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Volunteer Posting

Volunteer Position: Peer Mentor
Posting End Date: August 30, 2018
Name of Program: Peer Education

Program Description: The Peer Education Program is a peer preventative education program that works with youth to tackle different social issues. This unique program empowers youth to share information about social issues with their peers and provide information and tools to help them make healthy decisions.

Collingwood Neighbourhood House's (CNH) Peer Education Program is looking for young adults to take on mentorship roles for school-aged youth. The Peer Mentor is expected to be involved with the Program from August 2018 to April 2019. From January-April 2019, the mentor oversees after school sessions of the program for 3 hours a week, for roughly 15 weeks total with a conference style fair to wrap up the program.

Day and Time: **Commitment: approx. 62-65 hours total (or at least 3 months)*Dates and times subject to change***

- **August-September 2018**
 - Initial Meeting/Orientation (2 Hours)
 - Mentor Training Workshop on August 30th Mentor Workshop, 1pm-4pm (3 hours)
 - Go to local elementary school to promote the program for the month of September (Approx. 30 minutes)
- **October 2018**
 - Training workshops on Friday 19th from 4:30-7:30 and Saturday the 20th from 10am-1pm at CNH. (~3 hours each)
- **November 2018**
 - Youth Driven Forum Planning/Orientation Thursday Nov. 15th from 5pm-8pm
- **December 2018**
 - Youth Driven Forum on Friday, Dec. 7th 9am-3pm (6 hours)
- **January – May 2019**
 - Weekly afterschool sessions from the second week of January onwards (~25-30 hours)
 - 3:15 – 4:30pm Run session with both elementary & high school students

- 4:30 – 4:50pm Debrief & plan subsequent sessions with high school volunteers
- Attend Peer Facilitator meetings (Thursday evenings, 1.5 hours each)
- Peer Education Fair on Friday, April 26th (6 hours)

Location: Renfrew-Collingwood Neighbourhood and Collingwood Neighbourhood House

Duties: **Position Overview:**

- The role will involve working closely with a group of high school and grade 7 students from the Renfrew-Collingwood neighbourhood. The mentor will facilitate a weekly after school youth group alongside the support of program coordinators, other staff, and volunteers.
- The mentor should be someone who is passionate about working with youth, while learning about and tackling different social issues in the community.

The mentor's main task is to provide guidance for a small group to research on a chosen social issue; ideally the mentor will be passionate about 3 topics and have some general knowledge on them. They will support the youth to develop a workshop to showcase at an annual fair in May. Past years topics include: Bullying, online safety, body image, substance abuse, mental health, LBGTQ2 and more.

Requirements: **Volunteer Qualifications:**

- Understanding of how to work within an anti-oppressive framework.
- Knowledge of youth experiences and resources in the Renfrew-Collingwood area.
- Ability to lead and facilitate weekly after school sessions.
- Education and work experience in areas such as social work, psychology, social justice, and youth empowerment training is an asset.

Benefits: Honoraria will be awarded at the end of the program as a thank you for the mentor's commitment. Other bonuses include: enthusiastic references and a sense of connection and accomplishment. 😊

If you are interested in volunteering, please submit your completed registration form to Irene Mella, Office and Volunteer Coordinator (email: imella@cnh.bc.ca, tel: 604-435-0323 ext 246).