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Volunteer Workshop Leader

Community Energy Project serves over 1500 participants a year through workshops on weatherization, lead poisoning prevention, and water conservation. Develop your skills as a public speaker while delivering these multi-sensory, hands-on workshops in the Portland area. Workshop opportunities vary by time of year. Workshop leaders have an opportunity to share their unique knowledge and presentation style with the community, provide relief for staff and help deliver information with the highest possible quality.

Duties

- Arrive ½ hour before workshop to assist Workshop Coordinator with set-up
- Stay ½ hour after the end of the workshop to answer participant questions, assist with distribution of materials, and clean up.
- Conduct Staff-facilitated workshops on weatherization and/or lead poisoning prevention in a way that accurately and clearly conveys information to a diverse audience
- Be available evenings, weekends, and occasionally in the daytime

Essential Skills

- Excellent communication/public speaking skills – able to present information in a way that is comprehensive and interesting
- Ability to work with diverse groups of people with varied knowledge in the subject
- Ability to work with interpreters for bilingual/multilingual workshops

Desired Skills

- Bilingual/bicultural or Multilingual / multicultural
- Knowledge in energy and water conservation, home safety, and environmental health issues

Training and Commitment

- CEP provides approximately 15 hours of training - including a volunteer orientation and observation of three workshops.
- Conduct two training workshops followed by an evaluation
- Commitment to lead at least five community workshops
- Participate in annual refresher meeting

Requirements of the Position

- May be asked to lift up to 35 lbs
- Workshops often take place in the evenings, until after 8pm
- Must arrange own transportation to workshop sites

Benefits

- \$25 stipend per completed workshop to help offset cost of transportation and a missed meal (limit 23 workshops per year to ensure access to this opportunity for several people)