

# Youth Program Coordinator

## **POSTED BY**

LifeCycles Project Society

Start Date: June 10th

End Date: Aug 30thrd

Hours per week: 30

Wage: \$16/hr

Application Deadline: April 22, 2019

*Funding for this position is provided by Canada Summer Jobs. Applicants must be between 15 and 30 years of age to be eligible.*

## **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 summer staff to support in the development and delivery of school garden camps. Coordinators will work collaboratively with other staff to run children and youth gardening day camps over the months of July and August at different school garden sites. The job includes promoting, planning, preparing, and running weekly camp programming for elementary and middle school-aged young people that engages campers in the exciting world of school gardening and outdoor education.

Depending upon funding, we may also be hiring a Youth Leadership Coordinator to support in the development and delivery of summer garden youth programming. The position will include working collaboratively with other staff to support youth engagement and leadership by promoting, delivering, and evaluating two specific programs: 1) Garden Youth Apprenticeship Program and 2) Urban Learning Garden's Youth Program. The candidate will be responsible for amplifying diverse youth voices in our local food systems through hands-on outdoor educational programs.

We are seeking candidates who enjoys working on multiple activities and goals, are well-organized, enjoy working with children and youth, and are passionate about food security.

## **KEY RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Develop, deliver and promote garden-based camp programming for children and youth
- Garden maintenance and care, including watering, planting, harvesting, and weeding

- Track program information with quantitative and qualitative indicators
- Prepare a final report on project activities
- Support with other LifeCycles' community events as needed

#### **SKILLS & ABILITIES**

- Experience coordinating and facilitating activities with children and youth
- Knowledge of vegetable gardening and experience planting and caring for a mixed garden that incorporates annual and perennial plants
- Leadership experience working with youth, volunteers, and community members
- Skill with professional writing and public speaking
- Ability to work with diverse communities and perspectives to support shared visioning and collaborative work
- Ability to work in complex environment and manage multiple tasks
- Ability to use social media channels and/or create outreach materials
- Current driver's license an asset

**TO APPLY**, please submit a resume and cover letter to:  
Matthew Kemshaw at [diggers@lifecyclesproject.ca](mailto:diggers@lifecyclesproject.ca)

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.

We sincerely thank all candidates for their interest. However, only those selected for an interview will be notified. No phone calls please.