



Greater Victoria Acting Together

Volunteer Opportunity

Make the Change You Believe In

Join our alliance of organisations **striving to organize communities, build networks of positive power, and facilitate collaboration between organizations with similar goals.**



Join a powerful alliance of organisations

Our 32 member organisations span Greater Victoria. We are Victoria's affiliate of an international organization that has made change in cities across the world. For instance, the affiliate in Sydney, Australia recently secured **\$200 million for social housing.**

Develop Your Leadership Skills

One of our organisation's primary goals is to help develop tomorrow's leaders. In the United States, **Barack Obama worked for the same organisation, and called it "the best education he ever received"**¹ Our organisation has various opportunities for leadership development, like becoming a co-leader of our action research teams, and participating in our strategy-setting team.

¹ <https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/study-saul-alinsky-to-understand-barack-obama>

Improve your Communication and Networking Skills

At GVAT you'll have the opportunity to network extensively with politicians, policy makers, executive directors of organisations, and others. In fact, networking is the primary task that volunteers at GVAT do! Through building relationships with leaders in our communities, we create an alliance of powerful groups and individuals that can come together to act swiftly for the common good.

Through this work, you will undoubtedly improve your communication skills, understand how to build strong professional relationships, and grow your own professional network.

"I used to find it difficult to talk to people and found professional networking difficult. Through my work at GVAT I have gained profound confidence in my ability to speak to professionals and even in my own personal relationships."

- *Liam Maclure, former undergraduate student*

Benefits of Volunteering at GVAT:

- **Low time commitment** during the school year (1-1.5 hours a week)
- **See a difference from your volunteer work**; help change local communities for the better
- **Receive a strong reference letter** from our Lead Organizer after only X months of participating

We are recruiting new volunteers right now! Don't miss your chance to get involved creating positive change. Go to [GVAT.ca](https://gvat.ca) to sign up, or contact Chet Philips, our lead organizer, for more details (Chet@gvat.ca).