

JOB DESCRIPTION
Youth Habitat Crew, Support (S1)

Last update: Apr 2025

30 hr/wk

PROGRAM SITE TASKS

- Help to maintain and improve EYA's plant nursery and stewardship sites through weeding, watering, and planting
- Work as a team to remove blackberry, English ivy, and other invasive species
- Dig a large pit to support on-site composting
- Complete small carpentry and construction projects to improve EYA's garden sites
- Help with habitat restoration along Still Creek and at other EYA stewardship sites
- Grow, care for, and plant native plants
- Help to maintain organized program supplies in EYA storage areas
- Learn about land stewardship and habitat restoration
- Follow EYA's safe work practices e.g. safe use of gardening tools
- Support the youth garden redesign project, including decommissioning the existing compost structure and garden beds, and transplanting plants

PROGRAM DELIVERY

- Learn about and support the stewardship of relationships with Indigenous Elders and Knowledge Keepers
- Improve your teamwork, communication, and facilitation/teaching skills
- Help create a supportive team environment through peer mentorship with other crew members and supporting engagement
- Support Program Coordinators in the delivery of younger youth programs as needed

ADMINISTRATION & OTHER

- Support capturing content of program and sites for EYA's social media
- Help to maintain organized program supplies in EYA storage areas
- Commit to fulfilling the program hour requirements and make up hours as needed
- Other activities as identified by the Program Manager

Requirements

- Alumni of EYA program
- Possess beginning to working knowledge of the land stewardship field's concepts and principles
- Experience with gardening and/or habitat restoration
- Able to work outside in all weather conditions doing full days of physical work
- Able to safely use landscaping tools, hammer, saw, etc.
- Familiar with the Downtown Eastside and Strathcona neighborhood
- Able to work responsibly and safely in urban parks and gardens
- Good teamwork & communication skills
- Able to keep up with text and email communication
- Committed to doing your best work
- Excited to learn more about plants and wildlife
- Satisfactory criminal record check, including vulnerable sector check

Assets

- Knowledge of trauma-informed practice
- Knowledge of local native plants and ecology