



**Public Health Association of British Columbia**

#210 – 1027 Pandora Avenue

Victoria, BC V8V 3P6

Phone: (250) 595-8422 / Fax: (250) 595-8622

[staff@phabc.org](mailto:staff@phabc.org)

[www.phabc.org](http://www.phabc.org)

---

## **Northwest Regional Hub - Community Animator (Part Time)**

### **Position Summary:**

Farm to School BC (F2SBC) and Public Health Association of BC (PHABC) seeks a dynamic, creative, and inspiring individual to create, coordinate, and strengthen the Farm to School Northwest Regional Hub. The Northwest Regional Hub will stretch from Terrace to Telkwa, and include surrounding communities. Reporting to the Provincial Manager of F2SBC, the Animator provides students with access to healthy, local food and hands-on learning opportunities that foster food literacy while strengthening the local food system using a comprehensive and collective impact framework.

Working alongside teachers, students, local organizations, public health dietitians, farmers, and additional stakeholders engaged with nutrition, agriculture, health and education sectors, the Community Animator will place local people at the centre of all they do, believing that sustainable solutions are only ever developed when the support of local communities is strongly evident. The F2SBC Community Animator will strengthen school-community capacity, and support local stakeholders and partners engaged in school food environments. The Community Animator builds bridges and strengthens connections within communities, and among various stakeholders that influence communities. The Animator will invest in relationships that will form the solid foundation for swift and effective future partnership development.

### **Essential Duties & Responsibilities:**

- Support F2SBC programs in Northwest Regional Hub in achieving the three core elements of F2SBC:
  - Promote healthy, local food in schools and enhance student food literacy
  - Foster hands-on learning opportunities by linking F2S activities to the curriculum
  - Support the schools and the broader community connectedness
- Promote F2SBC activities on social media by posting regional events and activities via Facebook, Twitter, F2SBC website, and newsletters.
- Establish and strengthen relationships with F2SBC schools and provide ongoing support to ensure that teachers, stakeholders and partners are successfully implementing their program.
- Inspire new F2S programs in the region.
- Build and strengthen school-community capacity by facilitating and hosting regular networking and development opportunities (e.g., professional development workshops, committee meetings, networking events, learning circles, webinars, and celebration events).



## Public Health Association of British Columbia

#210 – 1027 Pandora Avenue

Victoria, BC V8V 3P6

Phone: (250) 595-8422 / Fax: (250) 595-8622

[staff@phabc.org](mailto:staff@phabc.org)

[www.phabc.org](http://www.phabc.org)

- 
- Identify and secure additional funding opportunities to strengthen and support F2S activities in the Northwest Regional Hub.
  - Establish a regional network committee.

### Qualifications

- Background in Health Science, Education, Community Development, Nutrition, Agriculture, Public Health or related discipline, or an equivalent combination of education and experience.
- Preferred minimum of 2 years of experience utilizing setting-based approaches to health promotion, working with people and communities to integrate a holistic and multi-disciplinary method to build capacity in various settings.
- Understanding of local and sustainable food systems, child and youth health, health promotion, health literacy, agriculture and/or combination of relevant or related disciplines.
- Comfortable with the following software/social media platforms: Word Processing, Excel spreadsheets, Wordpress, PowerPoint and social media platforms (e.g.. Facebook, Twitter).
- Demonstrated ability to work independently and as a team player.
- Leadership style and work ethic that promotes collaboration, inclusivity, creativity, open communication as well as independent decision making.
- Understanding of regional food systems and school-food service systems including the network of individuals therein (e.g. principals, teachers, parents, school meal coordinators staff, and students).
- Ability to network with key stakeholders within the regional food system (farmers, gardeners, food producer groups, food processors, and food distributors; including those associated with existing F2S programs and those keen to be supplying such programs).
- In-depth knowledge of sustainable food systems, school food and/or public health nutrition

### Requirement

- Candidates must hold a valid driver's license (class 5) and have access to a vehicle.

### To Apply:

Submit your resume and cover letter to Richard Han, Provincial Manager of Farm to School BC at [prov.manager@farmtoschoolbc.ca](mailto:prov.manager@farmtoschoolbc.ca). Application Deadline: October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 at noon.

**Short listed candidates will be notified by October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018.**