

# Become an OLLI volunteer and connect with new friends, help OLLI thrive and have fun! Your skills and knowledge will make a difference.

OLLI relies heavily on its volunteers, and has opportunities to fit all interests, from facilitating classes, to helping with one-time events, or joining an on-going committee. Here are some of the many ways you can join the fun:

**Facilitate a class**: Have some special interests? Become a Class Facilitator and share your knowledge or facilitate discussions about the topic and learn from others.

**Be a Classroom Ambassador**: Facilitators can often use an extra hand. Sign up to be an Ambassador for classes you are already taking – you can come a little early to greet people and help out – and make a big difference!

**Become a Tech Assistant:** Technology can be great – until it doesn't work. Learn how to help facilitators with the technology (you don't need to be a "techie" – we provide training!). You can choose to help in the classroom or with Zoom classes.

Join an OLLI Committee: Did you know that OLLI has a Governing Council and eight different committees of volunteers? The Council and the committees help the limited staff keep OLLI working smoothly. See the back for more information.

Help with One-Time Special Events: Have some extra time? OLLI periodically needs people to help with special events. These needs are announced in the OLLI newsletter.

## Interested in volunteering or learning more about volunteer options?

Sign up through the Volunteer page of the OLLI website:

www.yc.edu/olli

## **OLLI GOVERNING COUNCIL & COMMITTEES**

OLLI has an elected Governing Council and 8 committees to support OLLI operations. All committees are run by volunteers who are OLLI members.

### **Governing Council**

Who oversees the big picture? This elected council sets OLLI's strategic direction and policies, approves the budget and oversees program operations. The 11 Council Members are elected from OLLI membership and may serve up to three consecutive 2-year terms.

### **Committees**

**Curriculum** - The 'learning 'part of Lifelong Learning is what we are all about. Promoting, vetting and encouraging facilitators keeps the class offerings fresh and vital.

**Finance** – All organizations need people to monitor finances. The Finance Committee works with the Governing Council, Staff and OLLI's College liaison to develop the annual budget, review spending and present financial reports to the Governing Council each session.

**Member Engagement** – OLLI is more than a classroom. The Member Engagement Committee works to help members know the myriad of opportunities for getting involved with OLLI. It welcomes new members with its New Member Mentor Program, keeps members informed through its Ambassador program, encourages learning and social interaction through our Special Interest Groups, and recruits and matches volunteers with volunteer needs.

**Nominating** - Once a year, about half the Governing Council members are up for re-election. The ad hoc Nomination Committee recruits new talent and organizes the member driven election.

**Marketing and Communication** – Help us get the word out about how awesome OLLI is. This committee promotes OLLI in the community to increase awareness and attract members.

**Social** – Fostering social connections is one of OLLI's key goals. This committee gets creative in planning and organizing social functions for OLLI members.

**Technology** - We are surrounded by and use technology in our daily lives. But sometimes there is a gap between what we know and what we want to accomplish. The goal of the Tech Committee is to fill that gap with classes and mentoring.