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Job Posting: Farm & School Programs Educator

Loving Spoonful connects people with good food across Kingston and area. Working toward a healthier, more connected community, Loving Spoonful provides programs and champions policies affecting food security, poverty, social inclusion, and community health.

Position Summary

The Farm & School Programs Educator will support both the GROW Project and the Urban Agriculture program.

Loving Spoonful's GROW Project aims to empower children to become leaders in building a strong, connected community around good food. The GROW Project utilizes food and gardens as tools to examine topics that relate to food systems, culture, ecology and climate change. The GROW Project provides a series of seven curriculum-connected workshops for Grades 4 to 8 students, and curriculum extensions for kindergarten to grade 3, offering a full year of experiential learning opportunities that help set the foundation for lifelong healthy behaviours. The Farm & School Programs Educator will be responsible for coordination of farm field trips with GROW Project schools; field trip development; delivery of ½ day field trips including preparation and clean-up; coordination of volunteers; outreach; and tracking. This work will mostly take place between August and November.

Loving Spoonful's Urban Agriculture program supports the local food system and builds community by providing training and access to resources related to agroecological food production. The Community Training Farm, operated by Loving Spoonful, is a new project launching in summer of 2022. This Community Training Farm will produce food for Loving Spoonful's Fresh Food Access programs, and will pilot a new farmer training project this year. The Farm & School Programs Educator will support the establishment of the new community farm site, assist with supervising training participants, and support the integration of the community farm with Loving Spoonful's other programs (in particular, the GROW Project). The Farm & School Programs Educator will also assist with other Urban Agriculture educational programs, including the Kingston Community Gardens Network and the Garden for Good YGK (home gardeners) project.

Schedule

The position is seasonal and part-time (30 hours/week) for 25 weeks, from June 6 to November 25, 2022, reporting to both the GROW Coordinator and the Urban Agriculture Manager.

The majority of working hours will occur Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Due to the agricultural nature of this position, some flexibility in scheduling will be required (for example, to accommodate inclement weather). Some evenings and/or weekend work may be required.

Compensation

Hourly wage: \$21.63/hour

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Key Duties & Responsibilities

Responsibilities for the Urban Agriculture program include:

- Working with the Urban Agriculture Manager and other community farm staff to support the physical establishment of the new Community Training Farm site (June - July, 2022)
- Assist with supervision and training of new farmer training program participants
- Perform outreach to various partner agencies and grassroots groups to develop long-term projects and partnerships for the Community Training Farm
- Assist with the development of educational programming for gardeners through the Kingston Community Gardens Network and the Garden for Good YGK project
- Support the Urban Agriculture Manager with administrative tasks as needed

Responsibilities for the GROW Project include:

- Working with the GROW Coordinator to develop and implement hands-on farm field trips with GROW schools including scheduling, preparation, facilitation, clean-up and evaluation
- Coordination, management and training of volunteers
- Program tracking and evaluation, including capturing photos, quotes, stories, and observations
- Promoting Loving Spoonful, the GROW Project, and the power of hands-on food curriculum to members of the community, schools, administrators and other partners
- Support the GROW Coordinator with administrative tasks as needed

Skills & Experience Required

- Experience with vegetable gardening and/or farming
- Demonstrated success with project development, coordination, and management
- Experience coordinating and supervising volunteers
- Practice in teaching children, youth and/or adults hands-on activities (preferably related to gardening and/or food)
- Experience working with children, youth and/or adults from diverse backgrounds
- Ability to perform physical labour and lift up to 40 pounds

Competencies

- Knowledge of and interest in community food security, food systems, and social justice
- Self-directed with ability to work independently
- Exceptional organizational, planning and time management skills
- Ability to adapt to change and to prioritize tasks accordingly
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Proficient computer skills, including Microsoft Office, G-Suite, and various social media outlets

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Other Requirements

- A valid driver's license and insurance
- A valid Police Information Check with Vulnerable Sector populations (can be applied for during interview process; offer contingent upon confirmation)
- Proof of full vaccination against Covid-19. If you cannot be vaccinated for reasons recognized by the Human Rights Code or due to an approved medical exemption, then you may be accommodated.

How to Apply

Please send resume and cover letter to the Urban Agriculture Manager (ayla@lovingspoonful.org) by 5:00 pm on Wednesday, May 25, 2022.

Loving Spoonful is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to diversity and inclusion in the workplace. If you require accommodations during the interview process, please include them with your application.

We thank all applicants for their interest in this position. Only applicants considered for an interview will be contacted.