

Youth Program Coordinator

Start Date: May 14

End Date: August 3

Hours per week: 30

Wage: \$15/hr

APPLICATIONS DUE MIDNIGHT MAY 6th

Please submit a resume and cover letter to jenny@lifecyclesproject.ca

Funding for this position is provided by Canada Summer Jobs. Applicants must have recently been enrolled in full time studies and be expecting to return to full time studies in the coming year.

ABOUT

LifeCycles is a charitable society working to cultivate community health by connecting people with the food they eat and the land it comes from. We support the region in growing, accessing and eating local food in ways that foster biodiversity and enhance our urban environment.

LifeCycles is seeking a summer staff person to support the development of summer internship and volunteer opportunities. The Youth Program Coordinator will collaborate with several staff at LifeCycles to develop a youth engagement program that meaningfully engages a group of committed youth in hands-on learning and work in: schoolyard gardens, community learning gardens, on local farms and in backyards across the region.

This position will be working collaboratively to support youth engagement in our Fruit Tree Project, Farm Gleaning Project, Growing Schools Program and Community Foods Program. For more information about LifeCycles and these programs, visit: www.lifecyclesproject.ca

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

Recruit youth volunteers and interns to participate in LifeCycles programs

- Collect youth contact information and keep youth up-to-date with opportunities to get involved
- Support youth outreach and communication to target youth groups and organizations
- Reach out to targeted communities and recruit participation in LifeCycles programs

Support the development of a 4 week youth urban agriculture internship

- Working with LifeCycles staff team, develop curriculum for a 4 week urban agriculture internship program to run in July
- Oversee the logistics and operation of urban agriculture internship program

Garden Maintenance

- Support regular maintenance of Reynolds Secondary's courtyard garden

- Support installation and maintenance of FED/LifeCycles learning garden at downtown public library
- Engage youth in work planting and maintaining these spaces

Support LifeCycles Youth Program Development and Evaluation

- Track youth engagement
- Distribute and compile results to surveys and evaluations
- Compile results in a short report, to advise LifeCycles youth program development in the future

Support LifeCycles Program Implementation

- Support LifeCycles staff in implementing Farm Gleaning, Fruit Tree Project, Growing Schools and Community Food Programs as needed

SKILLS & ABILITIES

- Ability to work with diverse perspectives to support shared visioning and collaborative work
- Experience working with children and/or youth an asset
- Knowledge of vegetable gardening and experience planting and caring for a mixed garden that incorporate a diversity of annual and perennial plants
- Skill with professional writing and public speaking
- Ability to work in complex environment and manage multiple tasks
- Current drivers license an asset

LifeCycles is an equal opportunity employer. LifeCycles celebrates diversity and actively seeks to understand and deconstruct hidden biases that unfairly privilege individuals and groups in the workplace and society. Applicants who would like to be considered for affirmative action are asked to mention this in their cover letter.