



Spence
Neighbourhood
Association

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Position Title: Community Compost Steward

Purpose: The Spence Neighbourhood Association is seeking enthusiastic, passionate, and reliable volunteers to maintain the compost bins located in community gardens throughout the neighbourhood.

Time Commitment: Approximately 2 shifts per month, 1-3 hours per shift. Flexible hours.

Duties & Responsibilities:

- Monitor the condition of community compost bins year round and report on their status to the Environment and Open Spaces Coordinator.
- Manually turn the compost every six weeks from April-October.
- Collect leaves and other carbon-rich materials for storage at the community gardens.
- Assist with public outreach, composting workshops and demonstrations.
- Install educational signage and instructions at the community gardens.
- Make minor repairs to compost bins, as necessary.
- Other duties as assigned.

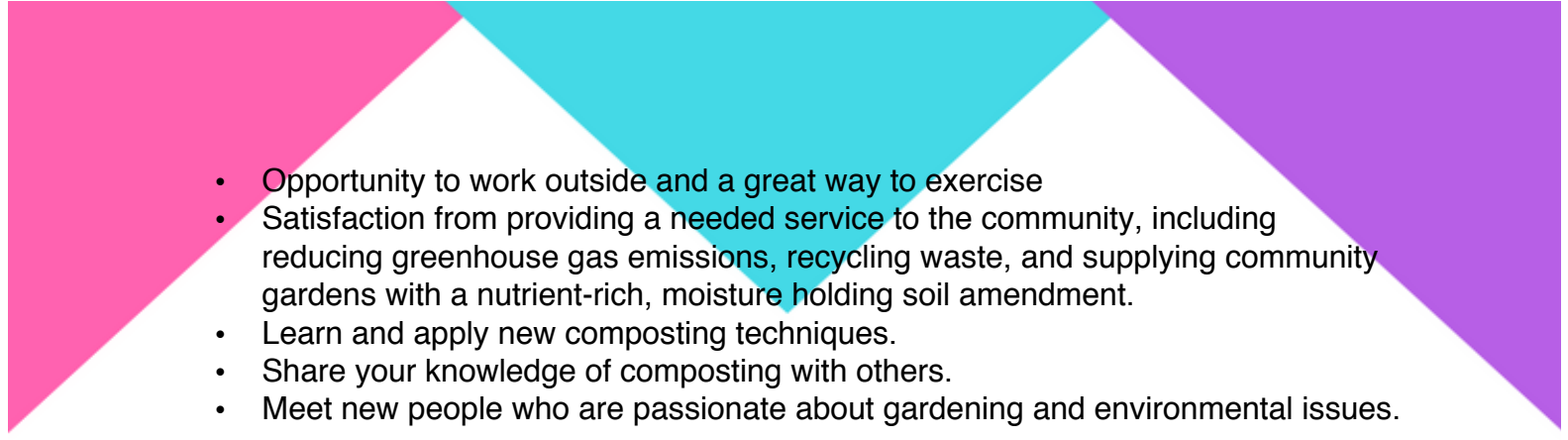
Skills & Qualifications:

- Must have prior experience with, and knowledge of backyard composting.
- Able to detect and identify problems in compost bins and troubleshoot with limited resources.
- Physically capable to lift, bend and shovel piles of compost and transport equipment between garden sites.
- Able to work alone or with other volunteers with limited supervision.
- Basic carpentry skills and competency with power tools are assets.
- 18+ years.

Primary Location of Volunteer Opportunity: Community gardens throughout Spence Neighbourhood, and the Spence Neighbourhood Association office at 615 Ellice Ave.

Number of Opportunities Available: 4

Benefits:

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- Opportunity to work outside and a great way to exercise
 - Satisfaction from providing a needed service to the community, including reducing greenhouse gas emissions, recycling waste, and supplying community gardens with a nutrient-rich, moisture holding soil amendment.
 - Learn and apply new composting techniques.
 - Share your knowledge of composting with others.
 - Meet new people who are passionate about gardening and environmental issues.

How to Apply:

- Those interested in volunteering as a Community Compost Steward should fill out an application form available from any of SNA's locations or online at www.spenceneighbourhood.org/volunteer .
- Completed applications can be dropped off at 615 Ellice Ave or emailed to greenimage@spenceneighbourhood.org. When emailing, please type "Application: Community Compost Steward Volunteer Opportunity" in the subject line.

Contact and Direct Supervisor:

- If you have questions about this volunteer opportunity, please contact Natalie James at 204-783-5000 ext 102 or greenimage@spenceneighbourhood.org.

*The **Spence Neighbourhood Association** works with the people of Spence to revitalize and renew their community in the areas of Holistic Housing, Community Connecting, Community Economic Development, Environment and Open Spaces, and Youth & Families.*

Please visit our website at <http://www.spenceneighbourhood.org>.