Employment Opportunity

Title: Gender Advisor
Organization: Equitas – International Centre for Human Rights Education
Location: Montreal, Canada
Status: Full time, 12 months contract (leave replacement)
35 hours/per week
Application deadline: January 15, 2020 at 12:00 p.m.
Start date: February 10, 2019

Equitas is a Canadian non-profit organization dedicated to advancing equality, social justice and respect for human dignity in Canada and around the world through human rights education. The promotion of gender equality is central to Equitas’ mission as well as the human rights-based approach that informs our work and practices. Furthermore, gender equality is central to our Theory of Change and is a priority within the organization’s activities in Canada and internationally.

Equitas is seeking a Gender Advisor who will ensure that our work applies the most-up-to-date global perspectives on gender equality and pushes us to be gender transformative in the programs we implement and the actions we take.

Reporting to the Director of Programs, and working in close collaboration with the Management Team, the Gender Learning Team, the Communications team, Programs Teams and Education Team, the Gender Advisor will be responsible for leading efforts to operationalize gender equality throughout all of Equitas’ programming. The Gender Advisor will be responsible for shaping the strategic direction; building internal capacity, including coaching and support for staff and partners; monitoring and evaluation and knowledge sharing to ensure the realization of program-level and organizational-level gender equality outcomes.

Tasks and main responsibilities

1. Providing strategic direction for the integration of gender equality across Equitas programs
   - Provide strategic leadership and direction for Equitas’ gender equality work
   - Leads on identifying and analyzing gender issues within programs and develops strategies for strengthening Equitas’ integration of gender equality within all of its program activities
   - Provide guidance and support to Equitas teams ensuring that they develop annual plans that integrate gender equality outcomes
   - Oversee development of gender equality strategies as part of the development of project proposals and project monitoring and evaluation
2. Providing strategic guidance to organizational planning, policies and practices
   • Provide guidance to ensure that gender equality is taken into account in Equitas’ overall
     strategic planning, annual planning, and organizational policies and practices

3. Building Internal Capacity
   • Work in close collaboration with the Gender Learning Team to lead efforts to build staff
     capacity to integrate gender equality into programs
   • Build staff understanding of key gender equality issues (including issues related to social
     inclusion, intersectionality, gender identity, engagement of men and boys as well as the
     promotion and protection of equality right)
   • Provide guidance on the integration of gender equality into Equitas’ educational
     resources and tools
   • Contribute to capacity building of partners to support the integration of gender equality
     into their respective human rights education activities and organizational practices

4. Monitoring & Evaluation
   • Support the development of evaluation tools for gathering data on gender outcomes
   • Assist with the analysis of data, identifying potential gaps and strategies to address
     them, as well as with reporting of key results related to gender equality

5. Communications and Knowledge Sharing
   • In collaboration with the communication team, contribute to the development of
     communication tools or documents that take gender equality into account
   • Develop strategic partnerships related to gender equality
   • Represent Equitas at different forums, knowledge networks and communities of
     practice as appropriate
   • Contribute to Equitas’ knowledge sharing tools related to sharing good practices in
     promoting gender equality

Qualifications

Skills and experience:

• University degree in social sciences, development studies, law, or a related field with a
  focus on gender equality and women’s rights, or equivalent experience.
• 5 yrs. experience working on projects focused on women’s empowerment and gender
  equality issues (including specific knowledge on gender-based violence and the
  promotion and protection of human rights).
• Demonstrated knowledge of gender-based analysis, gender-sensitive project design,
  gender mainstreaming, gender equality monitoring and evaluation and the promotion
  of gender equality at national and international levels.
• Proven analytical skills and ability to think and act strategically.
• Experience working with a variety of stakeholders, women and men in communities,
  decision makers, donors, civil society organizations, the public and private sector.
• Excellent communication skills and the ability to communicate complex information to a wide range of audiences, and the interpersonal skills to cultivate a genuine commitment to gender equality among Equitas staff and partners.
• Experience in working in a cross-cultural team setting
• Ability to communicate orally, and read and understand documents, in both of Canada’s official languages (English and French); and excellent writing skills in at least one of them
• Skills and experience in designing capacity-building activities and tools an asset

Other considerations:

• Applicants must have the right to work in Canada
• Language Requirements: Ability to communicate orally, and read and understand documents, in both of Canada’s official languages (English and French); and excellent writing skills in at least one of them

For further information about Equitas consult our website at www.equitas.org. Equitas is committed to employment equity and encourages applications from Indigenous peoples, visible minorities, people with disabilities, and people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. Equitas offers a competitive salary and benefits in the NGO sector.

Equitas thanks all applicants for their interest. However, only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

Please send 1 attachment (cover letter and C.V.) with your name and Gender Advisor in the subject line by January 15th 2020 to:

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