



Job Opportunity

Lead Gardener

(part-time, two-year contract)

Tsi Tyónnheht Onkwawén:na (TTO), in collaboration with Wintergreen Studios, is seeking a dedicated **Lead Gardener** to lead a unique initiative that merges ecological restoration with Onkwehonwe'neha revitalization. This two-year, part-time position will support the regeneration of land around our new centre and will include the development and establishment of zoned areas that will include a greenhouse, food/foraging forest gardens and land-based programming.

The successful candidate will work closely with the Project Team and the Steering Committee in implementing a comprehensive restoration strategy rooted in Indigenous knowledge systems and ecological best practices. This work, both administrative and on the land, will take place alongside community involvement, cultural learning, and Mohawk language reclamation activities.

Qualifications

- Knowledge of Onkwehonwe'neha is an asset; willingness to learn and use is required
- Post-secondary education and/or experience in Ecological Restoration, Natural Resource Management, Horticulture, Regenerative Farming and Food Systems, Environmental Science, or related fields.
- Knowledge of native and medicinal plant species in the region.
- Understanding of Indigenous approaches to land stewardship is required.
- Demonstrated experience in project management.
- Experience in community-based projects or education.
- Excellent collaboration and communication skills.
- Ability to work outdoors in varying conditions and perform physical tasks.
- Clear Vulnerable Sector Check will be required as a condition of employment

Responsible for:

- Gardening responsibilities including but not limited to the planning, planting, weeding, and watering of extensive food, medicinal and wildlife/pollinator gardens
- Maintaining a large community garden plot and greenhouse for food production
- Engage in ongoing professional development and be an active participant in the EFAO Food Forest Indigenous Learning Circle
- Liaising with community members, partners, as well as organizing and leading volunteer and student groups
- Oversight of children's area and outdoor gathering areas with a lens towards risk management

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- Tool maintenance, procuring supplies, and budgeting tracking
- Co-creating a regenerative Indigenous food forest with community support and involvement
- Convening community members for workshops, programs, and participatory design jams
- Soil building and water management activities
- Share knowledge and resources with partner organizations undertaking similar work off-site as required
- Working with students (children and adult learners) on-site to meaningfully involve them in all aspects of regenerative Indigenous landscape management and care

Interested candidates should submit their resume and cover letter to tto@kenhteke.org.

Please include “Lead Gardener” in the subject line.

Deadline for Applications is: April 15th at 12:00pm

TTO is an equal opportunity employer, and references Canada’s Aboriginal Employment Preferences Policy. Preference will be given to applicants of Rotinonhsyón:ni ancestry. TTO is grateful for all who are interested in joining our organization, however only those chosen for an interview will be contacted.

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