SUSTAIN is hiring a Peer Support Worker

SUSTAIN (Substance Users Society Teaching Advocacy Instead of Neglect) is a harm reduction peer-led project. We are dedicated to our commitment of reducing stigma, advocating for the human rights of people who use drugs, and empowering individuals to live their best quality of life. We are working together to create a well-supported peer network in Powell River, through discussions, groups, workshops, training, and leadership development. We value lived experience of our peers to inform and guide the SUSTAIN project goals, activities, and outcomes. We focus on overdose awareness and prevention, harm reduction, skill-building, and advocacy. We connect with community organizations to share information and increase access to support and information about the overdose crisis. We aim to decrease stigma by increasing a sense of belonging and connection between our peers and the larger community .

We are looking for a Peer Support Worker to join the SUSTAIN Team!

What we are looking for

- You identify as a person with lived experience and/or are an active substance user.
- You are interested and ready to use your skills and experience to support and promote the goals of SUSTAIN (as described above) in our community.
- You have or are eager to gain education and skills in harm reduction, overdose awareness and prevention, peer-led organization, advocacy and leadership.
- You are ready and able to work up to 8 hours per week on a weekly basis within a team environment.
- You are passionate about creating a better world and inspired to be the change.
- Basic organizational skills, word processing and email skills, and commitment to respectful and kind communication are required.
- Skills and /or interest in leading meetings, teaching and learning, public presentations, one-to-one support, and more.
- Unique skills, talents, passions and abilities

Peer Support Worker Job Description
In a team environment, you will be supported to:

- Do community outreach work and provide support and information about harm reduction and local interventions and resources available.
- Be part of networking, community-based meetings, and community conversations.
- Organize and offer one-to-one support, support circles and training for peers with an emphasis on information sharing, peer support, and capacity-building. This includes gaining the skills and knowledge to provide Naloxone training, organizing and leading

peer-led meetings (e.g. SUSTAIN weekly meetings, education sessions), and organizing parent peer support meetings and capacity-building sessions for parents.

- Contribute to SUSTAIN's information campaign(s) around overdose awareness and prevention, decreasing stigma, and raising awareness.
- Contribute to the SUSTAIN team and promote the work of SUSTAIN in a professional, ethical, and respectful way.
- Share your own unique talents, skills and abilities!

How to apply
Please apply with a one-page letter with your experience and why you feel you are best suited for the work with SUSTAIN. It does not need to be in resume format but we do accept resumes. **Please apply by email to info@sustainpowellriver.com by THURS, SEPT 6. If you do not have an email, please text Jessica to arrange a time to meet @ 604-223-7761.**

Questions? To contact a team member call or text;

Jessica @ 604-223-6671

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INTERVIEWS will be held on Tuesday, September 11.
If you are selected for an interview, you will hear from us by Monday, September 10. The rate of pay is $20 / hour. The job will begin asap and end March 31, 2019.

SUSTAIN (Substance Users Society Teaching Advocacy Instead of Neglect), is a grant-based project supported through the lead financial agency, PREP (Employer) and funded by the Community Action Initiative. PREP Society has been operating in Powell River as a non-profit organization since 1984. PREP provides a wide range of community-based services and programs, such as employment, food security, literacy, community resource, and parenting support programs.