



Food Skills Coordinator Job Posting

The Nelson Food Cupboard Society (NFCS) offers food access, food skills and community engagement programs. All programs aim to support low income and potentially vulnerable community members in dignified ways.

We are looking for a part-time (12 hours/week) Food Skills Coordinator for our weekly lunchtime cooking program and our weekly food demonstrations. This is an eight month contract (August, 2018 – March, 2019) with the potential for continued employment. For the first two months of the contract (August and September, 2018) the Food Skills Coordinator will support the Harvest Rescue Coordinator for part of their hours. The ideal applicant will be able to work flexible hours, especially in August and September.

The Food Skills Coordinator will be responsible for planning and facilitating hands-on cooking sessions and mentoring students and volunteers in this program area. Special effort will be made to engage low-income residents as program participants and volunteers including adults, seniors, youth, and parents of young children. Therefore, the candidate will possess a mixture of social work skills and food preparation knowledge and skills. The candidate must be able to work effectively and sensitively with a wide range of community members.

The Food Skills Coordinator will work effectively with NFCS staff to ensure the society's overall objectives are being met. Extensive collaboration within the programs is expected.

Qualifications

- Extensive experience working with people of low-incomes;
- Extensive experience with healthy cooking and food prep (through paid or volunteer work);
- Two years of experience with group facilitation;
- Demonstrated ability to move people from knowledge to action; ability to inspire, teach and empower community members to engage in positive change;
- Experience in a leadership capacity with volunteers and community members;
- Knowledge of systems with which low-income and/or marginalized people interact such as Income Assistance, supportive housing, Legal Aid, etc. an asset;
- Demonstrated ability to work with diverse communities using a strengths-based approach, showing sensitivity to those who experience poverty/discrimination;
- Commitment to social justice and working towards improving food systems and poverty issues;
- Familiarity with Nelson (living and/or working) considered an asset; and
- Safe food handling and First Aid training is required.

Hours: 12 per week

Wage: \$21 per hour, + \$2.10 per hour in lieu of benefits after three months of employment

Application deadline: July 11, 2018

Please send a cover letter and résumé to: Marya Skrypiczajko; marya@foodcupboard.org

Note: Only applicants being interviewed will be contacted. Thank you for considering this opportunity.

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