



The Public Health Association of BC is Now Hiring!

F2SBC Sunshine Coast Region – Community Animator

Sechelt, Roberts Creek and Surrounding Regions, BC

Overview

The [Public Health Association of BC \(PHABC\)](http://www.phabc.org) is seeking a dynamic, creative, and inspiring individual to establish and coordinate a pilot [Farm to School BC \(F2SBC\)](http://www.f2sbc.org) Sunshine Coast Regional Hub and explore the potential for expansion. Reporting to the Provincial Manager of F2SBC and the Sunshine Coast Advisory Committee, the Community Animator works within the three core elements of F2SBC which include: healthy, local food; hands-on learning opportunities and school community connectedness. The Community Animator supports teachers and builds capacity that foster food literacy while strengthening the local food system using a comprehensive and collective impact framework.

Working in close partnership with local community school coordinators, the successful candidate will network with teachers, school administrators, and key stakeholders engaged with nutrition, agriculture, health and education sectors. The Community Animator believes that sustainable solutions are only ever developed when the support of a local community is strongly evident. Furthermore, as a change agent in the community, the Community Animator builds bridges and strengthens connections within the school community, and among various stakeholders that influence the environment. The ideal candidate has a strong background in education and food literacy. They are comfortable working in a dynamic school community setting, able to liaise and network with various stakeholders and are strong systems change agents. They are detail oriented, flexible, solutions-focused and able to work independently. This is a largely work from home position but requires the candidate to live in the region and have reliable transportation across the region. A valid driver's license and access to a personal vehicle is preferred. Some travel across BC may be required.

Background

PHABC is a registered charity organization (est. 1953) that promotes and protects public health by actively working to advance the development and implementation of healthy public policy, by encouraging and facilitating research that supports public health, and by cooperating regionally, nationally, and internationally with partner organizations. Its national linkages enable the PHABC to participate in dialogue and action on matters of interest across Canada.

Farm to School BC is one of PHABC's largest provincial programs and brings healthy, local and sustainable food into schools and provides students with hands-on learning opportunities that develop food literacy, all while strengthening the local food system and enhancing school and community connectedness.



Key Accountabilities & Responsibilities:

- Support two F2SBC programs in the region (Davis Bay Elementary and Roberts Creek Elementary) to achieve the following three core elements of the program:
 - Promote healthy, local food in schools and enhance student food literacy,
 - Foster hands-on learning opportunities by linking F2SBC activities to the curriculum,
 - Support the schools and the broader community connectedness;
- Build and strengthen school-community capacity by facilitating and hosting regular networking and professional development opportunities (e.g., committee meetings, networking events, learning circles, webinars, and Professional Development);
- Develop and/or organize resources and curriculum that strengthen the integration of education into school gardens and outdoor learning;
- Support the delivery of food literacy lessons in two pilot schools;
- Identify and secure additional funding opportunities to strengthen and support F2SBC activities in the region;
- Promote the region through the F2SBC social media and other local media channels.

Qualifications & Required Skills

- Post-secondary certificate/degree in Health Science, Education, Community Development, Nutrition, Agriculture, Public Health or a related discipline - or an equivalent combination of education and experience;
- Preferred minimum of 2 years of experience utilizing settings-based approaches to health promotion, experiential learning, and community capacity building;
- Understanding of child and youth health, health & food literacy, sustainable food systems and/or combination of relevant or related disciplines;
- Comfortable with the following applications: MS Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Project, etc.), Adobe Acrobat, and social media platforms (e.g., Facebook, Twitter);
- Demonstrated ability to work independently and as a team player;
- Leadership style and work ethic that promotes collaboration, inclusivity, creativity, open communication as well as independent decision-making;
- Ability to network with key stakeholders within the regional food system (farmers, gardeners, food producer groups, food processors, and food distributors; including those associated with existing F2SBC programs and those keen to be supplying such programs);
- In-depth knowledge of sustainable local and regional food systems, school food and/or public health.

This is a contract position valued at \$7,500.00 (including GST) with an hourly rate of \$25-30 per hour based on experience. This position has secured funding through April 30, 2022.



To Apply

Please submit a resume and cover letter detailing why you would be the ideal candidate for the position and listing any relevant work experience to **Richard Han, Provincial Manager of Farm to School BC**, at prov.manager@farmtoschoolbc.ca with the email subject line titled '**F2SBC Sunshine Coast Community Animator 2021**'.

Application Deadline: August 27, 2021 at 11:59PM.

Important Dates:

- Notice of Interview: Sep 3, 2021
- Anticipated Interview Dates: Sep 7-9, 2021
- Anticipated Start Date: Sep 13, 2021

We thank all applicants for their interest; however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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PHABC is an equal opportunity organization and all qualified applicants will receive consideration for this position without regard to race, color, religion, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, national origin, genetics, disability, or age.