

QMUNITY

GAB Youth Program Drop-in Volunteer

The organization: QMUNITY is BC's LGBTQ/2S community hub and exists to improve queer, trans and Two-Spirit lives. We do this in three ways: by supporting individuals, by strengthening our communities, and by leading the way towards legal and lived equality. We currently have 9 staff, and a large pool of volunteers.

QMUNITY operates on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territories of Indigenous peoples across British Columbia. In particular, QMUNITY offices are located on the Coast Salish territories of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.

The program: Our GAB youth drop-ins are a community-oriented space where youth aged 14-25 can hang out and seek support. Drop-in volunteers help facilitate and support a safer space for youth to meet similar people and to just be themselves, and are coordinated and supervised by QMUNITY Youth Workers. Our drop-ins take place 4-6pm on Wednesdays and 6-8pm on Fridays.

Responsibilities:

- Playing games/facilitating activities with youth.
- Engaging with new/shy youth who might have difficulties joining activities and conversations.
- Supporting youth by providing relevant referrals and active listening.
- Meeting with QMUNITY Specialist, Youth Programming for 30-minutes before and after scheduled drop-in times.

Qualifications:

- Lived experience as an LGBTQ/2S+ person, with priority being given to folks with lived QTBIPOC experiences.
- 21 years of age or over.
- Completion of a Criminal Record Check.
- Strong knowledge of anti-oppressive frameworks.
- Passionate about creating safer spaces for LGBTQ/2S youth.
- Experience working with marginalized communities.
- Strong ability to support and advocate for trans youth.
- Experience working with Indigenous communities.
- Approachable/flexible.
- Background in mental health/counselling support work is an asset.

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Time commitment:

- Dedication to a regular shift that works within your schedule. 1-4 shifts per month is preferred.
- Long term availability (commitment to a minimum of three months).

Benefits:

- An opportunity to give back to and support youth.
- Experience and training in the provision of peer and social support to members of queer, trans, and Two Spirit communities.
- Ongoing professional development and training opportunities.
- Continued support from staff and other volunteers.
- Potential for letters of recommendation and references.
- Eligibility for Volunteer of the Month and Volunteer of the Year awards.

Accountability:

Evaluation and support is provided on an ongoing basis through regular check-ins with QMUNITY Youth Workers.

To apply:

Please send a statement of interest detailing relevant experience to QMUNITY's Specialist, Engagement & Donor Relations at engagement@qmunity.ca.

Accessibility:

QMUNITY's main office space is located on the second level of the building. Applicants should be aware that there is a flight of 23 stairs to reach the office.

Diversity:

QMUNITY is committed to equity and prioritizes applications from underrepresented groups including trans and gender variant persons, Indigenous persons, persons of colour, and persons with disabilities.

Applications are closed until August 2019.