JOB DESCRIPTION: Peer Support Group Facilitators

Seeking open-minded individuals to facilitate Peer Support Groups

Purpose:

- To assist individuals in developing personal lifestyles principled on increased self-esteem and empowerment that will help promote greater inclusion in the life of the community.

- To support people to live valued lives & help to reduce settlement stressors that will improve the individuals’ mental health.

- To facilitate gender-specific support groups in a targeted language

Major Responsibilities:

- Facilitate peer support group meetings for approximately 2 hours per week for 8 weeks – winter, spring

- Develop monthly work plans setting our program objectives and methods used in facilitation & leadership skills

- Encourage group participants to provide mutual assistance and emotional support to each other

- Support a consensus building model in terms of group decision-making

- Maintain confidentiality and respect among all participants within the group

- Attend mandatory training session & bi-monthly Peer Facilitators’ Meetings
Qualifications:

- Knowledge and understanding of immigration policy/practice in addition to settlement stressors that can adversely affect the full integration into Canadian society.

- Knowledge of the research and community involvement of the Cura Project: Taking Culture Seriously in Mental Health.

- Understanding of group dynamics and process with an emphasis on three primary principles: confidentiality, building trust and a working knowledge of anti-oppression values.

- Fluent in English and one of the following languages:
  - Men: Amharic, Dari/Farsi, Hindi, Mandarin, Rohingya, Spanish, Tigrinya, Urdu
  - Women: Amharic, Hindi, Rohingya, Somali, Spanish, Tigrinya

- Good verbal & written communication skills.

- University or college education or equivalent life experience in settlement/community development, mental health and group process/practice.

- Experience in the community not-for-profit sector either in a paid or voluntary position.

$18.00 per hour x 2 hours per week x 8 weeks, in addition to team meetings. Peer Group Sessions are planned for Winter & Spring 2013.

Please forward your resume & cover letter to:
Kristin Fox, Peer Support Group Coordinator
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Deadline: Dec. 21, 2012

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