



Astonished! Summer Literacy Program

Employment Opportunity (Summer Student)

Background Information

The Big Sky Centre for Learning and Being Astonished Inc. (Astonished!) is a registered non-profit charity based in Regina, Saskatchewan. We work in **inclusive community** to address barriers facing young adults with complex physical disAbilities (Core Members) by creating opportunities for teaching and learning; social, recreational and cultural engagement; and for employment and housing.

Astonished! is currently looking for two summer students to work with the Astonished Program Coordinator to plan, implement, and evaluate a summer literacy program. The literacy program is open to all Astonished! Core Members and participation is limited to approximately 10 Core Members.

The summer position would start the week of June 11th and end August 24th.

Astonished! Literacy Program Overview

A summer program designed to explore and respond to the literacy strengths, dreams, and needs of Astonished! Core Members. Program content is shaped by individual strengths, dreams, and needs of each participant. Example dreams include: developing literacy skills (reading, numeracy, technology, etc.), increasing literacy skills, and simply having more time to read and/or use various forms of technology/applications.

Based on the strengths, dreams, and needs expressed, program participants will be offered individualized opportunities, group opportunities, or a combination of both. The program will be comprised of approximately 16 sessions with each session running from 1:00-4:00 at the University of Regina (Wednesday and Thursday afternoons in July and August). In addition, there will optional Tuesday evening session occurring at local pubs.

Responsibilities

- Work collaboratively with the Astonished! Program Coordinator and key volunteers to plan, implement, and evaluate the summer literacy program
- Research existing literacy programs/resources and report findings to the Astonished! Program Advisory Committee
- Assess local literacy resources available to Astonished! members
- Based on the tasks identified above, make future programming recommendations to the Astonished! Program Advisory Committee
- Attend planning and debriefing meetings as needed

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- Seek out and apply to various funding sources and participate in summer fundraisers
- Plan and implement an end of program celebration to highlight and celebrate successes
- Assist with other programs and activities as needed (i.e. Astonished Social Club)
- Travel within Regina to implement a questionnaire with interested Core Members and assist with data analysis

Requirements

- Registered full time in the previous academic year
- Intention of returning to or starting a university program in the fall. Preference will be given to candidates enrolled in education, social work, kinesiology, or a speech language program
- Interest in and commitment to working in inclusive community to address barriers facing young adults with complex physical disAbilities
- Commitment to build inclusive community
- Kind, compassionate, and caring
- Criminal record check
- Able to travel to a variety of locations in Regina
- Preference will be given to candidates who are familiar with functional literacy and program design/evaluation
- Previous experience working with young adults with complex physical disAbilities is an asset.

Position Details:

Terms of Employment: 30 hours a week primarily Monday-Friday days with occasional hours in the evenings and on weekends

Wage: \$15.00/hr

Employment term: Approximately 11 weeks with an anticipated start date of June 11th and completion date of August 24th (negotiable)

Instructions to Applicants

Please send a cover letter and resume to BCV@beingastonished.com with the subject 'Summer Employment'.

Applications will be considered until noon on May 11th, 2018.