Volunteer Description: Get to the Pointe! Sexual Health Initiative for Youth Volunteer

Purpose
Get to the Pointe! is an alternative sexual health education initiative whose mandate is to engage youth and the community in all facets of the project and its activities. Get to the Pointe! (GTTP!) works from a youth engagement, anti-oppressive, and feminist framework. The project is rooted in community, and recognizes the importance of relationships and community building in the development and implementation of sexual health education.

More concretely, Get to the Pointe! works with high school classes in the South-West of Montreal to develop “By youth & For youth” sexual health programming. The projects each year change since they are developed entirely by that year’s participating youth. Students in previous years created/organized: a documentary exploring gender stereotypes; a zine on safer sex; a jeopardy-style game show on safer sex; an open mic night; and a field trip focused on gender inequality. We also offer sexual health education workshops in high schools, and a sexual health themed art competition.

The volunteers that will take on this position will assist in reviewing and developing sexual health workshops and will facilitate workshops for high school students. There is also the possibility of working with the organizing committees on promotions, the management of social networking sites, and fundraising.

Main responsibilities
- Working with the Workshop Development Committee to review and adjust previously developed sexual health workshops
- Working with the Leadership Class Committee to support youth in the creation of youth-led sexual health projects
- Facilitating sexual health workshops, leadership classes, and/or art workshops for high school students

Personal qualifications and skills
- Experience/knowledge in HIV/AIDS, sexuality, sexual health
- Commitment to principles of harm reduction and anti-oppression
- Experience in workshop facilitation and development
- Strong spoken English
- Ability to work autonomously and in a team
- Computer literacy
- Experience in project promotions
- Experience in managing social networking sites

Time Commitment
In addition to Volunteer Orientation and E4P Training, expect to give four hours per week. All volunteers are required to make a six month commitment.