



Teen Climate Justice Program Co-Facilitator

\$25-30/hr, per experience. Part-Time

Seasonal Position, mid May - late August.

Program Summary

Since 1984, Sixth Street Community Center (SSCC) has provided after school and summer programs to ensure that low-income neighborhood children and teens have an equal opportunity to excel. Starting in 2021, the Teen Climate Justice Program (TCJP) has empowered high schoolers from all five boroughs of NYC to be leaders in local issues concerning climate and racial justice, urban sustainability, and food sovereignty. The program is open to students from any high school, and participants receive either community service hours or stipend incentives. The TCJP will continue to explore environmental issues and foster a critical lens on the root causes of the climate crisis examining the underlying system of racial and extractive capitalism that perpetuates climate destruction. TCJP focuses on teen-led and hands-on learning. Workshop focuses can include:

- Legislative climate advocacy
- Public speaking and advocacy skill-building
- Citizen science and environmental monitoring
- Community gardening and ecosystem stewardship
- Mutual aid of clothing and food

Job Summary

Sixth Street Community Center (SSCC) is seeking a passionate, mission driven team-builder to fill the role of TCJP Summer Co-Facilitator for 2024. In this part-time role, you will share general responsibility for the growth, quality and success of the Program with another Co-Facilitator. The primary responsibility of the TCJP Co-Facilitator is to manage day-to-day operations ensuring that quality standards and guidelines are met and the Program is operating according to its goals, outcomes and deliverables. We are seeking a positive, energetic Teen Program Facilitator to foster an inspiring and engaged learning atmosphere where Teens can connect, honor their authentic selves, and develop as climate leaders. The Facilitator will be leading workshops that cultivate community organizing, leadership and public speaking skills for teens ages 14-20.

The TCJP Co-Facilitator will help coordinate and oversee major aspects of the Summer Program, including curriculum development and implementation, record keeping, program documentation, teen supervision, community partner engagement and coordination, management of guest facilitators, and outreach and communication with students and parents. We are seeking someone who will also be comfortable and excited about supervising Teens on a 5-day overnight Wilderness Access Trip at the end of August from August 19-23.

We are looking for an energetic leader who possesses a strong commitment to racial, social and environmental justice. People with a background in progressive movement work and teen facilitation are strongly encouraged to apply.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Coordinate and facilitate the Teen Climate Justice Program in alignment with Sixth Street Community Center's Teen Climate Justice Program goals and work scope
- Implement innovative and age appropriate climate justice curriculum, enrichment activities, and theme-based projects while integrating the needs and abilities of participants.
- Effectively communicate with program participants and parents.
- Create and distribute schedules of all activities and maintain accurate records including participant attendance.
- Resolve interpersonal issues as they arise. Experience in conflict resolution or de-escalation is a major plus.
- Document and photograph Program activities for SSCC social media, parent updates, funders and newsletters.
- Develop and maintain a Sixth Street Teen Climate Justice Program Blog— updating our Teen Program and related community projects and activities.
- Integrate work with Teens into the campaigns SSCC works on (ie. Public Power, No North Brooklyn Pipeline, Fridays For Future NYC, LES Ecology Center).
- Organize special and culminating community events and or final community-based projects that highlight and celebrate student achievement. Examples can be a public facing showcase or a zine that is shared and distributed with community members.
- Coordinate the enrollment paperwork, transportation details, and participate in the experience alongside teens during the Wilderness Access Trip with YMCA of the Pines from August 19-23, as needed. This is a 5-day overnight backpacking trip, compensation for this trip will be discussed separately.

Experience, Education and Job Qualifications

- Bachelor's Degree.
- Bilingual- Fluent in English/Spanish Preferred
- Strong demonstrated commitment to racial, social and environmental justice and equity.
- Experience working with people from diverse racial and socio-economic backgrounds. *Community Organizers are encouraged to apply!*
- Collaborative team-player, committed to advance the mission and work of SSCC
- Experience or background in Climate Education.
- Demonstrated experience working with Teens or in Youth Programs. Supervisory experience preferred.
- 2+ years experience working in an environmental or social service organization.
- Must be available to work from May 27- August 23 and be agreeable to the below schedule:
 - From May 27- June 14, limited to up to 10 hours per week, with hours performed in person and on site.
 - From June 14- July 5, limited up to 10 hours per week, may be performed remotely.

- From July 8- August 15, must be available to work in person, on-site from 9 am to 4 pm. 28-30 hours per week for these six weeks.
- August 19- 23 be available and willing to supervise Teens on a Wilderness Access Trip to the NJ Pine Barrens. Compensation and hours for this week TBD.

Required Skills

- Ability to prepare and facilitate workshops for high schoolers on a variety of environmental and social justice topics
- Reliable, organized, and punctual
- Knowledge of effective arts, environmental and academic programs
- Strong, clear and effective communicator.
- Strong writing and public speaking skills
- Strong leader and team-builder. Ability to deeply listen to youth, connect and conflict-resolve
- Be flexible and willing to adapt if needed. When conducting program activities, must be able to problem solve and modify plans on the fly and come up with group activities as changing situations may arise.
- Ability to establish and maintain boundaries working with Teens, be able to strike a balance of relating to teens while also modeling professional behavior.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with program staff and school and CBO partners
- Identify and accomplish programmatic goals to meet grant requirements, when working with community partners and guest facilitators to create workshops and projects, ensure outputs are in line with programmatic goals.
- Proficiency in Google Suite

Disclaimer: The job description herein is intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed by the employee in this position. These statements are not intended to be construed as an exhaustive list of all responsibilities, duties, and skills required for the position.

Sixth Street Community Center is committed to a diverse workplace, and providing staff with ongoing professional development opportunities. We strongly encourage people of color, women, LGBTQ candidates, immigrants, and people from low-income backgrounds to apply.

To apply, please email a cover letter and resume to anna@sixthstreetcenter.org and jen@sixthstreetcenter.org with "TCJP Summer Co-Facilitator Application" in the subject line. Indicate in your cover letter your interest in and qualifications for this position. If offered a position, the TCJP Co-Facilitator will be required to work in person at Sixth Street Community Center and interact with staff, students and parents. This is a temporary contracted position that does not provide benefits.

Applications are due: April 1, 2024