

Youth Unlimited/YFC East Vancouver

Community Youth Worker - Street Life Outreach

What is Youth Unlimited/Youth For Christ?

Youth Unlimited (YU) is a not-for-profit, non-government, Christian organization that builds meaningful, long-term connections with vulnerable young people by meeting them on their turf. YU addresses the holistic health of young people: physical, emotional, mental, social, and spiritual.

What is Street Life Outreach?

Street Life, a program of Youth Unlimited/YFC, provides a safe space of belonging for marginalized young people, many of whom are street-entrenched (homeless, gang affiliated, trafficking drugs, etc.) or street-involved (participating in high-risk, street-level activities, but not fully consumed by the community). We offer relationships, referrals, and resources to these vulnerable young people, ages of 12 and 25. Street Life also provides Vancouver with the only mobile youth drop-in centre in the community, a renovated thirty-eight-foot RV.

What does the Community Youth Worker do?

The Community Youth Worker collaborates with the Program Coordinator and other staff to journey with, and transform the lives of vulnerable youth. Regular activities include: leading mobile drop-in programming, providing one-to-one youth mentoring, and coordinating volunteers.

Work Location and Environment:

East Vancouver (Commercial Drive & Strathcona Areas) – Mobile Street Drop-in
Downtown Eastside Community - Vancouver Native Health Youth Drop-in

What must the candidate possess to thrive in the position?

- Professionalism in verbal and written communication
- Leadership skills, especially in leading small groups of volunteers or youth
- Passion for discipleship and evangelism
- Passion to work with those who are homeless and/or struggling with addiction
- Ability to work in team and independently, while being a highly efficient time manager
- Ability to plan and coordinate meetings, small groups, and events
- Ability to obtain a Class 4 driver's license
- Knowledge of Canadian-Indigenous history, and the subsequent impact of colonialism
- At least two years experience working with at-risk youth, OR possess a Bachelor's degree in an applicable field of study.
- Conflict resolution and deescalation skills
- Ability to confidently administer Naloxone and respond to overdoses (training provided if required)

What are the working conditions?

- Telephone and computer work at home, DTES office, or coffee shop
- Meeting youth and adults in coffee shops and other public places
- Collaborating with other East Vancouver staff, Greater Vancouver staff, and volunteers
- Developing and maintaining partnerships with individuals, schools, and community organizations
- Occasional evening work, weekend work, day trips, and extended trips
- Salary, expenses, and benefits (if applicable) are all raised by the applicant, with support and coaching from supervisor

Time commitment: Full time, 40 hours per week

Training: 2-year credentialing training, plus organization-wide and hands-on training ongoing

Supervision and feedback: Regular meetings with supervisor and team members

Apply by sending in your cover letter and resume to Dean Klassen - dean@youthunlimited.com