



SERVICE PRACTICUM OPPORTUNITY

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ORGANIZATION: Mayday Club Youth Choir

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POSITION TITLE: Peer Mentor

JOB DESCRIPTION: We are looking for a few practicum students to spend time volunteering as 'peer mentors' with the Mayday Club Youth Choir this year. This is a choir made up of youth ages 5 - 30 with and without neurodiversities, members of the LGBTQ2+ population, indigenous youth, youth in foster care - basically young people who have been marginalized in any way find companionship and belonging in this 'glee-dub' type choir.

We sing popular and uplifting songs, and perform from Chilliwack to Vancouver.

What you will do is basically act like any choir member. You will attend practices, sing, perform with the choir, participate in our CD recording this spring, etc. Your role will be a 'peer mentor' and basically your job is to model being an awesome choir member, be engaged, sing, and most importantly, speak to the other youth, get to know them, and be there as a friend and support if anyone needs an extra friend that day. Pretty much your job will be to support choir members from within the choir. You will likely form genuine friendships with neurodiverse individuals, and many of the past choir members and peer mentors still hang out regularly xD

Practices are Sunday afternoons on alternating weeks, so 2 practices per month on average. There will be some performances and recordings for you to attend as well, but you will receive notice about them.

This is perfect for anyone wanting to get into a career in music, special education, or youth work of any kind.

We are a neurodiverse-youth run group, and we basically allow everyone to come in to the choir and be themselves. It is an amazing learning experience for anyone interested!!



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SKILLS REQUIRED: Willingness to sing and perform with the choir are an asset. Experience working with youth with and without neurodiversity is a plus! Any type of musical or singing experience is also a plus, but not necessary. The biggest thing we are looking for is people to show up, make conversation with the youth, sing and enjoy the choir, and be yourself!!

**CRIMINAL RECORD
CHECK REQ'D:** Yes

NOTES:

SERVICE LOCATION: Abbotsford

TRANSPORTATION: Student must have own transportation

**DAY(S) OF THE
WEEK:** Sunday

TIME FRAME: 3-5:30pm approximately