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**Employment Opportunity:** Music Therapist, 1 year Maternity Leave Coverage  
(Contractor)

**Wage: 7 hours a week at \$50/hour (includes 2 hours prep and admin time)**

### **ABOUT WISH**

For more than thirty years WISH has provided a safe place of respite for women involved in street-based sex work. The women who access WISH services and programs are some of the most marginalized in Vancouver; experiencing extreme poverty, homelessness, social exclusion, violence, racism, discrimination and the relentless effects of current and past trauma.

The mission of WISH is to improve the health, safety and well-being of women who are involved in Vancouver's street-based sex trade. Through a variety of responsive programs and services, women can meet basic needs (hot meals, showers, clothing, nursing care, and personal items), receive individualized wrap-around support and services, referrals and resource information, and find a non-judgmental community to participate in programs that engage their spirits, hearts and minds.

The Drop-in Centre is a self-identified women-only space.

**Start date:** June 24th, 2018

### **POSITION SUMMARY**

We are currently seeking a music therapist to cover a one-year maternity leave. The music therapist comes to WISH on Sunday evenings, 5:30-8:30pm to offer drop-in music therapy to participants. Some flexibility with hours may be possible. There are also 2 hours a week allocated to 1:1 time, with scheduling to be discussed. As part of the WISH leadership team, the music therapist meets with colleagues and stakeholders to discuss the ongoing music therapy program goals and organizational objectives. The music therapist is responsible for small ongoing administrative duties, providing funding application support to the fundraising team at WISH, as well as upkeep of all music therapy equipment.

### **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

- Music Therapy Degree (BMT minimum)

- MTA status for a minimum of 2 years
- A Member in Good standing with the CAMT
- Ability/willingness to supervise a Music Therapy Intern (starting in September)
- Experience in addictions and/or trauma
- Strong initiative to work independently on projects
- Ability to collaborate with other team members and external social providers and funders in developing plans
- Strong musical and interpersonal skills
- Demonstrated ability to communicate effectively both verbally and in writing
- Clinical and interpersonal requirements:
- Conducting ongoing assessments of individual and group needs and planning for relevant therapeutic interventions
- Providing individual and group therapeutic interventions in the drop in space
- Ability to communicate in a professional and compassionate manner
- Documenting significant interventions and contacts
- Demonstrated ability to deal with conflict situations
- Supervising volunteers connected to the music therapy program and liaising with Volunteer Coordinator
- Broad knowledge of the Harm Reduction Model
- Broad knowledge of Community Music Therapy Model

For more information about WISH, please visit <http://wish-vancouver.net/>

### **MUSICAL REQUIREMENTS**

- Proficiency on major instrument (recommend Grade 9 RCM or equivalent)
- Creativity and flexibility
- Ability to play basic chord progressions (I, IV, V) in various keys on the guitar or piano
- Ability to accompany yourself on the guitar or piano while singing and engaging clients in the music
- Ability to improvise, using percussion instruments, voice, and piano/guitar, major instrument
- Ability to quickly learn music and apply it in different interventions

### **APPLICATION DETAILS**

Please submit a resume, cover letter and two references to WISH Hiring Committee to [lucy.thomas.mta@gmail.com](mailto:lucy.thomas.mta@gmail.com).

Please indicate "WISH Music Therapist" in the subject line.

**Deadline:** May 25<sup>th</sup> 2018

We encourage all qualified individuals to apply. Aboriginal women and women from diverse backgrounds are strongly encouraged to apply for this position.

We thank everyone for their interest but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.