

Summer Job with EYA

Job Title: Crew Member, Youth Habitat Crew Hours: 30 hours per week (5 days per week, 6 hours per day) Dates: July 3rd – Aug 30th, 2024 (9 weeks) Wages: \$18.50 per hour Benefits: 1 vacation day & 2 paid public holidays

What we do

The Environmental Youth Alliance (EYA) empowers youth from equity-denied communities to become environmental stewards. We provide land-based education and paid job training programs that integrate Western and Indigenous perspectives on land stewardship. Through EYA's free land-based education and employment training programs, youth grow native plants and create gardens that help birds, bees, and other wildlife survive in Vancouver's urban neighborhoods. Find out more about our team and work: <u>www.eya.ca</u>

What you'll do in this job

Do you care about wildlife and plants? Are you good at working on a team? Do you like working outside in nature? Apply to join EYA's Youth Habitat Crew – a team of 8 youth responsible for maintaining wildlife habitat and improving EYA's outdoor programming sites in East Vancouver parks this summer.

This job is open to EYA program alumni ages 15 - 20. EYA prioritizes applications from people who identify as Indigenous, Black, People of Colour, 2SLGBTQIA+, living with a disability, and folks from other equity-denied communities. We encourage you to self-identify on the application form.

Responsibilities

As a member of the Youth Habitat Crew, you will:

- Maintain & improve EYA's plant medicine gardens and wildlife habitat areas weeding, watering, planting
- Remove blackberry, English ivy, and other invasive species
- Grow, care for, and plant native plants that support wildlife

- Help with habitat restoration along Still Creek
- Dig a large pit to support on-site composting
- Complete small carpentry and construction projects to improve EYA's garden sites
- Take photos and make short videos to post on EYA's social media channels
- Write a short blog about your work experience
- Follow EYA's safe work practices e.g. safe use of gardening tools
- Increase your knowledge of wildlife and habitat gardening
- Improve your teamwork, communication, and facilitation/teaching skills
- Gain work experience for your resume

What You'll Bring

- Alumni of an EYA Nature Stewards, Roots & Shoots, or Youth Habitat Crew program
- Able to work outside in all-weather conditions doing full days of physical work
- Experience with gardening and/or habitat restoration
- Able to safely use landscaping tools, hammer, saw, etc.
- Good teamwork & communication skills
- Able to keep up with text and email communication
- Excited to learn more about plants and wildlife
- Familiar with the Downtown Eastside and Strathcona neighborhood
- Able to work responsibly and safely in urban parks and gardens
- Satisfactory criminal record check, including vulnerable sector check

How to apply

Fill out the online application form <u>HERE</u>. If you have questions, email Jess at jess@eya.ca

The deadline to apply is **May 27th**.

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