



Job Posting

Drop-In Program Assistant

7-28 hours per week

WISH Drop-In Centre Society is regularly looking for new Program Assistant to work in the Drop-In Centre. The Centre is a safe, welcoming and non-judgmental space for women (trans inclusive) who are current or former sex workers. The women need us more than ever and we need your help to do so!

Women with lived expertise in sex work, Indigenous women, Black women, women of colour, trans women, and members of other equity-seeking groups, are particularly encouraged to apply.

WISH Drop-in Centre Society is an organization and space for women and people of marginalized genders, including Two-Spirit, trans, and non-binary. For more information about WISH and our programs and services, visit our website: <https://wish-vancouver.net/>

Grid Level: Starting wage; \$21.63/hour (classified at grid level 10/CUPE Local 1936)

Job Summary:

The Drop-In is a low barrier space for women who are street-based sex workers, therefore the Program Assistant will work as a team to support the women within a trauma informed, harm reductive, participant centred approach. The Program Assistant represents the guiding principles of WISH by ensuring that each participant is treated with acceptance, caring, dignity and respect, in a non-judgemental manner.

- You will provide support to a constant flow of participants to ensure their access to food, showers, other WISH programs and supports, including information and referral, first aid supplies, harm reduction supplies, sex work supplies, clothing/toiletries/makeup donations.
- You can assist with meal preparation in the kitchen and perform domestic duties.
- You are able to think on your feet in times of stress and make good judgmental call to stay in control of situations.
- You are a hard-worker, self-starter and able to work as part of a team.
- You will work one-on-one to assess participants' need for other services and recommend appropriate services to them.

Hours of work:

You need to **work at least 2 irregularly scheduled shifts a month to remain on the casual list.**

- 6:00am-1:00pm (morning)
- 11:30am-6:30pm (daytime)
- 5:00pm-12:00am (evening)
- 11:30pm-6:30am (overnight)

For the purpose of scheduling (monthly schedule), you must provide availability for:

- One weekend (both Saturday and Sunday) per month;
- 4 shifts per week (including 2 overnights); and
- You must specify the maximum number of shifts you are willing to work.

Meaning, you absolutely do not have to work all of those shifts that you put forward for availability, as the minimum is to work 2 shifts per month.

Location: WISH Drop-In Centre is located at 334 Alexander Street in the heart of the Downtown Eastside and close to transit.

Qualifications:

- Certificate in a related human / social service field (asset).
- Possess an understanding of the needs and challenges of women involved in street level sex work in Vancouver.
- Knowledge and understanding of Indigenous peoples and the legacy of colonization, the Residential school system, the 60's Scoop, and lasting cyclical trauma.
- Knowledge of the Downtown Eastside community and its services as well as issues in Sex Work legislation and policy.
- Knowledge of gender diversity and trans-inclusivity.

Training and experience:

- 1 year working in front line social services in the Downtown Eastside or similar community.
- Or an equivalent combination of education, training, experience, and lived experience.

Additional requirements:

- Maintain a commitment to providing a healthy and safe space for women (trans inclusive) in the street-based sex industry.
- Be able to stand for extended periods of time, carry out cleaning duties, and safely carry up to 20lbs when required while transporting supplies and/or donations.
- Possess a demonstrated ability to support vulnerable women compassionately and non-judgmentally while maintaining strong personal boundaries.
- Ability to respond to emergencies and proven experience in crisis de-escalation techniques.
- Excellent benefits package including employee insurance (medical, dental, life, accident and long-term disability, MSP) following the completion of the probation period and regularly working at least 20 hours per week. This position does not require travel or the use of a vehicle.
- WISH is a dynamic organization where opportunities for upward mobility are often presented.

The physical demands described in job announcements are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of the job. Please tell us if you require a reasonable accommodation to apply for a job or to perform your job.

Please submit a cover letter and resume to **the WISH Human Resources Manager at:**
hr@wishdropincentre.org

This position requires union membership. We thank everyone for their application, but only those who have been shortlisted for an interview will be contacted.