

## Community Food Intern – Child and Youth Engagement Neighbour to Neighbour Centre, Hamilton, ON

Neighbour to Neighbour (N2N) is looking for energetic community food interns to join our team working to lead our community to an improved quality of life. This position description outlines the responsibilities of the **Community Food Intern – Child and Youth Engagement** job.

We are seeking an intern to assist with our weekly Kids Club and other programming to engage our child and youth participants. We provide activities where children and youth learn cooking and gardening skills and nature play. The Intern in this role will also devote half of their time to assisting the Community Garden Skills Coordinator with maintaining the community garden spaces and helping garden members.

### POSITION DETAILS

NOTE: Positions are dependent on confirmation of Service Canada, Canada Summer Jobs funding. Therefore, the term length may vary and is subject to change.

- Position term: 480 hours over 16 weeks
- Employment start date: Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- Hours of work: 30 hours/week
- Schedule: Varied. Some weekend or evening work is required.
- Wage rate per hour: \$15.00 (not subject to change)

### ELIGIBILITY NOTES

These positions available pending funding through Service Canada, Canada Summer Jobs, which requires that all students:

- Can complete the full hours before August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
- Are between 15 and 30 years of age;
- Are Canadian citizens, permanent residents, or have official refugee protection status under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act; and
- Are legally entitled to work in Canada, according to relevant provincial/territorial legislation and regulations

### RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the direction of the Manager of Food Access and Skills, the Child and Youth Engagement intern's responsibilities will be to:

- Assist the Manager of Food Access and Skills and the Community Garden Skills Coordinator in programming for children and youth and garden programming for all ages including set-up and clean-up of program activities and guiding participants in programming activities.
- Assistance with communications for child and youth participants and their parents/caregivers
- Assist with record keeping and other program evaluations tasks
- Assist the Community Garden Skills Coordinator with garden maintenance including planting/seeding, weeding, watering, pest and disease management, garden structure repair, harvesting and post-harvest handling

Additional responsibilities may also include:

- Assist coordinator or manager in creating and updating resources such as handouts and manuals or social media content

- Other duties as required

#### **What You'll Learn/Gain from working with us**

- Experience developing, organizing, and facilitating programs focused on community development, food education, and food justice for a diversity of groups
- Practice developing and facilitating workshops and other educational programming
- Problem solving and analytical skills
- Collaborating with community partners
- Promoting justice through food programs

#### **QUALIFICATIONS**

- Willingness to work outdoors to help facilitate children's programming and complete gardening tasks such as digging, pruning, weeding, some lifting
- Strong communication and organizational skills
- Ability to work independently with guidance from a coordinator or manager
- Computer literacy in common office applications (e.g. Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Excel)
- Good interpersonal skills

#### **ASSETS (ideal but not required)**

- Some experience with gardening, cooking, and/or food justice work
- Experience working with volunteers and community members in a leadership capacity
- Knowledge of, lived experience of, and/or commitment to issues of hunger, poverty, social justice
- Experience working in a fast-paced environment
- Ability to speak a language relevant to the neighbourhood (e.g. Spanish, Arabic, or Kurdish)
- Access to a reliable car or bicycle
- Valid First Aid certificate

To apply for this position, please send your cover letter including the job title, description of interest in community food, and summary of skills as well as your resume via email to [resumes@n2ncentre.com](mailto:resumes@n2ncentre.com). Please put "**Community Food Intern – Child and Youth application**" in the subject header. No generic applications will be considered. All applications must be received by **Wednesday, April 13th, 2022**.

Neighbour to Neighbour Centre is committed to employment equity and encourages applicants from equity seeking groups. We regret that only those applicants being considered will be contacted.

#### **Employer's Message on COVID-19**

Neighbour 2 Neighbour is providing essential services to our community during the COVID-19 pandemic. We adhere to all Provincial orders to protect the health and safety of staff, volunteers and participants/clients.