns
2. Recommend material for OFT's blog by contributing posts on outreach and community engagement events or a related topic
3. Support OFT webinar delivery online
4. Assist with educational content creation
5. Assisting with delivering presentations in person or virtually

Education and community engagement volunteers ideally will have a combination of the following experience & interests:

- Experience in event planning or educational content development is an asset
- Comfortable speaking to the public
- For virtual volunteer work, access to a computer you can use
- For outreach events support, access to a vehicle is ideal though carpooling may also be possible
- Knowledge and passion for farmland protection!

Time commitment:

- 5 hours per month

We are seeking volunteers with an interest in committing to a year to start, so we can really get to know you!