

## 2022 POWERFUL PLANTS PROJECT LEAD

Position type: Contract (May 15, 2022-October 15, 2022)

Hours: 50 hours at \$50/hour

Location: Remote from anywhere in BC

Reports to: Executive Director



NatureKids BC (NKBC) is a registered charity that helps children (aged 5-12) and their families, get outdoors to explore, play, learn about and take action for nature. We do this through a provincial network of nature clubs (25+ across BC). Together with our volunteer club leaders, nature mentors, and donors, we share the vision of building a healthy and sustainable future for our world by engaging every child and their family in the diversity, complexity and wonder of nature.

NKBC annually selects a program focus and creates a toolkit, resources and training for our community to engage with the topic. This programming is directed at our volunteer club leaders, who are mostly parents, and don't necessarily have a naturalist or education background, who then in turn present it to the families in their clubs. In [2021 we learned about Salmon](#) and how we can support them.

In 2022 we are looking to the power of plants in fighting climate change and empowering BC families to be part of the solution by ameliorating their backyards, balconies and local greenspaces. We envision a focus on native plants (education, games and activities) and stewardship. Why are native plants both culturally and ecologically important in our fight against climate change? How do their unique adaptations make them resilient, encourage biodiversity, and form the basis of our connection to land and Indigenous perspectives? And though it's educational - it should also be fun. Let's plant and play, tell stories and get dirty.

We see this as a multifaceted program that could include the following elements:

- 1) Virtual event programming
- 2) In-person event programming
- 3) NatureWILD magazine content
- 4) Toolkit and resource creation
- 5) Citizen Science or Stewardship project

In addition to curating and creating the toolkit, a big part of the project will be building a network of experts (nature mentors) across BC for our volunteer club leaders to connect with when developing their Explorer Day events.

This is a contract position that will provide project coordination, material development, network and partnership building and evaluation services for NKBC's plant based programming for the duration of the project in 2022.

**Scope of work** includes but is not limited to:

- Network and develop partnerships with Indigenous knowledge holders and the educational community in the areas of plant ecology, native plant botany, and gardening
- Research and assemble relevant plant resources
- Package the resources into a toolkit directed at volunteer leaders (across BC)
- Develop a simple citizen science project and/or data collection event for clubs (including determining what materials they will need to complete the data collection and designing data collection sheets for clubs) OR develop partnerships with local groups to enable club stewardship events (planting native species, community gardening, etc.)
- Plan and deliver training webinar for volunteer leaders on the toolkit so they can deliver programming to their clubs (train the trainers)
- Support the volunteer nature club leaders to put on plant themed Explorer days, help deliver these in your region and help source nature mentors in the other regions
- Deliver a virtual Explorer Day on a plant and climate change related topic for our community
- Work with the staff team on promoting the project externally and internally
- Plan and implement participant evaluation
- Generate report and evaluate project for funders
- Provide updates on project progress

**Qualifications required and/or preferred:**

- Post-secondary education in botany, ecology, education or other relevant field; or a combination of relevant training, education and experience.
- High degree of knowledge and expertise of native plant botany
- Experience developing materials and resources for K-6
- Event planning experience
- Enjoys working with and teaching K-6 aged kids and their families
- Highly organized and able to multitask
- Self-motivated; takes initiative and can work independently with minimal supervision
- Efficient and detail-oriented
- High degree of professionalism and excellent including verbal and written communication skills
- Shared values with NatureKids BC; love of nature

**Location of work:** Generally from the contractor's home office. Contractors are responsible for providing a suitable and secure workplace as well as equipment (reliable computer, phone and internet) at their own expense. Some weekend offsite event work may be required, depending on BC's provincial Covid-19 restrictions.

**Reporting relationship:** This position reports directly to the Executive Director. In the absence of the Executive Director, the position reports to the Program Director.

**Remuneration:** \$50 per hour (includes GST) for up to 50 hours. The contractor will provide bi-weekly reports on progress and hours spent. The position is dependent on funding availability.

To apply please send your CV and cover letter to [christina@naturekidsbc.ca](mailto:christina@naturekidsbc.ca) before April 30, 2022.