

Volunteer position title:	Hustle Drop-In Volunteer	Posting date:	January 15, 2015
Manager contact information:	Billy Taylor billy@checkhimout.ca	Posting closing date:	This position has no closing date
Location:	Various locations	Position duration:	Ongoing
Position type:	Outreach	Service area:	Multiple service areas

Statement of volunteer value:

At Health Initiative for Men (HIM), volunteers play an essential role in bringing our mission and vision to life. We value volunteers for their roles as ambassadors, mentors, board directors, leaders, supporters, educators, advocates, and as members of the community of gay men and other men who have sex with men. At HIM, we value the unique gifts as well as the personal needs and diversity of our volunteers and embrace the benefits of volunteering for purposeful personal growth and social connection.

Purpose of the position:

The HUSTLE (How U Survive This Life Everyday) engages with self-identified men involved in sex work. The HUSTLE team provides traditional on-street and location based outreach. The team works with harm reduction/safer sex materials; provides nutrition and Hygiene information; and provide a safe needle exchange. A major component of this program is one-on-one peer and crisis support in the moment. By providing consistent, non-judgmental services, over time, we continue to nurture a sense of community, thus increasing the overall health and safety of the clients, many of whom may have experienced exploitation on the streets of Vancouver. Volunteers in this program expand their skills in the helping profession while contributing to the gay and OMSM (other men who have sex with men) communities.

Responsibilities and duties

- Set-up/serving and cleaning up of meals.
- Support HUSTLE and VCH staff with other duties related to HUSTLE
- Provide resources to clients
- Distribute harm reduction materials
- Distribute materials and resources related to nutrition and hygiene.
- Protect the confidentiality of the people and the space
- Protect the confidentiality of the drop in location.

Qualifications

Required qualifications	Preferred qualifications
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Good interpersonal skills• Some knowledge and competency in working with the gay/trans community.• Ability to calmly deal with conflict.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Front line helping experience

Commitment expected

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shifts are once per week from 6-9• A 6-month commitment is preferred.• Some flexibility is also possible
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Training

Training provided by HIM	Other training you might bring
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• HIM institute• Site/position specific training	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• First aid certification• Food services experience

Other details

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This position may also meet the qualifications for internship or practicums in various programs.• Expert supervision is available.
