

Between Friends | WeConnect Group Leader Position

Between Friends creates opportunities for people with disabilities to connect, grow, and belong through social and recreational activities. As a charitable organization, we rely on the efforts of our personnel to help provide safe and inclusive programming for our participants. Between Friends is an equal opportunity employer. Between Friends thoroughly screens all applicants initially and on an on-going basis.

WeConnect Virtual Programming began during the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic when we were unable to run in-person programming. We believe in the positive benefits of social connection, especially during this time of physical distancing. Between Friends is working hard to ensure that our members have programming that allows them to connect, grow, and belong. Our program offerings include movement programs, crafting programs, social programs such as game nights and movie nights, and offering Special Events. We understand that a lot of our members are already having lots of screen time, so we will try and focus on the social interactions, while providing a safe and accepting environment. Between Friends is currently offering WeConnect Programs free of charge to our members.

WeConnect Group Leader – 4 Positions Available	
<i>Group Leaders are expected to plan and implement quality virtual programming for our members in WeConnect</i>	
Duties & Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for supervising and supporting up to 10 members in a virtual setting (Zoom) • Planning and implementing fun, inclusive, age-appropriate and accessible online programming • Providing the highest standard of support to members • Acting as a role model/mentor to members and Volunteers • Supervising and mentoring Volunteers (a minimum of 1 Volunteer will be placed in each WeConnect program) • Communicating with parents/guardians/supportive roommates throughout each session • Attend all training opportunities and staff meetings as set by the Personnel Coordinator; • Positively represent Between Friends when in public and during all virtual programs • Other duties as requested by their Team Leader and Personnel Coordinator
Time Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start Date: October 5, 2020; End Date: January 22, 2021 (16 weeks) • Training will be provided the week before the start of the WeConnect session (October 5, 2020) • Hourly commitment of 17.5 hours per week • WeConnect Programs range from 1 – 2.5 hours in length; each session is 4-6 weeks in length with a 1-2 week break in between sessions • Each Group Leader will be assigned 2-4 programs a session • Additional hours may include administration, phone calls with parents/guardians/supportive roommates, and creating weekly program plans • During the 1-2 break between sessions, you may be asked to support with other duties such as/not limited to supporting with our membership survey, creating pre recorded video content for members (ie: reading stories, teaching members how to make slime, etc.)
Skills & Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience working with people with disabilities is not required, but considered an asset • Experience supporting other organizations in online programs is not required, but considered an asset



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Application Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This position is a part of the Canada Summer Jobs Program with funding provided by Service Canada. Candidates must meet the following eligibility requirements to be considered:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Be between 15 and 30 years of age at the start of employment- Be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or a person on whom refugee protections has been conferred under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act- Legally entitled to work according to relevant provincial legislation and regulations (international students on a work/study permit are not eligible for the Canada Summer Jobs Program)• Must pass a Screening Process including a Backcheck search and an Intervention Record Check completed by Alberta Human Services• Must have an interview conducted by the Personnel Coordinator and designate• Minimum 2 professional references• Application deadline is: Monday, September 21 at 11:59 PM MST
Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wage: \$15.45 per hour• After successful completion of the contract, a Reference Letter is available by request• Invitation to the Awards Ceremony & AGM (Annual General Meeting) in 2021

If you would like to apply for this position, please send your resume and cover letter to opportunities@betweenfriends.ab.ca by Monday, September 21 at 11:59 PM MST. We appreciate all applications, but only those being selected for an interview will be contacted. No phone calls, please.

If you have any questions or need further clarification, please contact our Personnel Coordinator, Nikki Stevens: nstevens@betweenfriends.ab.ca | 403-471-6456