Volunteer Description: SextEd Response Team

Purpose

SextEd is a sexual health education program which aims to provide information to youth via text messaging. Youth can text any questions they have related to sex, relationships, STIs, sexual diversity, etc., and a trained volunteer will reply to them within 24 hours. The overall goal is to reduce the incidence of HIV and other STIs among youth residing in Montreal, and to provide an anonymous, convenient and culturally-relevant avenue through which youth can learn of, and access, sexual health and testing information.

Main Responsibilities

- Reply to incoming texts by researching and drafting comprehensive responses in a team
- Contribute to and update a database of frequently asked questions (FAQ), online resources, and local clinics and community centers
- Assist the SextEd Coordinator in researching and applying for grants and further funding opportunities
- Assist the SextEd Coordinator with outreach to schools and partners (e.g. phone calls, promotional mailouts, etc.)
- All E4P volunteers are expected to do kiosks and workshops when necessary
- Any other duties as required by the department

Personal Qualifications and Skills

- Strong knowledge in HIV/AIDS, sexuality, sexual health is required
- Commitment to principles of harm reduction and anti-oppression
- Familiarity with youth-appropriate language
- Writing skills (experience having edited in a team is an asset)
- Comfortable and experienced in researching and discussing sexual health issues
- Strong spoken and written English (French is an asset)
- Ability to work autonomously and in a team
- Comfortable leading discussions and presenting information with groups
- Computer literacy
- Search engine optimization, blogging or Wordpress experience an asset

Time Commitment

In addition to volunteer orientation, expect to give approximately 4 hours per week. All volunteers are asked to make a 6 month commitment.