



Job Opportunity

Position Title: Program Coordinator, Rewilding

Location: 500-610 Main St, Vancouver BC

Terms: 32 hrs/wk, permanent

Start Date: April 2020

Hiring Range: \$38,000 - \$40,000

Reports to: Program Manager

NOTE: Substantial weekend work will be required for this position.

What we do: mission & mandate

EYA helps youth facing barriers to connect with nature and develop the skills, confidence, and resilience to become community leaders and environmental stewards. We provide free hands-on programs in inner city green spaces, empowering youth to grow native plants, restore wildlife habitat, carry out community science, and learn about using wild plants for food and medicine. You'll be joining a small but innovative organization, and a team of creative, fun, and likeminded colleagues. We value collaboration, accessibility & inclusivity, and authentic youth leadership. EYA offers a flexible work schedule, options to work at home, a \$300 annual health spending account, and \$150 annual pro D budget. To find out more, visit www.eya.ca

What you'll do: situation & role overview

As Coordinator for the Rewilding Program, you'll design and facilitate several multi-week youth programs each year, including developing curriculum and engaging youth to learn about native plant horticulture and habitat restoration (e.g. invasive species removal and native plantings). You will also support maintenance of EYA's nursery and greenhouse and co-lead a habitat restoration project along Still Creek. The program is based in Strathcona & Cottonwood Community Gardens in the Downtown Eastside, and is run in close partnership with Red Fox Healthy Living Society and Still Moon Arts Society.

Key responsibilities

- Facilitate youth programs: Lead hands-on, experiential activities engaging youth to grow native plants and rewild urban green spaces, including a section of Still Creek
- Support the maintenance of the native plant nursery and greenhouse, including caring for plants over the season using organic practices
- Design programming and develop curriculum, with support from the program manager
- Lead the restoration of a section of Still Creek and help maintain other rewilding areas
- Manage program logistics: create lesson plans, recruit youth & schedule guests
- Develop and maintain positive working relationships with our community partners and local experts
- Recruit and mentor youth volunteers/interns to support program delivery
- Co-plan and coordinate youth-led community celebrations to showcase youths' work
- Manage social media and marketing for the program

- Support program evaluation and reporting
- Support program fundraising work as needed
- Facilitate community or school workshops and stewardship events, as needed
- Ensure program activities adhere to organizational policies, relevant legislation, and professional standards
- Other activities as identified by the Program Manager

What you'll bring: requirements & assets

Are you an energetic and skilled facilitator? Do you have experience with horticulture and ecological restoration and farming/gardening? We're looking for someone with experience running environmental education programs for youth and strong knowledge of horticulture, plant care, and habitat restoration. Preferably, you're familiar with native plants and/or excited to learn more. You're also organized, creative, collaborative, a good communicator, and passionate about plants!

- Undergraduate degree or equivalent experience/training in agriculture, applied biology, environmental science, ecological restoration, ecology, science education, or related field
- 1 - 2 years experience planning and facilitating ecology-related youth programs; experience working with high school-aged youth from marginalized populations preferred
- Experience with ecological restoration, horticulture, or ecological farming; strong interest in urban habitat and rewilding
- Knowledge of plants native to coastal British Columbia an asset, or willingness to learn
- Class 5 driver's licence and ability to join MODO car co-op required; access to a personal vehicle is an asset
- Able to work collaboratively with a small team to achieve shared goals
- Positive attitude, flexible, and willing to pitch in to make things happen
- Clear and concise communication skills
- Able to work independently and take initiative
- Organized and committed to high quality work
- Resourceful, handy, and able to creatively problem-solve
- Able to work responsibly and safely in inner-city garden spaces
- Able to do physical work in an outdoor setting in all weather conditions
- Personal values fit with EYA mission and culture
- Satisfactory criminal record check, including vulnerable sector check, required
- Occupational First Aid Level 1 or willingness to obtain

How to apply

E-mail a short cover letter and resumé (in one document) to Emily Keller, Executive Director with "Program Coordinator application" in the subject line: emily@eya.ca

The deadline to apply is March 30th or until filled. Applications will be reviewed upon submission and interviews will be scheduled on a rolling basis until position is filled.

We encourage applications from BIPOC youth & other youth with lived experience of marginalization.