



HELPING CHILDREN AND YOUTH DISCOVER THEIR INNER NATURE

## **VOLUNTEER JOB POSTING - STEWARDSHIP VOLUNTEER PROGRAM at STRATHCONA COMMUNITY GARDENS**

### **ABOUT US**

The Environmental Youth Alliance (EYA) engages and empowers youth to create meaningful, positive change for our community and environmental health. Our programs cultivate transformative nature experiences for youth in urban spaces to foster community connectedness, build ecological leadership skills, enhance well-being, and increase access to green space in the city. We believe the magic and wonder of nature can nurture life-long environmental values and inspire ecological stewardship. To find out more please go to [www.eya.ca](http://www.eya.ca)

### **ABOUT THE VOLUNTEER POSITION**

As a Stewardship Volunteer, you'll work closely with Jaycee Clarkson, EYA Program Coordinator, to help keep our inner-city sites at the Strathcona Community Gardens looking BEE-autiful. Up to 10 volunteers, ages 15-25, will participate. Volunteers should be prepared to get their hands dirty, while growing their gardening and nature stewardship skills. By taking action to support native plant and wildlife biodiversity initiatives in the city, volunteers will also explore their connection to the natural environment.

- Meet like-minded youth
- Take home some native plants for your garden, for free!
- Snacks and tea will be provided

**Time commitment:** 32 hours

**Dates:** Stewardship volunteer sessions will run from 12:00pm - 4:00pm on the following dates:

- Friday, March 23 (High School not in session, Spring Break)
- Saturday, April 14
- Friday, April 27 (High School not in session, non-instructional day)
- Saturday, May 12
- Saturday, June 2
- Saturday, June 16
- Friday, July 6
- Friday, July 13



## **Responsibilities**

Working with the Program Coordinator to:

### **1. Care for Native Plant Nursery plants**

- Water plants, learn about irrigation and assist when needed
- Assist with transplanting and re-potting of plants as they grow
- Assist with infrastructure maintenance of the greenhouse and nursery

### **2. Maintain wildlife habitat sites**

- Weed and remove invasive / non-native species from EYA's habitat sites in Strathcona Community Garden and Cottonwood Community Garden
- Assist with infrastructure maintenance of raised beds
- Mulch pathways to suppress weeds

### **3. Prepare and maintain native plant demonstration garden sites**

- Remove bricks and reinforce pathways to create new beds
- Follow design plan for installation of new garden beds and features including removing old plants, moving new soil into beds, and mulching
- Assist with planting of native plants & ongoing maintenance (ie. watering, weeding)

## **Requirements**

- Ability to commit to all 8 sessions
- Previous experience with EYA programs, knowledge of gardening and native plants, or a keen attitude and love of learning
- Familiarity with gardening practices and experience working with tools
- Ability to do physical work in an outdoor setting in all weather conditions
- Ability to follow direction and work as a team
- Personal values fit with EYA's mission, values, and culture
- Genuine appreciation for the magic and wonder of nature!

**If you are interested or have any questions, or concerns regarding dates, contact our Program Coordinator:**

**Jaycee Clarkson at [jaycee@eya.ca](mailto:jaycee@eya.ca)**

**Check out our website for more information about our mission, values, culture and programs**  
**[www.eya.ca](http://www.eya.ca)**