



North Coast Ecology Centre Society

Position: Environmental Educator (3 available pending successful funding)

The North Coast Ecology Centre Society is committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion. Priority will be given to those candidates who have the necessary qualifications and self-identify as belonging to underrepresented groups

The North Coast Ecology Centre Society

The North Coast Ecology Centre Society (NCECS) is non-profit organization working to create a permanent education centre in Prince Rupert, BC that highlights the region's ecological richness, both terrestrial and marine. Our mission is to inspire a sense of awe, respect and stewardship for this area, its wildlife, people and traditions. The North Coast Ecology Centre Society operates in the traditional territory of the Coast Ts'msyen Nations and with their participation, guidance and approval, the NCECS's goal is to incorporate and include local indigenous knowledge, stories, and language. Using a combination of engaging programs and exhibits, including live displays of fish and marine invertebrates (collected and released each season), the centre will offer a new tourist destination, activate and revitalize Prince Rupert's waterfront, and become a community resource for locals to connect with and learn about the environment around them. While the Society plans, designs, and builds a new, permanent centre, it is simultaneously creating and executing exciting community events and programs that help us fulfill our mission. For example, the NCECS held the first and second annual North Coast Whale Festival in 2018 and 2019; in 2021 we organized an online lecture series, piloted a live dive school program, hosted the first ever "pop-up" ecology centre; and was part of the organizing committee for the Seal Cove Salt March opening event in 2022.

Role Overview

In 2023, the NCECS will undertake a summer season of programming in and around Prince Rupert to engage the public and youth in learning about local ecology. The team of Educators are responsible for planning, organizing, coordinating, and conducting educational programs and displays that will highlight the region's ecological richness and engage the community in environmental learning and stewardship. Throughout the summer of 2023, the team will plan and host a schedule of events that engage a variety of audiences, from children to adults, with Covid-19 safety protocols in place. These events will include interpretive trail walks with various themes, low-tide beach explorations, drop-in family events, and stewardship activities. Interpreters will also work alongside the board and volunteers to execute a second season of the "pop-up" ecology centre. This project will include planning and creating educational displays, collecting invertebrates and setting up and maintaining saltwater aquaria, as well as acting as educators.

Please note the following important information:

This position is partially funded by a grant from Canada Summer Jobs, which requires the successful candidate to:



- be between 15 and 30 years of age at the start of the employment
- be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or person to whom refugee protection has been conferred under the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act* for the duration of the employment; and,
- have a valid Social Insurance Number at the start of employment and be legally entitled to work in Canada in accordance with relevant provincial or territorial legislation and regulations

This is a 18 week full-time (35 hours/week) position with an expected start date **May 15, 2023**

Position responsibilities will include:

- Developing and delivering interpretive programs
- Designing displays and mini-exhibits for pop-up centre
- Animal collection and exemplary care of marine invertebrates
- Providing engaging interpretation to visitors at the pop-up centre
- Supporting and managing volunteers
- Undertaking community and visitor consultation through surveys and feedback forms
- Developing comprehensive event plans and Covid-safety plans
- Working with partner organizations and the board to execute the society's mission
- Supporting the North Coast Ecology Centre's social media platforms

Desired qualifications:

- Self-motivated individual with a passion for environmental education
- Experience developing and delivering education programs and/or public speaking
- Able to work well under minimal supervision and within a small team
- Knowledgeable of north coast ecology (particularly marine) and driven to learn more
- Excellent written and verbal communication
- Experience administering groups and pages on social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram)
- Organized with strong attention to detail
- Knowledge of Ts'msyen history, culture, and Sm'algyax language an asset
- Animal care experience an asset
- Driver's license and access to vehicle an asset (mileage compensated)

This position offers \$20 per hour. The position will be based out of Prince Rupert, BC. Local candidates will be prioritized.

Please submit a resume and cover letter to info@northcoastecologycentresociety.com by April 28, 2023.