

Job Opportunity – Peer Facilitators Wanted

Peer Facilitator Contract with Vancouver Coastal Health's Peer Led Workshops Program

Start: September 15, 2025

Duration of Placement: 6 month contract with potential to renew

Pay and Hours: \$22.00 per hour starting, up to 20 hours per month

Location of Work: In-person at various sites in the Vancouver community and Virtual (delivered via Zoom) from home

Deadline: July 23, 2025

Job Description:

Vancouver Coastal Health offers several Peer Led Workshops that are co-created by Peers (people with lived/living experience with mental health and/or substance use challenges). Co-creation is a cooperative working style where Peers, professionals and content experts work together as equals to create a workshop or service that will improve the quality of life for members of the community. We believe that those who use a service are in the best position to help design it.

Using a Psychosocial Rehabilitation approach, our Peer Led Workshops focus on empowering people to be active participants in their recovery and well-being. A Peer Facilitator uses different skills, tools, exercises, and natural abilities to draw out knowledge and insight from workshop participants and keep discussions running smoothly. All Peer Led Workshops are co-facilitated by two Peer Facilitators.

Duties include:

- Co-facilitate virtual and in-person Peer Led Workshops
- Use workshop-specific materials to facilitate discussions and lead group activities
- Encourage participants to develop and use creative and critical thinking
- Work collaboratively with other Peer Facilitators
- Create and maintain a safe(r) and respectful group environment guided by how participants define safety and respect
- Set-up and take-down of room (may involve moving tables and chairs)
- Ensure everyone has a chance to express their ideas and feelings
- Share personal experience appropriately for the benefit of the participants
- Be open to a range of ways of understanding experiences
- Attend monthly team meetings, communicate with site staff, promote the Peer Led Workshops, and complete paperwork as required

Qualifications:

- Have personal lived/living experience with Mental Health and/or Substance Use challenges
- Have personal experience receiving services within the mental health system
- Have completed a Peer Support Training Program and/or equivalent education and experience, such as Mental Health Worker Certificate, WRAP Facilitator Training, Peer Facilitator Training, or other equivalent
- Have demonstrated experience with facilitation and leading groups or willingness to learn
- Be familiar with and comfortable hosting on Zoom and using Microsoft Office Suite (particularly PowerPoint)
- Have excellent listening and communication skills
- Have the ability to attend sessions consistently and be highly reliable to commitments
- Have a successful completion of a Criminal Record Check (organized by VCH)
- Be able to role model recovery by sharing common life experiences and practical information
- Have effective strategies for dealing with stress
- Be able to work with a culturally diverse population
- Be willing to respect other people's right to decline assistance
- Be able to present in a professional manner
- Be empathetic, patient, and supportive

To apply:

Please submit a resume and cover letter:

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If you wish to email your application, please send it to: **atossa.leung@vch.ca** with the subject line:
"Peer Facilitator Application"

Closing Date: July 23, 2025