

Seasonal Environmental Educator Part Time (April - October 2021)

Description

Newtown Creek Alliance (NCA) is hiring a part-time educator to work with us in the transformation and expansion of our place-based environmental educational programming. Prior to the pandemic, our educational programming primarily consisted of in person field trips. However, since in-person activities are still severely limited, the position will instead focus on the creation of alternative virtual programming and innovative hybrid opportunities as the city transitions into recovery. All needed training on content, locations, equipment, and methodology will take place before you begin.

Program Purpose

Through place-based STEM curriculum and stewardship-driven activities, we teach students about ecosystems and waste-systems, history's impacts on the present, and potentials for the future. We provide hands-on activities that allow the youth of NYC to be safely immersed in the urban ecology all around, especially at the water's edge. We have typically explored these themes using strategic locations around Newtown Creek and more recently, through virtual content developed over the past year. The challenge now is bridging the two and developing new hybrid models to engage different age groups and group types.

Job Duties

- Develop virtual educational content and programming with direction and assistance by the Director of Advocacy and Education (DAE)
- Develop hybrid (complimentary virtual and in-person) programming opportunities for the interim period before fully in-person programming is possible.
- Plan and lead lectures and virtual field trips.
- Curate a volunteer/intern team to assist in larger group visits and tours for when in-person programming is possible and field trips resume.
- Outreach to local schools and nonprofit groups to share digital content and program offerings.
- Manage and organize email correspondence and program inquiries.
- Populate and maintain seasonal education calendar, schedule and communicate w/ NCA staff.
- Participate as needed in weekly staff meetings and monthly communications meetings with all Kingsland Wildflowers partners.
- Ensure any and all educational materials are clean, in good working order, organized, and always available for use.
- Actively engage with the larger NCA family; personal and professional growth is encouraged as is the development of new initiatives that will further our work.
- Meet with NCA staff as needed, once monthly at a minimum, to reflect on the program and your personal work and identify opportunities for improvement.

Qualifications

- Background in teaching, childhood education, place-based learning, and environmental science literacy.
- Experience with digital education platforms including Padlet, Thinglink, YouTube, Facebook Live, Instagram Live, ESRI Story Maps, video editing, Google suite, etc.
- The ability to lead a group activity in an outdoor setting.
- Experience working with many different demographics.



- Clear and patient communicator with teachers, visiting groups, the public, and our partners.
- Highly motivated, organized, and self-driven with the ability to work well with others in a small organization.
- Familiarity with Environmental Justice issues, the history of industrialization in NYC, and the neighborhoods surrounding Newtown Creek.
- Fluency in Spanish, Polish, or other major NYC languages is a plus

Compensation and Schedule

- \$25/hour
- 15 hours/week; April through October 2021 - with the option to expand and/or extend based on performance and funding.
- The schedule is flexible and will be agreed upon with your input after hiring.
- Required training in late April 2021.
- Opportunities to participate in additional programs, professional development, projects, and events based on interest.
- The majority of the work can be performed remotely, with options to work from our offices at Kingsland Wildflowers in Greenpoint, Brooklyn.

To Apply

Submit a cover letter and resume with at least two references to info@newtowncreekalliance.org. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis; early applications are encouraged. The deadline to apply is Saturday April 10th, 2021 (11:59pm).