



Impact Hours

CONNECTING 55+ EXPERIENCE WITH COMMUNITY,
AN HOUR AT A TIME

LAUNCHED!

The website ImpactHours.org launched earlier this year to connect individuals aged 55+ with Ottawa non-profit organizations for short-term, skill-based volunteer opportunities.

Spotlighted by the Council on Aging as an innovative age-friendly initiative, Impact Hours is a free local service developed in the belief that small actions can have an impact, for the benefit of individuals, non-profits and the wider community.

NON-PROFITS IN NEED OF SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

Impact Hours provides individuals with access to an inventory of one-off and short-term volunteer opportunities posted by organizations in need of their skill sets and experience. Since launching, **27 non-profit organizations and charities** have registered with Impact Hours and posted **40+ short-term volunteer opportunities** to engage skilled volunteers.

CURRENT VOLUNTEER

OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE:

- **Skill-Based Mentors** (Junior Achievement Ottawa)
- **Repair Café Fixers** (Ottawa Tool Library)
- **Environmental Project Advice** (Ottawa Eco-Talent Network)
- **Share a Hobby** (Options Bytown)
- **Videographer** (The Glebe Centre)
- **Writers** (Council on Aging, Ottawa Network for Education, Dementia Justice Society of Canada)
- **Market Researcher** (Cuso International)

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RECENTLY FEATURED ON:

- CBC Radio *Ottawa Morning with Robyn Bresnahan* (March 16th)
- CKCU Radio *Welcome To My World* (April 17th)

VISIT IMPACT HOURS

Visit **ImpactHours.org** to view a growing inventory of volunteer opportunities and to learn more about how the platform facilitates connections between skilled 55+ volunteers and non-profits. You can also sign up for Impact Hours' newsletter and subscribe to email alerts for new volunteer listings that match preferred search criteria.

SPREAD THE WORD

Ottawa community newspapers—the OSCAR, Glebe Report, Newswest and Centretown Buzz—published articles about Impact Hours in their April issues. Also, Impact Hours' founder, **Christine Franklin** will be featured in Catherine Clark's "Giving Back" column in the summer issue of *Ottawa At Home* magazine.

Spread the word about Impact Hours with **individuals 55+** who may be interested in sharing their experience and **non-profit organizations** that could benefit from donated skills and experience.

Have a question? Contact us at info@impacthours.org.

Follow us on Twitter [@ImpactHours](https://twitter.com/ImpactHours)

PARTICULAR THANKS TO EARLY SUPPORTERS:

- The Council on Aging
 - Impact Hub Ottawa
 - Ottawa Tool Library
 - Junior Achievement Ottawa
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“We are a country that cares and, as Canadians, it’s in our DNA to give. We have built communities based on neighbour helping neighbour. Big or small, every gesture counts, because when we help in any way, we are lifting someone else’s spirit.”

**Former Governor General
David Johnston
Launch of "My Giving
Moment" Campaign
November 4, 2013**