

JOB POSTING
Coordinator, Q? Y Art? Project
\$14 per hour / 12 hours per week / 15 weeks contract
Application deadline: December 31, 2011

Q? Y Art? is a multidisciplinary arts program for South Asian LGBTTIQQ2S/WSW/MSM youth in Toronto. Through the project, youth 29 and under will engage in arts practices, create portfolios and launch their work. This project is funded by ArtReach Toronto.

Q? Y Art? is the first initiative of the South Asian Queer Network (SAQuN), a group of individuals from the South Asian LGBTTIQQ community. SAQuN aims to organize Q? Y Art? with the goal of increasing visibility within the South Asian community and connecting with other LGBTTIQQ2S/WSW/MSM peers and leaders. SAQuN is working with the Alliance for South Asian AIDS Prevention (ASAAP) for the Q? Y Art? project.

Q? Y Art? is looking for a project Coordinator who will guide us through the outreach and program development stage. We are seeking someone engaged, who is willing to learn, and interested in the process as much as we are. Office space will be at the ASAAP Office (120 Carlton Street, Toronto). The Coordinator will report to and be supported by SAQuN members.

We recognize that job opportunities for historically marginalized groups are few and far between. Grounded in equity principles, and resisting the practice of “outside experts” coming in to communities for youth work, we are seeking applications from individuals whose identities overlap with those of the participants of Q? Y Art? Using an intersectional approach, we are especially interested in applications from individuals with complex stories and identities, including South Asian LGBTTIQQ2S/WSW/MSM folks who live with a disAbility, have lived experience of mental health issues, are survivors, are working class, are poor, have experiences of migration, and/or feel most comfortable in languages other than English.

Requirements:

- must be youth identified
- must be South Asian*-identified
- must be LGBTTIQQ2S/WSW/MSM**-identified
- Some travel required (travel via public transit will be reimbursed)
- Some evening/weekend work required

**We recognize that “South Asian” is a complex identity that cannot be encompassed by a simple listing of geographical places. Your definition of South Asian, and your self-identification as South Asian, are what matter.*

***Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transsexual, Transgender, Intersex, Queer, Questioning, 2 Spirit, Women who have sex with women, Men who have sex with men*

Coordinator's Responsibilities:

- **Outreach** via email, phone, in-person and online channels, to community organizations, educational institutions, arts-based organizations, etc. to recruit participants for the Q? Y Art? project
- **Logistics** to set up the framework for the program, including booking spaces, ordering food, coordinating with artists, and purchasing art supplies as needed
- **Research** to learn more about the needs of South Asian LGBTTIQQ2S/WSW/MSM youth in various neighbourhoods across Toronto, and to inform best practices of Q? Y Art?
- **Communications** via email and telephone regarding project, participation, goals, etc.

The ideal Coordinator will have the following:

- Knowledge of LGBTTIQQ2S/WSW/MSM communities in Toronto
- Knowledge of South Asian communities and organizations
- Event coordination and/or logistics experience
- Experience compiling reports
- Experience working with youth 29 and under
- Frameworks of Anti-Racism and Anti-Oppression
- Lived experience of racism/homophobia/transphobia an asset
- Experience with evaluation processes an asset
- Previous experience with arts-based programming is an asset
- Must be comfortable working independently

We also recognize that this is a short term contract and are open to a flexible work schedule, including evening/weekend work.

Please submit your resume and cover letter to:

qyartproject@gmail.com by December 31, 2011 at midnight

Feel free to ask questions via email until December 29, 2011

Interviews will be held week of January 9, 2012

Expected start date is January 23, 2012