TPP Volunteer Opportunity - Gallery Assistant

Volunteer Title: Gallery Assistant
Department: The Power Plant Contemporary Art Gallery (TPP)
Date & Time(s): Weekdays & Weekends, 11AM-2PM/ 12-3PM/ 2-5PM
Location: 231 Queens Quay West, Toronto, ON, M5J 2G8.
Supervisor: Brittany Holliss, Visitor and Volunteer Services Coordinator

Description:
The Power Plant Contemporary Art Gallery is Canada’s leading non-collecting, public art gallery dedicated exclusively to contemporary visual art from Canada and the world. The Power Plant fulfills its mandate by generating: exhibitions that represent the range of advanced practice in visual arts; publications that provide in-depth explorations of contemporary art; lectures and symposia that encourage debate and further understanding; interpretative tools that invite visitors to question, explore and reflect upon their experiences; programming that incorporates other areas of culture at their intersection with visual art.

Volunteers are a crucial part of the operations and ongoing success of The Power Plant’s public and exhibitions programming.

Roles:
• Welcome and greet visitors
• Engage with visitors
• Activate artworks
• Promote upcoming programs and membership benefits
• Ensure the security of works in the gallery
• Assist with event set-up and take-down

Required Skills:
• Positive and friendly attitude
• Patient and comfortable interacting with children of all ages, as well as from all cultures and abilities
• Good communication skills
• Able to stand for long periods of time
• Able to work well with other volunteers and staff members
• Interest or background in Visual Art or Education
Expectations:
- Honour and fulfill commitments
- Be punctual and reliable
- Accept the guidance and decisions of the supervisor(s)
- Wear a Volunteer ID badge at all times
- Be willing to learn and develop skills for the required position
- Attend any orientation or training sessions required for the chosen position or event
- Work as a team member with staff and fellow volunteers
- Respect fellow volunteers, staff, the public and the confidentiality of information
- Represent The Power Plant and Harbourfront Centre in a positive manner
- Contact the Visitor and Volunteer Services Coordinator by email at info@thepowerplant.org or telephone (416) 973-4949 if they are unable to fulfill their commitment

Commitment:
Volunteers are expected to commit to two, 3-hour volunteer shift per month for the duration of an exhibition season (approx. 3 months). Volunteers must have completed a minimum of four (4) gallery shifts before becoming eligible for participation in exhibition openings and Power Ball.

Dress Code:
All volunteers are asked to please wear close-toed shoes, black bottoms and a professional black top of their choice. A volunteer badge will be provided during all volunteer shifts.

Benefits:
- Recognition on TPP website
- Access to artist performances and lectures
- Record of hours
- Invitation to annual volunteer appreciation party
- Complimentary memberships and publications (based on recorded volunteer hours)

How to Apply:
Please send a short statement of interest (300 words max.) to Brittany Holliss, Visitor and Volunteer Services Coordinator at info@thepowerplant.org with the subject line “Volunteer Application – Gallery Assistant”.