



## EYA Peer Mentor – Volunteer Posting

**Volunteer Title:** Peer Mentor

**Dates:** Fall 2019 (see below for dates)

**Hours:** 45 hours

**Stipend:** \$100

### What we do

The Environmental Youth Alliance (EYA) helps youth living in the Downtown Eastside to connect with nature, grow new skills, and make new friends. Our programs empower youth to grow native plants and create gardens that help birds, bees, and other wildlife survive in Vancouver's urban neighbourhoods. To find out more visit <http://www.eya.ca>

### What you'll do

Looking to develop your leadership skills? Curious about environmental education? Passionate about wildlife and plants? Apply to become an EYA Peer Mentor & work alongside experienced EYA staff to run our summer programs for high school-aged youth (see details on next page):

- Wildflower Meadows: 10:30am – 2:30pm, Saturdays (except Oct 5), Sept 14-Nov 9
- Native Plants for Birds: 12:30pm – 4:30pm, Saturdays, Sept 14-Nov 2
- UNYA Wildlife Stewards: 10:30am-2:30pm, Wednesdays, Sept 18-Nov 6 (*dates TBC*)
- Plant Medicine Gardens: 11am – 4pm, Sundays (except Dec 22/29, Jan 5), Oct 6 – Jan 12

As a Peer Mentor volunteer, you will:

- Help with program set-up & clean-up
- Mentor & support program participants
- Learn about environmental education & facilitation
- Develop your leadership & communication skills
- Take photos for EYA's social media channels
- Help maintain wildlife habitat areas - weeding, watering, planting
- Deepen your knowledge of plants and wildlife
- Gain volunteer hours & experience for your resume

### How to apply

The volunteer positions are open to all youth ages of 18 – 25. **We encourage applications from past EYA participants!** To apply, complete this online form:

<https://forms.gle/NPaMm3B1ppRPDATv8>

Applications will be reviewed as soon as they are received, so let us know ASAP if you're interested! **Deadline to apply is Friday September 6th, or until filled.**

We gratefully acknowledge that EYA operates on the unceded and traditional territory of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), səílwətaʔt̚ (Tseil-Waututh), and Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (Squamish people).

## Fall 2019 Program Descriptions

### Wildflower Meadows (2 Mentor Positions)

Youth participants will create three native wildflower meadows across East Vancouver, while learning to identify native bees, insects, and plants. They will also use community science to monitor biodiversity, experience the wonders of beekeeping and learn to make medicinal salves from wildflowers.

**Volunteer Shifts:** 10:30AM – 2:30PM, Saturdays (except Oct 5), Sept 14-Nov 9

### Native Plants for Birds (2 Mentor Positions)

Did you know over 400 species of birds live in & around Vancouver? Youth participants will create and steward bird-supporting native plant habitat in the Downtown Eastside, while practicing basic bird identification. The program includes two field trips to urban bird oases.

**Volunteer Shifts:** 12:30PM – 4:30PM, Saturdays, Sept 14-Nov 2

### UNYA Wildlife Stewards (2 Mentor Positions)

Youth in this program come from the Urban Native Youth Association's Cedar Walk and Aries alternative schools. Participants will help care for wildflower meadows and other garden sites, use community science to monitor biodiversity, and engage in opportunities to connect with traditional teachings from local Indigenous Elders and Knowledge Keepers.

**Volunteer Shift:** 10:30AM-2:30PM, Wednesdays, Sept 18- Nov 6

### Seed Generation (2 Mentor Positions)

Youth participants work together to create an Indigenous food and medicine garden, while learning about cultural plant use from Indigenous knowledge keepers and Elders. This program includes an urban and wilderness camping trip.

**Volunteer Shifts:** 11AM - 4PM, Sundays (except Dec 22/29, Jan 5), Oct 6 – Jan 12