

Whatcom Dispute Resolution Center

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WDRC Basic Info for Prospective Volunteers

Thank you for your interest in volunteering for the Whatcom Dispute Resolution Center. We are pleased that you are considering our organization as a place to offer your skills in support of our peace building in Whatcom County. *Please note that all volunteer positions require a minimum commitment of 6 months (two quarters).*

Volunteering with the WDRC

There are many ways to get involved and contribute to the WDRC. Our volunteers are a diverse group of people of all ages and backgrounds.

Program Volunteers

- Youth Program facilitators
- Program assistants for Parent Seminar & community trainings
- Office interns (Intake & referral, mediation case management)
- Database assistants (Excel, Access)
- Outreach assistants
- Internships (WWU, WCC, etc.)

If you're interested in mediation and peaceful conflict resolution, our program assistant and office intern positions are a great place to start. The WDRC is also a great place to complete your internship or obtain valuable work experience in Human Services, office professional skills, program & event coordination, media, law & diversity and many other areas. Most volunteers commit to a regular schedule ranging from 2 to 10 hours per week.

How to Apply

To apply, please submit a cover letter, resume, and a volunteer application (you can mail or drop off your application in person at the center). Applications are available at whatcomdrc.org and at the WDRC office.

- Write a cover letter indicating your interest in the WDRC, skills and qualifications. Please note any additional languages (Spanish, Russian, ASL etc) or computer proficiency in Excel or Word.
- Fill out the volunteer application at www.whatcomdrc.org or pick up a copy at our office.
- Completed applications should be mailed or dropped off at our office.
- WDRC staff will contact you for an interview if a suitable opportunity arises.
- All volunteers must complete a background check, reference check, and sign a confidentiality agreement prior to beginning their service.

About The WDRC

Since 1992, the Center has existed to provide creative conflict resolution services for Whatcom County. Mediating small claims, neighborhood, and family issues, training community members in conflict resolution, and working with youth to help them develop their problem solving and communication skills is some of the important work we do. As a potential volunteer to the Center, you would be actively supporting these activities. As a nonprofit, the WDRC relies on the generous support of volunteers.