



FOR YOUTH INITIATIVE (FYI)

Student Placement

POSITION TITLE: Female-Specific Sports and Leadership

POSITION TYPE: Placement Student or Volunteer

REPORTS TO: Manager, Youth Settlement Services Program

Organization & Program Description

For Youth Initiative (FYI) is a non-profit, charitable organization operated by youth, for youth. FYI aims to encourage civic engagement and increase access to educational, recreational, economical and cultural opportunities for marginalized and at risk youth. Civic engagement, critical analysis, leadership, youth empowerment, skill building and community building are encouraged and incorporated in all community development work at FYI.

FYI's 1669 Eglinton Ave. West (The Bridge) location offers a variety of recreational, social, and cultural activities. Throughout the calendar year, a variety of programs are offered including themes such as sports, arts, leadership, and academic. A unique aspect of the Bridge's settlement program is in providing transferable life skills and leadership opportunities while building social networks and fostering sense of community.

Position Summary

Qualifications:

- Soccer experience; ability to coach and lead soccer practices, drills
- Available at least 2 evenings a week including Thursdays from 3:30-8pm (or 4pm- 8pm)
- Willingness to learn
- Academic focus on community development, youth engagement and/or social justice, child and youth work
- Facilitation and leadership skills
- Open to working with youth from diverse backgrounds
- Communicate closely with supervisor around availability and absences
- Be willing to take initiative to engage and mentor youth
- Be passionate in seeing youth succeed to their full potential
- Be patient

Assets:

- Second language is an asset (e.g. East African or West African language, Arabic, Vietnamese or another language commonly used by the newcomer communities which FYI serves).
- Experience in female-specific programming
- Familiarity with other sports or recreational programming e.g. volleyball

Prospective Skill Development Opportunities:

- Develop teaching and mentorship skills

- Increase one's understanding of the barriers that newcomer youth face when they arrive in Canada
- Engage in cultural exchange with youth from around the world
- Become familiar with youth programming and the unique "by youth for youth" model
- Increase knowledge about women's issues and female empowerment
- Learn outreach skills and strategies