

Weekly Delivery for Community Eats – Volunteer Role Description

The SOYL summer employment and leadership program empowers secondary students to cultivate and steward food gardens on school grounds for learning, community building and growing Good Food for All. Through the program, youth develop skills in growing, cooking and selling food, as well as a greater connection to themselves, their community, and the Vancouver food system. They also receive a stipend, community service hours and work experience credit for their contributions.

Throughout the program, SOYL youth cook with local chefs to produce a farm-fresh “Community Eats” meal for their peers and school community. These Community Eats meals will enable students to cultivate hands-on food preparation and cooking skills, explore and celebrate the role of food in society and establish foundational knowledge for a lifetime of healthy eating. The Volunteer Driver would support from SOYL youth and staff by picking up donated produce on Tuesday mornings from the Strathcona neighbourhood and delivering it to our Schoolyard Market Garden at David Thompson Secondary School in preparation of Community Eats.

Number of Positions Available: 1

Qualifications:

- Valid driver’s licence
- Have personal vehicle to transport produce
- Ability to lift and carry (a few cases per week)
- Reliably communicate with SOYL staff each week
- Experience or interest in supporting Good Food and food education!
- Willingness to perform a Criminal Record Check

Time Commitment:

- Approximately 7:30-8:30 am, Tuesdays, July 5 – August 23, 2016

Location:

- Pickup at Discovery Organics (880 Malkin Ave, Vancouver), and delivery to David Thompson Secondary School (1755 E 55th Ave, Vancouver)

Benefits:

- Engage with your local food system
- Connecting youth and community with healthy food
- Opportunity to extend commitment and join our farm team for a morning Harvest Shift at David Thompson Secondary School (finishing 12:00) (not required)
- Invitation to join our Community Eats lunch(es), Tuesdays, 12:00-1:00, at David Thompson Secondary School, and/or Wednesday 12:00-1:00 at Vancouver Technical Secondary School (not required)

Applications: Email a short letter telling us why this opportunity interests you and what you hope to gain from the experience, to volunteer@freshroots.ca by June 26th, 2016.

