



Food Forest @305 Coordinator

Deadline to Apply: Until Filled

Send to:

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Part-time (21hr/week, \$25.00/hr)

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About Children's Peace Theatre (CPT)

Children's Peace Theatre uses the arts and artistic creativity as critical tools for personal and social transformation. Our mandate is to co-create a culture of peace and truth using arts based, intergenerational and holistic approach that cultivates ecological, social and spiritual resilience within the individual and the community we serve. We center the voices of Indigenous and Black communities to co-create imaginative solutions for equitable and fair futures for all. We are developing culturally appropriate programs, leadership models and governance models that foster connections to mental, physical, emotional and spiritual well-being and align with Indigenous and Black traditional teachings to meet the evolving needs of future leaders.

Food Forest @305

The Food Forest @305 is a new initiative developed to increase relationships to space and land. To have a relationship with the land that Children's Peace Theatre resides on requires us to put in reciprocal energy into the land that holds it. Stewarding plants that will bring biodiversity back, contributing to the ecosystems and sustainable edible and medicinal plant production.

Programming and activities will be developed to help Indigenous and Black youth to build new skills, share teachings and knowledge, and build new relationships between youth, community, staff at CPT and the land!

The goals of the project are to:

- Sustainably add sustenance to the local territory
- Increase access to Indigenous knowledge systems that support inter-generational learning including land-based learning programs.
- Develop Indigenous place-making projects that promote food security, the growing of traditional medicines and/or ecological biodiversity
- Improve access to health-care and Mind-Body-Spirit wellness for the Indigenous community

Key Responsibilities:

- Implement and evaluate the Food Forest activities including:
- Coordinate planting Food and Medicinal plants on the land
- Design and Coordinate 4 session to invite Council, Staff, community leaders and youth to participate in planting/ harvesting of ceremonial medicines.
- Engage indigenous youth to design and implement a planting/ harvesting plan and series of activities for harvesting and preserving.
- Support staff to develop new relationships with community to build land based reciprocal relationships and build an ongoing volunteer team of land stewards
- Co-develop Communications strategy including outreach and documentation
- Coordinate and support volunteers
- Work closely Artistic Director (AD) and other Program Coordinators to coordinate knowledge sharing workshops and Community Events
- Manage project budgets
- Willing to work flexible hours, including evenings and weekends.

Food Forest @305 Coordinator:

The Food Forest @305 Coordinator is a 3 month paid contract position for 21 hour/week at (\$25.00/hr) (April to, June 2024) with opportunities for extended Summer/Fall contract.

Food Forest @305 Coordinator will have a passion for land stewardship, growing food and herbs, possess a strong understanding of the needs of Black and Indigenous communities, and have experience mentoring young people.

Food Forest @305 Coordinator will be responsible for supporting young Indigenous and Black people to connect to the land and participate in projects that increase access to Indigenous and black knowledge systems, Intergenerational learning: food security, seeding, caretaking, harvest and preservation.

Food Forest @305 Coordinator will have a proactive approach to work and a strong ability to network and develop effective relationships with a wide range of contacts including staff, volunteers, community partners, grassroots leaders and funders.

Report directly to the Artistic Director to plan, budget, organize, facilitate and evaluate Family Food Forest Activities.

Requirements

Relationship with the plant nation.

Experience in Program Coordination

Experience in Facilitation

Proficiency in Budgets and Organization

Understanding or willing to learn and use Google Drive

Cultural Knowledges and Understandings an asset

Skills for success, with opportunities for growth:

Experience with Gardening, Guerilla Gardening, Agroforestry
Budget planning and management experience
Proficiency with excel, google docs etc.
Facilitation skills and Event Planning
Project management experience
Interpersonal relationship building and networking
Familiarity and understanding of Black and Indigenous intersections
Ability to communicate ideas verbally and in writing
Independent judgment when dealing with confidential or sensitive issues
Ability to work independently and be a member or lead of a team
Strong problem solving skills
Strong anti-oppression analysis
Experience with or willing to learn land based practices -growing foods and medicines
Collaborative programming for Black/Indigenous youth in arts and land based learnings
Creative / Artistic / Spiritual practice in any discipline
Harm reduction / trauma informed trainings an asset

COMMITMENT TO ANTI-RACISM AND ANTI-OPPRESSION

The Children's Peace Theatre understands that the BIPoC communities served by the organization contribute to the growth, enrichment and strength of Children's Peace Theatre and looks to provide safer space for these communities to access. We acknowledge the fact these communities often encounter barriers to full access and participation because of racism and oppression. The Children's Peace Theatre is committed to providing a creative space that takes preventative measures to allow for safer space for BIPoC communities.

Children's Peace Theatre works within an Anti-Racist and Anti-Oppression Framework towards creating a culture of peace and promotes principles of Courage, Compassion and Creativity at all levels of our work.

Staff will at all times be responsible for following safe work practices for their own safety and the safety of other staff and clients, you may be required to have a police records check if your project works with vulnerable persons.

How to Apply:

Electronic applications only. Please submit the following application materials in either Word or PDF format.

Address your cover letter to Kayla Sutherland with allmyrelations@childrenspeacetheatre.org

Please put “FF @305 Coordinator” in the subject line.

- A current resume and cover letter/letter of interest.
- Names and contact information for at least three (3) references

The start date for the position is April 1st (Until Filled)

Children’s Peace Theatre is an equitable employer and strongly encourages candidates who are members of equity seeking groups, Indigenous peoples, and people with disabilities to apply.

We do regret however our facility is only wheelchair accessible on the Main Floor.

We thank everyone for their interest.

~Children’s Peace Theatre