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POSITION AVAILABLE: Youth Program Coordinator - Summer 2020

Worcester Roots is looking for a new member for our summer staff team. The staff support Worcester Roots in fulfilling its mission of organizing for social and environmental justice through the development of cooperatively run and green initiatives. With support of other staff, this position is primarily responsible for connecting with and supporting youth participants in the **Worcester Youth Cooperative (WYC)**. WYC is a youth-led program where participants learn leadership and organizing skills while getting hands-on experience building a cooperative enterprise that sells ethically-sourced goods from local co-ops. Opportunity to extend opportunity throughout the academic year, with modified hours, pending additional funding.

Who should apply: A youth or youth-worker who is self-motivated and able to build trusting relationships with other young people as well as a demonstrated capacity to communicate with and work alongside adult allies. Individuals who have experience in co-ops and/or supporting youth to run a cooperative business, find their agency, and work to fight local and global injustices, and are passionate about mentoring peers. Current members of WYC or similar organizations are encouraged to apply. Bilingual a plus.

RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE:

- Take direction from, build leadership and work with youth on continuing to operate Worcester Youth Co-op, a mobile consignment style store that sells ethically sourced goods from local and regional cooperatives.
- Support other youth to access experiences and knowledge relating to WYC activities.
- Accompanying youth on trips to events and cooperative visits
- Supporting youth on research and documentation of their co-op
- Connect with local community organizers and schedule workshops and other experiences for youth.
- Participate in staff collective meetings and support other areas of programming as needed.

SKILLS / EXPERIENCE:

- Have authentic experience and relationships growing up in Main South Community
- Community organizing / background in social and environmental justice
- Computer skills
- Experience or interest in working in a democratic workplace
- Self-driven
- Bilingual

COMPENSATION: \$18/hour for 25 hours/week for 6 weeks July-August

Worcester Roots especially encourages women and transgendered 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.



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To apply, send a short cover letter explaining your interest in the position and a resume to: addison@worcesterroots.org with subject line that includes "Youth Mentor".

More information about our organization is available at: www.WorcesterRoots.org. Please contact Addison Turner with any questions: addison@worcesterroots.org, (508) 343-0035.