

VANCOUVER ART GALLERY
ONE CASUAL POSITION AVAILABLE
Family Programs Educator (Education and Public Programs Department)

DUTIES:

Reporting to the Director of Education and Public Programs, and coordinated by the Public Programs Co-ordinator: Family Programs, the Educator will assist in the development, delivery and facilitation of tours and workshops to visitors at the Vancouver Art Gallery. Specifically, they will be responsible for executing programs for families that foster cross-generational learning, and promote critical thinking about the exhibitions on display and the world around us. The Educator will help shape and deliver a continual program of activities, workshops and tours primarily responsive to the needs of children and youth. .

Tours and workshops are part of the regular and continual provision of the Gallery's commitment to life-long learning. These activities contribute to the understandings of and engagement with historic, modern and contemporary art histories as they relate to the Gallery's exhibitions and collection. The goal is to provide programs that introduces visitors of all ages to the works on display, related philosophical concerns, discussions of process and materials, and myriad forms of cultural production.

The functions of the Educator include the following: researching relevant exhibitions and artworks; working closely with the Education and Public Programs Co-ordinators in preparing workshops, activities and tours; assessing and reporting on the successes and challenges of program delivery; assisting in the department's ongoing commitment to research, knowledge building and accessibility; developing strategies to work within the ever-changing gallery contexts; developing creative solutions for talking and asking questions about art; contributing to the development of workshop based programs; and at all times ensuring the engagement of visitors. The incumbent will also participate in broader program delivery when required.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Completion of two years of university or college education in Art History, Studio Art, Art Education, Museum Studies or experience-based equivalent. They will have demonstrated experience working in the visual arts field, specifically in a gallery-based learning environment delivering educational programs such as tours and workshops. In this capacity, they will have demonstrated knowledge of and ability to experiment with a variety of traditional and contemporary making materials. The successful applicant must have a working knowledge of historic, modern and contemporary art and art histories, as well as contemporary pedagogical and critical theory, especially as they relate to contemporary gallery education. The successful candidate will have the ability to adapt and perform interpretive talks, workshops and programs to visitors of various ages and knowledge bases. Exceptional communication and public speaking skills are necessary—the candidate will be expected to think quickly in public and respond effectively to specific audience needs. Scheduling flexibility in preferred. The successful applicant will be required to consent to a Criminal Record Check. Ability to speak a second language fluently is an asset.

SALARY: Pay Grade 15, Step 1 \$20.58 plus a percentage in lieu of benefits.

HOURS: Hours will vary dependent on program, approximately 4–24 hours per week.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Please email your cover letter and CV to the Director of Human Resources by Thursday, August 31, 2017: hr@vanartgallery.bc.ca.

We thank all applicants for their interest; however, only those short-listed will be contacted.