



## Job Description

# Arran-Elderslie Social Researcher

### Location: Arran-Elderslie

Trinity Theatre is hiring 2 youth social researchers to facilitate the Arran-Elderslie Youth Council and other youth specific projects. The goal of this project is to help promote a volunteer service mindset among youth, increase rural youth participation and volunteerism, complete social scans, engage youth with the local Municipal government and connect with youth through social media. Trinity Theatre has partnered with the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie to carry out a number of projects to engage youth within Chesley, Paisley, Tara and the former townships of Arran and Elderslie.

Trinity and Arran-Elderslie Economic Development will train 2 youth who are members of the Arran-Elderslie community. These students will assist in the creation of outreach strategies developed to engage youth – in particular the Arran-Elderslie Youth Council.

#### Main projects that the students will undertake:

- **'Youth Council'** projects: act as a 'Project Manager' of the youth council to engage rural youth from through Arran-Elderslie. This group will take on youth-led projects in the community, tackle issues identified by youth, learn about Arran-Elderslie Municipal Council, provide underrepresented youth with entrepreneurial skills and experience needed to succeed in the future. Emphasis on developing intergenerational and accessible projects.
- **'Arran-Elderslie Youth Forum'** Assist with organizing an event to be held with neighbourhood stakeholders giving youth the opportunity to develop networks, support, and strategies to address social challenges they have identified.
- **'Service Engagement in Community'** organize and participate in workshops, presentations, mini-plays, walking tours: designed to inspire and encourage youth to get involved in meaningful volunteer service, community history, and community projects.
- **'Find Your Service Fit'** create and manage an online platform and digital database: develop a local directory of local volunteer opportunities, youth services and job opportunities maintained by-youth for-youth. Youth take an online self-awareness quiz to help identify their interests in social issues, health, civics, environment, recreation, arts, business, etc. as well as their career aspirations, and direct them to local volunteer opportunities in the database.
- **Arran-Elderslie Youth Social Media Pages-** Create content for the Arran-Elderslie Youth Facebook and Instagram pages to engage youth and disperse youth specific information.

## Tasks and Responsibilities

- Contribute to the development of the Arran-Elderslie Youth Council and Youth Forum
- Manage the Arran-Elderslie Youth Facebook and Instagram pages
- Identify and tap into resources for skill-building and community-based projects
- Research and explore current community issues relevant to Arran-Elderslie and perform asset and resource mapping exercises
- Develop, coordinate and conduct social scans to identify gaps for youth in the community
- Create content for and facilitate community forums, walking tours and workshops
- Compile a list of volunteer service opportunities for youth in the community for databank directory and share information with fellow youth
- Develop content for online self-awareness quiz

## Qualifications

Ideal candidates are those interested in civic engagement, social science, social justice, education, community building, mentorship, and want to apply their research skills and interests in a meaningful way. Youth will gain practical research experience developing the neighbourhood scans, social asset mapping and issues inventories at the local community level, and assist in the development of a Youth Council, a databank volunteer directory and online quiz for local disadvantaged and disengaged youth in the community to find a meaningful service opportunity and contribute towards the 'Service Action How to Manual' and 'Social Entrepreneur Guide'.

The Social Researcher will receive training in teamwork, research, facilitation, networking, presentation and public speaking skills, cultural sensitivity, leadership, and mentoring. Training will also include social media and online communications. They require strong verbal and written communication skills as well as interpersonal skills capable of working with a highly diverse group. They must have the ability to work on multiple research projects simultaneously, both independently and as part of a group. *Personal community projects, student club involvement, project management experience, local government learning and entrepreneurial initiatives are all valuable resume assets.*

**This is a part time position including 20 hours of work per week for eight weeks through July and August. This position will continue at 5-7 hours per week from September to February 2021. Students must have the ability to work remotely from home. There will also be in-person meetings at least once weekly with Trinity Theatre and Municipality of Arran-Elderslie where social distancing guidelines will be strongly enforced. Applicants must have access to a computer and internet.**

Due to funding restrictions, applicants must be under 30 years old. Please note that our Canada Summer Jobs funding source requires that we hire applicants with Canadian or Dual Citizenship, Permanent Resident, or Person to whom refugee protection has been conferred under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act. International Students would not be eligible. Accommodations are available on request for candidates taking part in all aspects of the selection process.

**Applications are due June 30<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 5:00pm to Sandra Crockard at [sandra@trinitytheatre.ca](mailto:sandra@trinitytheatre.ca). Please send a cover letter and resume outlining experience and interest in the position.**