



## Program Assistant II: RISE LEADER (Vancouver Park Board)

**Job Title:** Program Assistant II – RISE Leader

**Job Close Date:** January 5<sup>th</sup> 2018

### What is RISE?

RISE (Responsible Indigenous Strategy for Empowerment) is a partnership with ALIVE (Aboriginal Life in Vancouver Enhancement) Society and the Vancouver Park Board. The program aims to create opportunities for urban Aboriginal residents in the City of Vancouver to fully participate and thrive in their communities through culturally-informed programming and inclusion strategies.

ALIVE and RISE exist to promote, enhance, and foster the social, economic, and cultural well-being and health of Aboriginal peoples in Vancouver through the development of inclusive strategies to support Aboriginal individuals, families, and extended families through a neighbourhood by neighbourhood approach.

In 2016, the **Vancouver Park Board** responded to the TRC Calls to Action, adopting the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and committing to a) deliver appropriate and actionable staff training on indigenous issues and reconciliation and b) take a 360 degree approach to programming, including in the areas of culture, health, public dialogue, physical activity, and sport in order to increase public knowledge and awareness of reconciliation and to provide support to indigenous peoples including children, youth, Elders and families.

Watch the RISE Video here: <https://vimeo.com/137296590>

### Job Description:

As a RISE leader, you will work as an active member of the RISE team within one of our five partner community centres (Ray-Cam, Mount Pleasant, Strathcona, Hastings, and Britannia) to support the development of inclusion initiatives. Your day-to-day work will focus on creating and helping to run programs and strategic activities that engage both Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal community members in inclusive cultural and recreational programming. Other duties will include outreach, engagement, and facilitating leadership groups. You will also have the opportunity to participate in weekly training sessions that will help further develop relevant employment skills. The ultimate goal is for RISE Leaders to gain employment experience within a community-based recreation facility, and to build on and enhance the necessary employment skills required for future work.

### A Successful Candidate will:

- Have knowledge of Aboriginal cultures and an understanding of the barriers to participation in mainstream recreation settings.
- Have the ability to work independently and as a team member. This position monitors the safety and behaviour of the participants in facility programs or activities.
- Be available approximately 12-16 hours per week from February 2018-June 2018 (with the possibility for extension). Please note that the shifts you are scheduled for will vary, and will include *evening* and *weekend* work.
- Have the ability to connect and build relationships with both Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal community members.
- Have the ability to effectively monitor activities and supervise events.

### As a RISE leader, you will be expected to:

- Help plan and carry out special events or programs within the Community Center that you work in
- Support Community Center Staff in identifying barriers to participation for excluded populations.
- Participate in and help coordinate inclusion dialogues with centre staff and residents.
- Work with children, youth and elders to help run different weekly programs, including activities such as sports, crafts, workshops, etc.
- Help to design, plan, implement, and supervise RISE-related programming, including Reconciliation and inclusion programs within the City of Vancouver.
- Engage regularly with members of the public and Community Center patrons.
- Help support day-to-day operations in the Community Center.

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**Salary Information:** \$21.61 per hour, plus 12% in lieu of benefits

If you have any questions please contact coordinator Nicole Eslihar [nicole.eslihar@vancouver.ca](mailto:nicole.eslihar@vancouver.ca) or 604.257.6949

### How to apply:

- Via City of Vancouver Online Application

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OR

- **Only if you are experiencing challenges** with the online application process e-mail your resume and cover letter to: [raycamcc@vancouver.ca](mailto:raycamcc@vancouver.ca)

