

# **SOCIAL HISTORY OUTREACH COORDINATOR JOB POSTING – ONTARIO PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP KINGSTON**

## **ABOUT OPIRG KINGSTON**

The Ontario Public Interest Research Group (OPIRG) Kingston is a student-funded, student-directed, and community-minded group that functions as a platform for folks to recognize and engage with pertinent societal issues. OPIRG Kingston strives to create meaningful transformative change to benefit our local Kingston and Queen's communities by promoting research, education, and action on social and environmental justice topics. We offer various kinds of support for folks working on social and environmental justice-focused initiatives, including information, funding, administrative functions, and more. Over the last 30 years, we have initiated and supported various community groups/projects, organized events and programming, and connected student and non-student community members to work towards a more socially and environmentally just Queen's and Kingston. Visit our website for more information on who we are, what we do, and our values as an organization: [opirgkingston.org](http://opirgkingston.org)

## **CANADA SUMMER JOBS YOUTH PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY**

All three available positions are funded by the Canada Summer Jobs program. This program has certain eligibility criteria for youth participants. Eligible youth must:

- be between 15 and 30 years of age at the beginning of the employment period\*;
- be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or person to whom refugee protection has been conferred under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act for the duration of the employment\*\*; and,
- have a valid Social Insurance Number at the start of employment and be legally entitled to work in Canada in accordance with relevant provincial or territorial legislation and regulations.

\*The youth must be 15 years of age at the beginning of the employment period. The youth may be more than 30 years of age at the end of the employment period as long as the youth was 30 at the beginning of the employment period.

\*\*Unfortunately, international students are not eligible participants. International students include anyone who is temporarily in Canada for studies and who is not a Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or person who has been granted refugee status in Canada. Youth awaiting a refugee status ruling, as well as those who hold a temporary visitor visa, youth visa or work visa are ineligible.

## **JOB DESCRIPTION AND APPLICATION DETAILS**

The Social History Outreach Coordinator will focus on kickstarting the Kingston People's History Colouring Book project. The colouring book will be an extension of OPIRG's existing People's History Project and will contain illustrations from local artists and written passages surrounding local social movements. The Social history Outreach Coordinator will work closely with the Social History Research

Coordinator to adapt and compose written passages on local social movements to feature in the colouring book and will propose content options to the OPIRG Kingston board for final selection.

The Social History Outreach Coordinator will:

- Utilize existing archives to research and investigate stories and histories of social resistance, movements and struggles in the Kingston and Queen's communities
- Work closely with the Social History Research Coordinator to collaborate on written passages for the Kingston People's History Colouring Book
- Coordinate with local artists to prepare art-based representations of the featured colouring book content
- Work with the OPIRG Kingston Executive Coordinator to design the make-up of the colouring book using graphic design software
- Support the OPIRG Kingston Executive Coordinator by assisting with regular OPIRG Kingston communications, holding office hours, etc.
- Carry out other duties as required

The ideal candidate is someone with:

- Passion for local Kingston and Queen's communities and their histories of activism and struggles for justice
- Knowledge of, and excited by the prospect of working on social and environmental justice issues; an understanding of the principles of anti-oppression
- Graphic design experience
- Willingness to take on feedback
- Strong interpersonal, collaborative, and active listening skills
- An ability to communicate stories and histories into engaging narratives for the Kingston and Queen's communities
- Strong organizational and time-management skills
- Experience, or a desire to gain experience in working with archives
- The ability to take initiative and work independently with minimal supervision

This position is **30 hours/week** at **\$16/hour** from **June 27 – August 28, 2022** (9 weeks).

This position requires **in-person work** at our office in downtown Kingston, Ontario, though **some remote work** is available. The office space has an **accessible ramp** and an **accessible washroom**.

OPIRG welcomes the contributions of individuals with lived experiences from marginalized communities including but not limited to: Indigenous people, Black people, people of colour, poor and working-class people and those on social assistance, women, members of 2SLGBTQIA+ communities, single parents, immigrants, people from non-academic backgrounds, and people with disabilities to apply. We encourage applicants to describe the contributions and experiences they would bring to OPIRG in their cover letter.

Please send along a resume and cover letter to [kingston.pirg@gmail.com](mailto:kingston.pirg@gmail.com) by **Thursday June 2, 2022, at 11:59pm**.