

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### PEER SUPPORT HOUSING PROJECT: PEER SUPPORTER



greater victoria  
coalition to end  
homelessness  

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hope has found a home

**LOCATION:** Victoria, BC  
**SALARY:** \$22 per hour  
**TERM:** January 3rd to March 31, 2018: 8 hours per week (2 x ½ days)  
**ANTICIPATED START:** January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018

## Overview

### The Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness Society (Coalition)

The Coalition was formed in 2008 with a mission to end homelessness in Greater Victoria. The Coalition consists of service providers, non-profit organizations, all levels of government, businesses, postsecondary institutions, the faith community, people with a lived experience of homelessness, and members of the community. This diverse membership is referred to as Coalition Stakeholders.

#### Our Vision:

A region without homelessness.

#### Our Mission:

1. To ensure appropriate solutions are in place to serve those individuals experiencing homelessness in the Capital Region.
2. To ensure all people facing homelessness in the Capital Region have access to safe, affordable, appropriate, long-term housing.

The solutions to end homelessness are as diverse as homelessness itself, and we all have a role to play in ending homelessness.

### Who You Are

- You seek meaningful work in the not-for-profit community where helping to improve the success of individuals transitioning from a state of homelessness to being housed is a key focus.
- You build genuine relationships and collaborate effectively with people with lived experience of homelessness.

### Why Choose Us

- Flexible work schedule
- Collaborative and inclusive work environment

## **The Peer Housing Support Project**

The project model is one-to-one peer mentorship, where a Peer (an individual who is newly housed through one of our partner organizations and who is also seeking support) is connected with a trained Peer Supporter (an individual who has experienced homelessness and has transitioned successfully from homelessness to stable housing). Connecting with people of shared experience has been shown to foster hope, reduce power imbalances, and provide emotional support during the very real challenges that come with transitioning from the street or a shelter into housing. The project has a targeted focus on supporting people as they transition out of homelessness and along the housing spectrum. It is Peer-led and responsive to changing needs.

### ***THE PEER HOUSING SUPPORTER***

The Peer Housing Supporter reports directly to the Community Development Manager and is directly supervised by the Project Coordinator. In the pilot phase, we need people who can both provide peer support and reflect constructively on the design of the program and the training.

### **Specific Accountabilities / Deliverables**

- Attend regular project meetings
- Contribute to and seek assistance on specific Peer challenges; share learnings and successes
- Provide feedback on the project design and delivery
- Successfully complete the required training program
- Provide one-on-one support consistent with the required training and the program framework to those transitioning from homelessness along the housing spectrum

### **Qualifications:**

- Experience with and knowledge of the Greater Victoria housing and service providers community.
- A clear criminal record check
- Successfully living in a home for a stable period of time and in a positive place with their recovery

Please submit your **cover letter and resume in a single document attachment** by email to: [peersupport@victoriahomelessness.ca](mailto:peersupport@victoriahomelessness.ca)

By end of day: **December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

The subject line must show **Peer Housing Support Project: Peer Supporter** and your name.