



Community Garden - Earth Worker

30 hours/week, 8 week contract

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* Note: ***This position is funded by the Canada Summer Jobs program. Applicants must fill out and include the [Canada Summer Jobs Eligibility Form](#)***

Please click [here](#) to fill out an eligibility form *

The Stop Community Food Centre uses food as a tool for community development in the Davenport West and Wynchwood Heights neighbourhoods of Toronto. The Stop runs an urban agriculture program at several sites, which include vegetable gardens (Earls court, Global Roots & the Sheltered Gardens), a greenhouse (the Green Barn), and most relevantly, an Indigenous-focused garden with Traditional food & medicinal plants Mashkikii;aki'ing ~ Medicine Earth, the Medicine Wheel Garden.

Mashkikii;aki'ing is located in Hillcrest park, a significant landscape historically shaped in numerous ways, by our Indigenous Ancestors. This site is on a high point of the ridge, known in Anishnaabemoen as Gete Onigaming ("very old portage"), which runs along the north side of Davenport Road, the former shore of Lake Iroquois. The Mashkikii (MKK) Team grows Native food crops, such as heritage Three Sisters, various Medicines, including the Sacred Medicines native to this territory and wild-craft directly from the Land. We also support other local Indigenous communities in planting, growing, harvesting and using these plants, with Ceremony, songs and stories.

We are currently seeking an enthusiastic candidate, of ancestry Indigenous to Turtle Island, to responsibly assist in stewarding Mashkikii;aki'ing

Reports - to the Mashkikii;aki'ing Community Garden Coordinator.

Responsibilities:

- Support the Mashkikii;aki'ing (MKK) Team in Indigenous Land/Food/Medicine Sovereignty, Stewardship, eco-restoration and Cultural regeneration projects
- Support MKK programs, with meal preparation, hosting space, curriculum co-facilitation, honourable-harvest & processing, holding Ceremonies, Storytelling, cultural projects and all general Mashkikii;aki'ing garden care
- Support weekly community sessions with Sagatay and NaMeRes groups
- Support participants / volunteers in all aspects of engaging with the garden ecosystem, working with the plant Medicines and in cultural production
- Involve members of the wider Indigenous community
- Assist with Mashkikii;aki'ing garden maintenance outside session times (e.g., watering, pest control, composting, etc)
- Assist with maintenance of MKK growing spaces in The Stop's Greenhouse
- Support workshops, tours and talks (one-off's & series) done in and with Indigenous community partners
- Maintain MKK garden records, program logs and storage spaces

- Support The Stop's Urban Agriculture special events, field trips, work bees and educational programming

Please note, there will be opportunities for this position to work among The Stop's other Urban Agriculture sites, from time to time.

Qualifications:

- Experience in organic/holistic/natural/ecological/permaculture gardening – a strong asset (through any of the following: paid employment, volunteer work, personal experience)
- Commitment to and understanding of anti-racist and anti-oppressive practices
- Commitment to and understanding of food justice and social justice principles
- Experience engaging with diverse groups, preferable in a community garden context
- Excellent interpersonal skills, ie. working with a diversity of people facing intersectional barriers, including Black, Indigenous, and other racialized communities, as well as people managing different abilities
- Experience working in a fast-paced, busy environment
- Ability to organize and maintain clean and sanitary spaces
- Ability to work independently and in a team
- Basic computer skills with programs such as Word, Excel, E-mail
- Creative thinking – a strong asset
- Ability to speak a language relevant to the neighbourhood (e.g. Anishnaabe Moen, Kanienke, nehiyawewin or other First Nations, Metis, Inuit languages)
- Food Handler Certificate and First Aid training - an asset
- Some evenings and some weekend work - required
- Strong listening skills - required

Salary: \$15/hr

Hours: 30 hrs /week

Target Start date: Monday July 9th, 2018

Please submit your eligibility form, cover letter and résumé by Wednesday June 27th, 2018 at 5 pm to jobs@thestop.org with the subject heading: Community Garden - Earth Worker

Target timeline for interviews to be held at the Green Barn location:

Thursday June 28th, 2018

2:00pm- 3:00pm

3:30 pm- 4:30 pm

Friday June 29th, 2018

10:00am- 11:00am

11:30 am- 12:30 am

The Stop Community Food Centre is committed to employment equity and encourages applicants from equity-seeking groups. Priority will be given to qualified candidates who are of Indigenous ancestry, and/ or Black, and/ or (otherwise) racialized.

Internal candidates are encouraged to apply. We regret that only those applicants being considered will be contacted. No faxes or phone calls please.