



Sample Job Posting: Community Advocates

Source: The Stop Community Food Centre

The following is a sample job posting for the Community Advocates positions. These important people work at the Advocacy Office, providing support and referrals to people on issues ranging from social assistance and disability benefits to housing, legal aid to immigration, and much, much more.

The Stop Community Food Centre strives to increase access to healthy food in a manner that maintains dignity, builds community and challenges inequality. The Stop's Community Advocacy Project aims to increase community members' access to information and services while also laying the ground work for grassroots justice initiatives.

We are looking for a maximum of 5 graduates from the Community Action Training Program to help operate the Advocacy office and provide support, referrals and advocacy to fellow community members. Advocates will participate in, and be organizers of, neighbourhood initiatives to challenge the root causes of poverty and make systemic change.

Community Advocates will be required to:

- Co-run the advocacy office for a minimum of 2 shift/month and attend monthly meeting (approx. 10 hours)
- Work with community members to help them access basic rights and services
- Provide information on a range of community resources
- Take a leadership role in future campaigns and initiatives to confront injustice
- Participate in regular team meetings
- Act as a rotating representative of the Community Advocacy Project on a number of committees including the Bread & Bricks Davenport-West Social Justice Group.

Skills needed to be a Community Advocate include:

- Successful completion of the Community Advocacy and/or Action Training Program
- Demonstrated interest in community work and helping others
- Understanding of and commitment to anti-oppression and social justice
- Familiarity with community resources in the areas of income supports, housing, harm reduction, immigration, employment and family violence



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- Basic skills for engagement, providing emotional support and responding to crisis
- Ability to use a computer and the internet (or willingness to learn)
- Ability to act professionally and protect confidentiality at all times

Community Advocate positions are highly-skilled volunteer positions. However, Advocates will be compensated for their time through honorariums.