

The Youth Project Community Educator

The Youth Project is a youth driven, non-profit charitable organization dedicated to providing support and services to youth around issues of sexual orientation and gender identity. Education is one of the key activities we undertake in working towards our mission to make Nova Scotia a safer, healthier, and happier place for LGBTQ2+ youth.

As part of an expansion of our education work, we are currently seeking two passionate and committed Community Educators. Based in Halifax, one position is full time permanent (35 hours per week). The other is a full time contract position running from September to the end of May. Depending on funding, there is the possibility that this position will be extended. Salary range is \$16-\$19 per hour depending on experience.

The ideal candidate will be able to have complex and nuanced discussions around gender and sexuality. They will also understand the issues faced by LGBTQ2+ youth and the way various identities intersect with one another to create layered experiences and a unique set of needs for each youth. Furthermore, the ideal candidate will have a deep understanding of social justice issues and be able to apply this knowledge in a way that is open, welcoming, and cognizant of the need to create safer and affirming environments.

This position reports to the Education Coordinator.

Duties:

- Facilitate interactive educational workshops on sexual orientation, gender identity, homophobia, and transphobia in schools and community organizations.
- Tailor workshop activities and subjects to different audiences.
- Represent the Youth Project positively.
- Work with the Education Coordinator to promote, arrange, and schedule workshops.
- Assist in continued resource development, including the updating of workshops and resource material.
- Work along with other staff to create a safer, welcoming and affirming environment for LGBTQ2+ youth, particularly those LGBTQ2+ youth facing multiple forms of oppression.
- Engage in community development to ensure a diverse range of community and school spaces have access to the services provided by the Youth Project.
- Other duties as may be assigned.

Job Requirements:

- Experience in and comfort with workshop facilitation and public speaking.

- Working knowledge of sexual orientation and gender identity and the role they play in the lives of young people.
- A complex understanding of how homophobia, transphobia, heterosexism, racism, sexism, ageism, ableism, classism and other forms of oppression work to inform experience and affect the lives of young people.
- A valid driver's license is required and access to a reliable vehicle is strongly preferred. Must also be willing to travel throughout the province.
- Good communication skills.
- Effective time management.
- Ability to work individually and as part of a team.
- Must be willing to work flexible hours (including some evenings and weekends).
- Must value and utilize non-judgmental, non-confrontational participant centered learning.
- Comfortable interacting with school staff and senior administrators to demonstrate the importance of the work we do and promote the services of the Youth Project.

Assets

- Knowledge of Nova Scotia's education system.
- Knowledge of both English and French

As an organization serving youth dealing with issues of sexual orientation and gender identity, the Youth Project recognizes and values lived experiences of oppression and discrimination. If you are Black, Indigenous, a person of colour, a member of the LGBTQ2+ community, and/or a member of other groups facing discrimination, we welcome you to include this in your application.

To apply please send a cover letter and resume to the attention of Hari Eswaran, Education Coordinator, via e-mail at jobs@youthproject.ns.ca Application deadline is Monday September 10th, 2018. Confidentiality is assured.