



Community Food Animator

We are Changing the Way We Eat! Poppy Innovations has a social mandate to reduce the incidence of obesity for children and adults in our community by empowering them to develop food skills and nutritional knowledge for making healthier eating choices.

The Community Food Animator supports the ongoing activities of Poppy Innovations. The person in this role will cultivate healthy eating habits and relationships with schools by delivering curriculum linked Edible Education programming, provide public health education through community outreach and support ongoing programming to empower others to eat healthier. The Animator is a member of a diverse team providing on-the-ground support to aid Calgary children and adults in developing food skills and nutritional knowledge in order to make healthy eating choices.

This is a part-time position for 20hr/month starting in September 2018. Additional hours are available for teaching public and private programs in cooking, gardening and preserving.

Responsibilities and Duties

- Prepare and instruct Edible Education program in schools, Kids Garden Club, and Kids Cooking Day camps during the summer and throughout the school year;
- Support the Program Coordinator in developing teaching tools and evaluation of programs;
- Support Edible Education programming and outreach to schools in Calgary
- Provide assistance in maintaining social media sites with content on programs
- Plan, innovate and deliver events and presentations in the community, teacher conventions and other public gatherings
- Represent Poppy Innovations in an engaging, dynamic and professional manner reflective of our mission to help others make healthier food choices.
- Attend monthly team meetings
- Other duties as assigned

Qualifications

- Experience in teaching children is a must. Qualification and thorough knowledge in education or early childhood education is required
- Further experience or qualifications in nutrition, food skills including cooking, food sustainability or related fields is an asset
- Experience in community outreach and comfort with public presentations is needed
- Strong written and verbal communication skills
- Self-starter, highly motivated and outgoing and having the ability to work autonomously is necessary
- Computer skills required: email, social media, Microsoft Office Suite including PowerPoint
- Must have or be able to successfully attain a police clearance including vulnerable sector check
- Current standard first aid and CPR is an asset
- Must have your own transportation between sites

Joining our team is a great opportunity to work from home with flexible hours. Our Edible Education program is offered during school days and some after school programs. Must have availability during daytime Monday to Friday. Occasional weekends may be required for community events.