

The World In A Garden

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Position: 2013 Urban Farm Internship

Organization: The World in a Garden

Location: West 57th & East Blvd. & South Vancouver Schools

Time Commitment: 18 – 24 hours / week

The World In A Garden's mission is to educate community and youth on the importance of local food systems and to demonstrate what is possible in urban spaces. Our mandate is to increase access to highly nutritious, fresh and organic food in a way that maintains dignity, builds community and celebrates diversity. Our urban garden site is located in Kerrisdale, Vancouver, where we grow organic produce for sale at markets and garden gate sales, and offer community garden plots, internships, youth education programs, workshops and garden tours.

Having acquired a new garden plot adjacent to our current site, there is development underway to create a market garden that will increase and diversify food production to provide food for our pilot Harvest Box Program for 2013.

We are currently looking for energetic and inspired individuals who share our passion for urban agriculture and its role in developing healthy communities to assist our team in the garden during the 2013 season. This position is ideal for an individual with hands-on experience in organic farming, a working knowledge of the principles of permaculture, volunteer management experience and a keen interest in urban agriculture, nutrition and local food systems.

Duties & Responsibilities:

- Work in the greenhouse and garden to: maintain sanitary conditions, plant for the 2013 growing season, start seeds, monitor growth and identify and respond to plant health issues
- Manage harvest, produce processing and inventory to prepare for sales
- Oversee 2013 Harvest Box Program under guidance of Project Manager
- Run garden gate sales, TWIAG table at farmers markets and manage wholesale orders
- Assist Project Coordinator at events where needed
- Work collaboratively with Volunteer Coordinator and Administrative/Marketing Intern when planning garden gate sales, volunteer events or general garden events
- Facilitate youth education programs at main site in Kerrisdale and at partnering schools
- Give garden tours
- Engage local community in garden project

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Qualifications:

- Student or degree in agroecology, food systems, human or environmental geography, biology, community development or a related field is an asset
- Work or volunteer experience in urban farms, land and food systems, eco-nutrition or related areas of study
- An understanding of or keen interest in where food comes from and the cultural, environmental and nutritional connections to our food
- Comfortable with leading group activities and presenting
- Demonstrated ability to work within a diverse community (people of different ages, abilities and cultural backgrounds)
- Experience in formal or informal education with children and/or youth
- Excellent organizational skills with good attention to detail
- Strong interpersonal, written and oral communication skills
- Volunteer supervision experience
- Valid driver's license and access to a vehicle an asset
- Second language an asset

Benefits of Internship:

- Gain excellent hands-on experience in urban agriculture
- Gain familiarity with local ecology, nutrition and holistic farming in an urban setting
- Opportunities to network by connecting with community partners, sponsors and community members who are active in the local food scene in Vancouver and beyond
- Hands-on experience in the local food / urban farm world from a grassroots level
- Gain experience in non-profit / social enterprise work
- Establish lasting relationships with diverse individuals that make up Vancouver!

Please send resume and cover letter with the subject line "TWIAG INTERNSHIP" to: info@theworldinagarden.com by FEBRUARY 21ST, 2013.