



Job Opportunity

Life Skills Facilitator

Salary range: \$22.40-\$23.94/hr

Hours: 35/week (1.0 FTE)

Term: 24 weeks, Aug 2020 – Feb 2021

The Youth Space (YS) is a safe, sober, and inclusive space for diverse youth aged 10-24 to create, connect, and innovate. A youth driven project, participants identify needs and co-develop activities offered within the Youth Space.

Description

The **Life Skills Facilitator** is responsible for collaborating with diverse youth to plan, organize, and deliver a wide variety of health and wellness, life and essential skills workshops, story-telling activities and community dialogues (e.g. interpersonal, mental health, emotional literacy, nutrition and cooking, financial literacy, LGBTQ/2S+ & Substance Use peer-support circles, connection to community resources, etc.). The Worker will also support youth to broaden their community connections through coordinating opportunities for youth to contribute positively to the community.

The Life Skills Facilitator will have insight, awareness and skill in building respectful relationships and effective partnerships with diverse youth, including vulnerable and LGBTQ/2S+ youth. This position serves youth in the South Surrey/White Rock area, requires late afternoon/evening work both in-person and remotely, in line with Covid-19 recommendations.

Education and Experience:

- Certificate, diploma, or degree in Child and Youth Care Counselling, Rec and Leisure, Education; and/or community engagement/development; or a combination of relevant education and experience.

Responsibilities:

- Work as part of a team – including the Youth Intern, Youth Collective, youth participants and adult allies, in the identification, development, facilitation, and evaluation of a range of life, health, and wellness activities
- Mentor and support youth of varying skills and abilities to participate in identified activities in person or remotely
- Support special events at the Youth Space and in Community as needed

- Adhere to the values of the Youth Space – safe, sober, and inclusive, and encourage harm reduction practices and an anti-oppressive stance.
- Provide direct supervision to ensure the safety and well-being of participants.
- Track grant information and compile monthly reports for funders
- Be ready to have fun!

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

- Excellent interpersonal skills, with the ability to establish good relationships with a diverse range of young people, adult allies, and community partners
- Understanding of the diverse needs of youth including marginalized youth living with mental health, substance use, and/or social challenges
- Empathic and non-judgmental attitude when interacting with youth
- Direct experience coordinating, developing and facilitating life skills and wellness workshops, community dialogues and story-telling activities
- Capacity to engage with youth through various social media platforms, 1:1, and in groups; including comfort with public speaking
- Good understanding in the development and application of online platforms for networking, publicity, and youth programming.
- Ability to set healthy and professional boundaries with coworkers, young people, and community
- Knowledge of anti-oppressive and harm reduction practices
- Highly motivated individual, able to organize, prioritize, meet deadlines and work remotely, with minimal supervision
- Proven sound judgement, ethical decision making, ability to stay calm under pressure
- Ability to comply with policies and procedures regarding privacy, confidentiality, record-keeping and reporting

Accountability:

- Reports to the Client Services Director, Youth Programs.

The successful candidate must have or ready to acquire:

- Current and satisfactory police reference check – vulnerable sector
- Personal vehicle for business use, including some client transportation

Canada Summer Jobs Program Requirements

- Be between 15 and 30 years of age at the start of employment.
- Be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or person to whom refugee protection has been conferred under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act for the duration of the employment.
- Possess a valid Social Insurance Number at the start of employment and be legally entitled to work in Canada in accordance with relevant provincial or territorial legislation and regulations.