

Community Garden Skills Intern Neighbour to Neighbour Centre, Hamilton, ON

Neighbour to Neighbour (N2N) is looking for an energetic Community Garden Skills interns to join our team working to promote community engagement and food access.

N2N is a community hub providing diverse, essential programs and services to our community. The Garden Skills intern will work with our staff, volunteers, and community partners at our two locations – the N2N Main Centre and the Hamilton Community Food Centre. Both are located on the West mountain in Hamilton.

N2N coordinates garden skills in 3 different gardens that support our community by providing access to healthy fruits and vegetables for families living on low-incomes.

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 9th, 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 27th, 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 Community Garden Skills Coordinator, responsibilities will be to:

- Support community garden development and maintenance including planting/seeding, weeding, watering, pest and disease management, garden structure repair, harvesting and post-harvest handling
- Contribute to an inviting and supportive atmosphere during garden programming
- Provide direction, assistance and advice to garden participants
- Assist with record keeping and other program evaluations tasks

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

Through your work with Neighbour to Neighbour and the Garden programs, you will have opportunities to learn:

- Gardening skills, (e.g. plant care, soil care, tool maintenance)
- Volunteer coordination

- Process of developing programs that focus on community development, food education, and food justice

QUALIFICATIONS

- Demonstrated experience working or spending time outdoors or gardening
- Willingness to work outdoors to complete gardening tasks such as watering, weeding, heavy lifting
- Willingness to work outside in all weather
- Strong communication and organizational skills
- Ability to work cooperatively with others and independently using strong problem solving skills
- Computer literacy in common office applications (e.g. Word, Excel, Powerpoint, Excel)
- Excellent interpersonal skills

ASSETS (ideal but not required)

- Interest in exploring a career in agriculture, urban farming and/or community work
- Experience working with diverse communities (people of different ages, gender identities, abilities, backgrounds, and incomes) in a sensitive manner
- Experience working with volunteers and community members
- Knowledge of, lived experience of, and/or commitment to issues of hunger, poverty, social justice
- Ability to speak a language relevant to the neighbourhood (e.g. Spanish, Arabic, Vietnamese, Thai, Turkish, Tagalog, Hindi, Mandarin, or Kurdish)
- 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. Please put "**Community Garden Skills Intern 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.