CHILD AND YOUTH LEGAL CENTRE (CYLC)
JOB POSTING

JOB TITLE: Law Student Intern
TIME: 35 hours per week
DURATION: 16 weeks from May 2020 to August 2020, start and end dates to be determined in collaboration with successful candidate.
REMUNERATION: $2600 (gross) per month

The law student will work from home while physical distancing measures are in place due to COVID 19. If or when it is safe for us to move back to working in our office space, the work will take place from our office on Commercial Drive from Monday to Friday.

ABOUT SCY
The Society for Children and Youth of BC (SCY) is a unique provincial not-for-profit organization dedicated to improving the well-being of children and youth in British Columbia through the advancement of their civic, political, economic, social, cultural and legal rights.

Using the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child as a foundation, SCY has a track record of creating and delivering programs that have motivated change in research, legislation, policy, and practice in Canada.

Through our Child and Youth Legal Centre (CYLC) program we provide free legal services for people under the age of 19 in the areas of family law, child protection and other areas of law affecting youth.

JOB DESCRIPTION
Under the supervision of the Managing Child and Youth Lawyer, the law student intern will engage in a diverse workload including working on outreach, legal research, and client files (when possible due to COVID 19). The student will be provided with practical legal skills training, including:

- Assistance with outreach to lawyers, organizations, and young people across the province relating to roster lawyer recruitment, information about legal support & representation of children and youth and sharing information about our work in this area.
- Assisting the legal team with legal research.
- On-site youth legal drop in clinic (when face-to-face appointments are possible). The student will assist during the on-site drop in clinic which occurs every second week, including initial client intake and information gathering.

While the law student will be supervised by the Managing Child and Youth Lawyer, they will work closely with the other staff lawyers, the Child and Youth Advocate, the Social Worker, the Executive Director and other CYLC staff members.
PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS/ASSETS

- Must be currently registered as a law student at UBC’s Peter A. Allard School of Law
- Ability to work independently when needed (and from home while necessary due to COVID-19);
- Excellent communication skills and a willingness to connect with people and organizations that are not necessarily familiar;
- Familiarity with Family Law and Child Protection;
- General knowledge of children and youth rights;
- Experience working with children and youth;
- Experience working in the non-profit sector and a demonstrated interest in social justice issues;
- Familiarity with local and provincial non-profit organizations an asset;

SCY is committed to inclusion and diversity. We welcome applications from members of communities who have been traditionally under-represented in the legal profession, including Indigenous persons, persons of colour, persons with disabilities, and persons of diverse sexual orientations and gender identities.

To apply, please submit a resume, a statement of interest and transcript via ACE to the Allard School of Law Career Services Office by Tuesday, May 5th, 2020 at 9:30 am. Please address the statement of interest to Stephanie Howell, Executive Director.

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