Pieces To Pathways Breakaway Addiction Services Contract Outreach Worker (1 position)

Contract from January 26 to February 28 for 83 hours at \$30 an hour with possible additional hours.

The Pieces To Pathways project is an initiative conducting a needs assessment for transitional age (TA) LGBTTQQI2A youth substance users in Toronto. The ideal candidate would be a trans woman or non-binary person on the feminine spectrum with lived experience of substance use and navigating the queer party scene in Toronto. We encourage applications from all non-binary and LGBTTQQI2A people. The selected candidate will be working with two non-binary queer people on the masculine spectrum and must have a valid SIN number. The selected candidate will be meeting with and conducting surveys of TA LGBTTQQI2A youth substance users in Toronto and staff at Toronto organizations who provide services to TA LGBTTQQI2A youth substance users. Since these surveys will be conducted during winter, street outreach will mainly consist of surveying TA LGBTTQQI2A youth at bars, clubs and raves. The selected candidate should be comfortable engaging with people in professional settings and also people in bars, nightclubs and parties.

The interested candidate should only answer the following questions in their cover letter:

- 1. What are some of the reasons that this project interests you?
- 2. What unique experience would you bring to this project?

Qualifications:

- LGBTTQQI2A lived experience
- Lived experience with substance use and harm-reduction
- Experience navigating LGBTTQQI2A bars, clubs and raves in Toronto
- Excellent knowledge about harm-reduction and substance use practices
- Knowledge about issues that TA LGBTTQQI2A youth face in Toronto
- Knowledge about anti-oppressive practices
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- Knowledge about the various supports that service TA LGBTTQQI2A youth and TA youth that use substances in Toronto
- Self-motivated, organized and reliable
- Computer skills including Microsoft Word and email
- Available to work days, evening, nights and weekends.

Responsibilities and Tasks:

Assess and recommend specific places to conduct street outreach surveys

- Using lived experience to build connections and relationships with community members
- Conducting surveys among service providers supporting TA LGBTTQQI2A youth that use substances in Toronto
- Conducting surveys among TA LGBTTQQI2A youth about their substance use
- Aiding in navigating LGBTTQQI2A bars, clubs and raves in Toronto
- Networking and coordinating with party promoters
- Aid in promoting online survey
- Communicating via email
- Logging hours worked and submit invoices

Please address any questions to the following email. Applicants should send a cover letter and resume to pieces.to.pathways@gmail.com

Only candidates selected for interviews will be contacted. Job posting closes on January 9, 2015. Interviews will take place from January 14-16, 2015.