Syme Woolner Neighbourhood and Family Centre

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Harm Reduction Peer Outreach Worker

Syme Woolner Neighbourhood and Family Centre is a community-based organization, working with diverse communities to build self-sufficiency and enhance quality of life. We do this in collaboration with partners by providing a range of programs and services that foster social inclusion, facilitate growth and development, and offer real solutions.

Syme Woolner is now looking for dynamic individuals as peer outreach workers to support our Harm Reduction program at our head office location. The peer outreach workers positions are recruited on a contract basis. Syme Woolner employs anti-oppression and harm reduction approaches to provide a variety of services to the communities within the North West Toronto area.

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Preparing and distributing harm reduction supplies and resources to clients
2. Educating and training clients around safer drug use practices, safer sex, and infection protection
3. Providing referrals, advice and general counseling to clients
4. Completing administrative tasks, such as outreach statistics reports
5. Attending and participating in peer staff meetings and trainings
6. Performing additional tasks as required

Qualifications:

1. Lived experience of drug use, homelessness and/or incarceration
2. Knowledge and comfort working with the homeless and under-housed, panhandlers, drug users, sex workers, and people who have come in conflict with the law
3. Ability to work comfortably with people from different backgrounds/communities and those who identify as gay, lesbian, bi-sexual, trans-gendered, etc.
4. Ability to work effectively as a team player in a partnered setting, as well as independently
5. Good interpersonal skills required, must be open, non-judgmental and willing to learn
6. Must be willing to commit to anti-oppression and harm reduction practices
7. Ability to walk long distances and carry backpack with light load

Please include any relevant volunteer work you have done or workshops you have attended in your application. We want to know about your street skills and lived experiences.

Please submit your application by December 8, 2023 to:

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