



# Volunteer Park Trust

## EMERGING LEADERS COMMITTEE

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#### ABOUT US

Founded in 2012, **Volunteer Park Trust's** mission is to preserve and enhance Volunteer Park for today and for generations to come. We host large, fun community events in the park like our Summer Picnic, as well as monthly and seasonal gardening work parties. We complete major park upgrades such as the wrought-iron fencing around the Lily Ponds, and the Amphitheater Project which replaced the park's aging performance stage with a modern facility to meet broad community needs. We are funded entirely by donations from those that love Volunteer Park.



#### EMERGING LEADERS COMMITTEE PURPOSE & BENEFIT

The Emerging Leaders Committee (ELC) is an initiative of VPT to bring in individuals from the greater Seattle area who are passionate about our mission to preserve and enhance Volunteer Park. The ELC plays a strategic role to develop awareness of our mission and programming by leveraging social media, events, capital projects, and individual fundraising. ELC members have opportunities to create, plan, and participate in events & activations (volunteer days, event support, etc.); help plan and host fundraising events (happy hours, crowd-funding campaigns, etc.); and take part in VPT Committees.

#### BENEFITS OF SERVICE

Our ELC provides social, professional, and service opportunities for individuals interested in developing their network and skills. ELC members may enjoy a wide range of benefits and opportunities, including:

- **Developing leadership skills** and resources while working in a cooperative and supportive environment
- **Helping friends, neighbors, and the greater Seattle community** by maintaining and improving one of our city's oldest and most beautiful parks
- **Learning about nonprofit operations** from experienced Committee members
- **Gaining hands-on experience** volunteering, planning service days, and organizing fundraising events
- **Enhancing your résumé** through ELC activities and regular volunteering
- **Networking** with other civic-minded individuals at ELC and VPT events and social gatherings
- **Learning** about and helping to preserve the historical legacy of Seattle's Olmsted-designed parks

## GOALS / TIME COMMITMENT

The ELC will operate under the guidance of the VPT Development Committee to set and complete its annual goals and work plan. The ELC will and participate in VPT's yearly assessment to determine how well goals have been met and how to improve for the future. Time commitment is estimated to be **25 hours a year.**

## EXPECTATIONS

- **Attend** ongoing meetings of the ELC
- **Contribute** a minimum of 25 hours of volunteer service with VPT, which can include hours volunteered by friends, family or colleagues that are facilitated by the ELC member
- **Develop** and conduct activities that will introduce and engage new contacts (individuals, partners, corporations, etc.) to VPT's work
- **Work** closely with VPT committees in the planning and conducting of service and fundraising activities
- **Give/Get:** Raise a minimum of \$100 for VPT annually through fundraising (events, letter writing/social media campaigns, etc.) and/or a personal gift (can be made payable over time)
- **Serve** as an ambassador for VPT, such as by personally recruiting new donors and/or corporate sponsors, and engaging with the organization's existing base of supporters
- **Maintain** records on participation, including volunteer and fundraising efforts, and report back to ELC staff

**TERMS:** Members will serve at least one two-year renewable term. The goal is to have ELC members eventually join VPT committee groups and/or Steering Committee.

## QUALIFICATIONS:

- Commitment to VPT's mission to enhance and preserve Volunteer Park
- Service-oriented disposition
- Reliable and self-motivated
- Willing to work collaboratively with other ELC members to plan and execute campaigns and events

**HOW TO JOIN:** We would greatly appreciate your participation. Interested parties should email [admin@volunteerparktrust.org](mailto:admin@volunteerparktrust.org) for more information.

