



SIXTH STREET COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.

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Sixth Street Community Center is looking to hire a new Youth Educator/Program Assistant for our Sixth Street Youth Program (SSYP).

SSYP is an out of school time program that offers NYC youth quality summer and after school workshops in an intimate class setting. With a limited enrollment to 25 students per day, each child receives thoughtful guidance and support that is needed to foster their individual and creative growth.

Our program is committed to developing strong creative skills, mindfulness, social and environmental awareness and community among our youth. Our mission is to cultivate a warm and inclusive atmosphere that honors each student's unique strengths. We primarily serve youth local to the Lower East Side and provide holistic enrichment in visual arts, creative writing, urban gardening, cooking, health and urban sustainability.

Job Description

Working under the supervision of the Program Director and in collaboration with the Youth Program Coordinator and other youth program staff, the Youth Educator will be responsible for teaching workshops in our after school program and for assisting in ensuring that daily SSYP operations run smoothly. We're looking for energetic and nurturing candidates who have experience working with kids and have skills to teach visual arts. Responsibilities include the following areas of work:

- Plan/Develop and facilitate kid-centric workshops in your areas of interest that fall within our program's offerings: arts, creative writing, dramatic play/performing arts, gardening, cooking/CSA, environmental justice, environmental sustainability, racial and social justice, food justice, exploring topics like gentrification, community, anti-capitalism-- (all the topics we love at sixth street).
- Attend weekly staff meetings.
- Takes initiative to support other staff or step into a leadership role when needed. Program set-up: tables, chairs, posters, snack, any workshop materials needed for the day
- Assist with bringing students on local trips to partner organizations, parks, gardens, galleries, museums.
- Communicate with parents as needed about program-related matters or their child's behavior.

- Perform school pick-ups (all within a short walking distance from our community center) and ensure all students arrive to program safely. Engage with students during this time, making them feel safe, comfortable and happy!
- During homework and snack time: support students if needed with getting homework done or staying focused. Engage students one on one.
- Take students to local parks and gardens and supervise safe play.
- Program cleanup: put away chairs and break down tables. Clean up after workshop. Putting compost out. Help us achieve zero waste at the program and center.

Qualifications

- Bachelors Degree and/or 2+ years experience working with youth (preferably ages 5-10).
- Experience teaching workshops and/or facilitating groups.
- Expertise or Strong interest in any of the following areas: Visual Arts, Urban Sustainability, Environmental Justice, Urban Gardening, Cooking, Food Justice, Food Access and/or Activism.
- Strong desire/excitement for working with kids and develop building connections with them. Must enjoy spending time with kids.
- Know how to communicate to kids in a kind and compassionate way.
- Strong interest in education and/or youth development.
- Strong commitment to social, racial and economic justice.
- Strong interest in helping grow our programs and community at Sixth Street Community Center.
- Excellent written & verbal communication skills required. Spanish speaking/bilingual a plus.
- Excellent people skills. Sense of humor a plus.
- Must be a team player, yet able to work independently and be self starting, self directing and have excellent time management.
- Teaching certification (a plus but not required).

People of color or people local to/familiar with the Lower East Side strongly encouraged to apply.

Start Date: Training is immediate. Full schedule to begin January 2, 2019

Hours: Mondays - Fridays, 1:30/2 - 6:30 pm, some days where lesson planning or staff meetings might be required start around 12:30. Approximately 12-20 hours a week.

Pay: \$18/hr to start.

All interested candidates should send their resume and a short introduction about themselves and why they believe they would be a good fit for the job to the Programs Director, Jen Chanrtanapichate— jen@sixthstreetcenter.org