

Job Title: Community Compost Educator

Main Tasks: The Community Compost Educator is responsible for the Mid-Scale Compost and Vermicompost operations at FoodShare Toronto, as well as facilitating workshops about composting, worms, gardening, and resource connections for [community gardens](#) across the city.

Detailed job description:

- Manage and facilitate FoodShare's Mid-Scale Compost demonstration site where we turn over 150 pounds of fresh food scraps a day from FoodShare's facilities into finished compost to be shared with community gardens, school gardens, and for sale throughout community. This includes collecting food waste bins from the warehouse and kitchen, adding them to the compost system, and restocking clean bins.
- Manage and facilitate FoodShare's Vermicompost System, engaging volunteers in creating and packaging worm castings.
- Support the Toronto Compost Leaders project by coordinating and facilitating compost workshops, train the trainer sessions, worm-share events and compost builds.
- Manage volunteer recruitment, training, and engagement in the Mid-Scale Compost and Vermicompost systems on site. Support FoodShare staff in learning about waste management process and procedures
- Supervise and mentor seasonal interns, Focus on Youth summer students, and placement students in the compost programs
- Track and evaluate the compost systems, prepare and distribute reports, attend and organize special events and other commitments as required
- Support other Urban Agriculture projects as needed (ie. [School Grown](#), [Sunshine Garden](#), and garden installations)
- Participate in FoodShare staff and team meetings, all staff training, and reporting requirements such as timesheets and handle other duties as assigned

Qualifications, Knowledge and Experience

- Experience and interest working with low-energy compost and vermicompost systems
- Experience and knowledge with organic gardening principles and practices, including growing food in urban environments
- Great people skills (good at delegating tasks, helping people feel valued, energizing groups, managing conflict)
- Experience in handling power tools such as a circular saw.
- Excellent workshop facilitation skills with the ability to think quickly to creatively solve a problem
- Demonstrated ability to work respectfully with people of different ages, genders, abilities, cultural backgrounds, and individuals who have experienced marginalization



- Strong communication and organizational skills, great attention to detail
- Good computer skills (e.g. word processing, spreadsheets, google suite, and emails)
- Demonstrated commitment to principles of food justice
- Hold a valid Ontario Drivers License
- Experience facilitating workshops and teaching about food and compost with people of diverse communities - comfortable independently facilitating groups
- Demonstrated ability to work independently with limited supervision and as part of a team

Requirements:

- Lifting and moving up to 40 pounds
- Working outdoors and on your feet for long periods of time
- Able and willing to work outdoors in all weather (4 seasons)
- To be available on weekends and outside of regular business hours on occasion

Please note that the successful applicant will be required to obtain a Vulnerable Sector Check, and Emergency First Aid certification. FoodShare will cover the cost of these certifications.

Reports to: Urban Agriculture Manager

Salary: \$36,000 annually prorated to 3 days a week, plus benefits

TO APPLY: Please send applications to Manal Sayid hr@foodshare.net by 5:00 pm on Wednesday May 16, 2018.

Please note:

FoodShare is an equal opportunity employer committed to diversity and inclusion. We are pleased to consider all qualified applicants for employment without regard to race, colour, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender, national origin, age, disability, protected veterans status or any other legally-protected factors.

If you feel you need accommodation because of illness or disability during the application process, please do not hesitate to contact Human Resources at your earliest convenience – hr@foodshare.net. You will also be briefed on FoodShare's policies regarding accommodation and the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act.

Please note that only candidates selected to move forward in the hiring process will be contacted.