

Position: Age of Wisdom Collective Animator

Overview

This position is the result of the Multicultural Health Broker Cooperative (MCHB) continual collaboration with the Edmonton Senior Coordinating Council (ESCC), the Multicultural Women and Senior Services Association and the City of Edmonton. Phase 2 is to move forward and build on the Edmonton Senior Coordinating Council research report, *The Age of Wisdom: Giving Voice to Edmonton's Immigrant Seniors and Identifying Their Needs (2015)*. This research report was the first phase (Phase 1) of Age of Wisdom.

The results of the report and three subsequent discussion gatherings identified the need of a network/collective of immigrant/refugee seniors, ethnocultural community leaders, service providing agencies and public institutions to work on identified issues and actions for change.

Purpose of the Age of Wisdom Collective (AOWC)

The purpose of the Age of Wisdom Collective (Collective) is to be a collective voice for addressing immigrant and refugee senior issues through the sharing and critical analysis of common issues among seniors within ethno-cultural communities and representatives from the public institutions. Through shared understanding, the Collective will develop and implement a plan to put timely and long term solutions in place to resolve these issues.

Role of the Age of Wisdom Collective Animator

To develop a collective voice for addressing immigrant and refugee senior issues under the guidance of the Collective's nucleus with supervision from the Executive Director of the Multicultural Health Broker Co-op and support from the Advisory Team.

Responsibilities

Research and Information Gathering

- Research on issues, sustainable collective infrastructure and timely opportunities;
- Information gathering on possible members from key public institutions, academia, service providers, and government.

Project Planning

- Design and facilitate the coming together processes of seniors and natural leaders and other key participants;
- Promote and encourage immigrant and refugee seniors and community leaders to participate;
- Design and implement the Forum;

Animation

- Foster relationship building between all sectors with connections to seniors including colleagues from key public institutions, academia, service providers and government;
- Share and facilitate discussion of key research and ideas;
- Facilitate the Identification of one issue to focus advocacy efforts;
- Facilitate discussions & encourage identification of actionable steps;

- Synthesize collective meeting's discussions and recommend possible next steps;
- Facilitate and capture reflection discussions and key input on sustainable structure for the Collective in Phase 3;

Project Evaluation - Working with the evaluator,

- Support the development of reflection questions;
- Implement self and group evaluations;
- Support the design of forum evaluation and implementation.

Administration

- Organize collective planning meetings as identified by Collective members;
- Establish and maintain a contact information database of Collective members, stakeholders and participants;
- Liaise with the Advisory Group for updates and strategizing;
- Prepare report of the Forum for continuing advocacy;
- Write and submit final report;
- Share final report with participants;
- Other activities as required.

Qualifications

The ideal candidate will have a post-secondary degree in health promotion, community development, adult education or other related disciplines. Relevant experience will be considered.

Skills and Experience

- Experience working with diverse ethnocultural communities;
- Experience working with seniors;
- Experience in community development and intercultural engagement;
- Excellent facilitation skills;
- Relationship building skills ;
- Experience in research and report writing ;
- Critical and creative thinking skills.
- Ability to work independently;
- Highly motivated;
- Excellent time management skills.

Hours of Work

This is a twelve month half-time position from January, 2017 to December, 2017. The hours of work for this position are flexible as agreed with the supervisor. The average total hours of work will be approximately 20 hours per week.

Salary \$30 per hour

How to Apply

By email to: yvonnechi@shaw.ca

Application Deadline: December 16, 2016