

YouthCO HIV & Hep C Society of BC, located in Vancouver, works towards creating a world where youth empower youth to make informed decisions about their own well-being and work together to put an end to the stigma surrounding HIV & Hep C. Our programs reduce the vulnerability to, and minimize the impact of HIV and Hep C on the youth of British Columbia through peer support and education, harm reduction, shared leadership and meaningful community engagement. As an organization YouthCO works to be youth-driven, inclusive, sex-positive, anti-oppressive and innovative in our programming.

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

The Theatre Troupe Coordinator will facilitate and coordinate YouthCO's volunteer theatre troupe program. The program consists of weekly youth volunteer group nights and facilitated YouthCO HIV workshops in the community with the primary goal to educate youth about HIV, anti-oppression, and stigma. This position reports to YouthCO's Peer Education Manager.

Responsibilities

- Facilitate volunteer forum Theatre Troupe evenings every Wednesday night 6-9pm
- Coordinate the Theatre Troupe, including promotion, bookings, volunteer management, solicitation of honourariums, meetings, community/volunteer liaison and evaluation
- Ensure that grassroots Theatre Troupe curriculum is in line with YouthCO messaging and highlights the relationship between HIV stigma and oppression
- Collaborate with other staff and volunteers to monitor the effectiveness of the Theatre Troupe Program as it relates to other programs throughout the agency
- Provide ongoing research and development of innovative forum training curriculum, modules and practices
- Develop and deliver/facilitate trainings for Theatre Troupe volunteers
- Ensure that Theatre Troupe volunteers receive necessary training, support and advocacy
- Provide appropriate assistance and support to Theatre Troupe volunteers, including conflict resolution and opportunities for supportive listening
- In collaboration with other staff in the Peer Education Program, screen, place and orient new Theatre Troupe volunteers to the agency
- Oversee, prepare and collect statistical reports pertaining to the Theatre Troupe Program, including volunteer hours contributed, service delivery trends, comparisons, activities, issues and concerns Assist management with relevant program reports for funders and funding proposals

We're looking for applicants who have . . .

- Strong experience in forum theatre
- Working knowledge or a willingness to learn about HIV and Hep C as well as related issues, such as poverty, housing, substance use, harm reduction, sex work and youth in custody
- Strong skills in dynamic, high-energy workshop facilitation and presentation

- Awareness of and creative approaches to diverse ways of learning
- Warmth, humour, self-awareness, assertiveness, accessibility, and sex-positivity
- A passion and gift for youth engagement, and ability to relate to and connect with youth from a variety of ages (15-29), and backgrounds
- Organizational and time management skills and attention to detail
- Familiarity with and comfort speaking about youth issues related to sexual health, drug use, HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C, and harm reduction
- A demonstrated commitment promoting and living anti-racist and anti-oppression practices
- Initiative and ability to work both independently and in collaboration with others
- Ability to represent YouthCO in the community in a positive and professional way
- Ability to spot and resolve problems as they arise using non-violent conflict resolution strategies
- Ability to be flexible, stay calm in challenging situations, and problem-solve on your feet

Additional assets include...

- Experience working with community based organizations/non-profit agencies
- Experience training others in forum theatre workshop facilitation and delivery
- Experience working with HIV positive youth or connection to HIV+ community

IT DOESN'T HURT TO APPLY! *If you think you're a strong candidate for this position, but you're concerned you don't have all of the listed qualifications, we encourage you to apply anyway. Tell us in your cover letter how you plan to build your knowledge and apply transferable skills.*

POSITION DETAILS:

This is a part time position 10 hours per week. Hours may be flexible. The successful candidate must be willing to work some evening and weekend shifts. Starting wage is \$15.50 – \$16.25 per hour .

We encourage youth under age 25, youth living with HIV/AIDS or Hep C, youth from First Nations/Aboriginal communities; youth from newcomer and immigrant communities; youth of colour, LGB, Queer, and Transgender youth; youth living with disabilities and members of other underrepresented communities to apply.

Application Deadline: Please email applications, including resume and cover letter, preferably in PDF format to: Tasha Nijjar at tashan@youthco.org no later than **10 am December 9th**

Interviews will take place on: Monday December 12th

Preferred start date: Wednesday December 14th

We want to thank everyone who applies for this position in advance. Only successful, short-listed candidates will be contacted. No telephone or email inquiries please. Further information on YouthCO and its services can be found at www.youthco.org