Active Bystander Network: Volunteer Student Leadership Position

The Active Bystander Network is a unique opportunity for students with previous leadership experience to influence positive change in a priority area for universities – the prevention of sexual violence. Network members commit to volunteering for two (2) consecutive terms (Fall 2017 and Spring 2018). This opportunity is appropriate for students who are committed to enacting positive social change and who have some previous experience in peer programs or equivalent leadership/community involvement experience and would like to build on these skills.

Program Overview

The Active Bystander Network is part of a campus-wide initiative to create a culture of zero-tolerance for sexual violence at Simon Fraser University. Working with other network members, and supported by Student Services staff, network members will receive training to plan, prepare, and deliver presentations and outreach initiatives that contribute to raising student understanding of the issues surrounding sexual violence. Network members will also gain the skills to act as active bystanders in the community (recognize and intervene appropriately), and facilitate difficult conversations about comments or actions that may promote sexual violence.

Competencies will include: working towards the creation of safe and respectful campus environments, the capacity to engage critically with messages in popular culture that may promote sexual violence, understanding of the roots of sexual violence as well as knowledge of the resources and support services available at SFU.

Duties & Responsibilities

- Participate in mandatory monthly meetings
- Participate in monthly online reflections, due at the end of each month.
- Organize community engagement events and outreach.
- Facilitate and/or participate workshops, presentations, special events, awareness weeks, displays, committees, residence activities and other programs.
- Explore the possibility of working with other on-campus groups and departments as well as off campus organizations.
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Time Commitment

- Following initial training requirement, this role will require approximately 25-30 hours per term for the Fall & Spring terms.

Mandatory Training

- 2 day in person training at SFU Burnaby campus.

Benefits

Benefits of being a member of the Active Bystander Network:

- Enact positive change towards ending sexual violence at SFU
- Raise awareness about available sexual assault resources and supports at SFU and how to help a friend who has been sexually assaulted
- Gain enhanced knowledge of sexual violence prevention
- Work collaboratively with a team of dedicated students
- Gain leadership skills such as program planning, outreach delivery, and team building
- Recognition on your co-curricular record

Apply

Please send your resume and a cover letter that outlines the reason for your interest in this position to Rebecca Langmead: rlangmea@sfu.ca by March 17th, 2017.