

POSITION AVAILABLE: Community Outreach Coordinator - Summer/Fall 2020

The **Healing Garden Institute** (HGI) is looking to fill the new **part-time** position of “**Community Outreach Coordinator.**” This position supports HGI in fulfilling its mission of serving as a community resource that promotes year-round indoor and outdoor gardening of medicinal herbs for everyday use and chronic disease management. HGI is a fiscally sponsored project of **Worcester Roots** whose mission is organizing for social and environmental justice through the development of cooperatively run and green initiatives.

Who should apply: Individuals who are self-motivated, and truly driven to relate to and uplift people who are hyper-marginalized in mainstream society. Ideal applicants should be experienced in and embrace the theory and practice of street outreach from a decolonial/reindigenized lens. Folks with local connections and direct experience, who supplement this experience with and understand the connections between street outreach, healing, and knowledge of gardening and medicinal plants are strongly encouraged to apply.

RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE:

- Building trusting relationships with homeless individuals and PWUD in Main South
- Maintaining current knowledge of and connection with local shelters, food pantries, day spaces, needle exchanges, funds, housing support, community groups, legal support, and other resources to support unstable housed people and PWUD
- Maintaining good rapport with diverse stakeholders in Main South
- Foster a Healthy, Safe, Clean, and Productive garden space
- Honor the land and the community by focusing on and sharing local and ancestral knowledge of plants, gardening, and healing
- Conduct necessary training for volunteers , staff, and community members
- Coordinate schedule of volunteers
- Attend regular staff/collective meetings
- Creating and Updating Social Media

SKILLS / EXPERIENCE: • Street outreach • Harm Reduction • Community organizing/background in social and environmental justice • Computer skills • Experience or interest in working in a collective workplace • Gardening • Leading workshops/training • Narcan trained • CPR certified

COMPENSATION: \$18/hour for 25 hours/week for July-October

Worcester Roots especially encourages women and transgender people, people of color and LGBTQ people to apply. Roots does not discriminate in regards to participation, membership or employment on the basis of race, gender, sexual orientation/identity, religious conviction, ethnic identity, disability, age, country of origin, or citizenship status.

To apply, send a short cover letter explaining your interest in the position and a resume to:
(thidinalei@gmail.com) and addison@worcesterroots.org with a subject line that includes
“Community Outreach.”

More information about our organization is available at: www.hgiworchester.org. Please direct questions to Thidi Tshiguvo (thidinalei@gmail.com) or Addison Turner (addison@worcesterroots.org)