

Aya Al Mashhdani

Aya Al Mashhdani and her family have lived in Canada since August 2016. She was born in Iraq and later moved to Dubai where she studied Pharmacology. She is hoping to study at SAIT and earn a diploma in Chemical Laboratory Technology. One day she hopes to utilize her studies in partnership with translation to help people understand their medications. Her hobbies include drawing and badminton. She also enjoys learning phrases in other languages and hopes to become fluent in more languages.

A family friend referred Aya to CIWA and a staff member encouraged her to become a volunteer. In 2017 she began her volunteer journey, she provides one-on-one assistance to clients who require Arabic interpretation in the classroom, computer workshop support and Interpretation for the Volunteer Program. She has also supported the Youth Summer Camp and Special Events. Aya is glad to share her knowledge and finds it rewarding.

Aya believes everyone has a story to tell and CIWA allows her to meet new people and hear their stories. She is glad to help and make a difference in the lives of others. The ‘thank you’ that she receives from clients gives her motivation to keep volunteering. Aya is happy to receive valuable Canadian workplace experience which has increased her English dramatically. She has learned never to stop or give up on her dreams. She believes that people should keep going regardless of their age or circumstances.

Aya is the Volunteer of the Month because of her true volunteer spirit. She exhibits patience, excellent communication skills, diligence, and enthusiasm. Aya takes the initiative and connects with clients of all ages. She is extremely flexible and always willing to volunteer. Aya has a gift to know and grasp client's needs and can support them accordingly. CIWA staff appreciates her for her 'self-sacrificing' spirit.

Congratulations Aya for being Volunteer of the Month for January!

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