

My Sea to Sky - Renewable Energy Policy Researcher

About My Sea to Sky:

My Sea to Sky is a people-powered environmental organization that was founded in 2014 to inspire and empower British Columbians to safeguard the spectacular natural legacy of Howe Sound.

We organize educational events; coordinate research; build partnerships and respectful relationships; lift up First Nations voices and culture; and facilitate public engagement with our municipal, provincial, and federal governments.

We aim to inspire our community to become activists, and make it as simple as possible for people to take action at critical moments.

Join our team of passionate changemakers.

Job Description:

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has warned us that we have twelve years to limit climate catastrophe. The report states that we need a rapid, far-reaching culture shift to immediately reduce greenhouse-gas emissions and limit warming to 1.5 degrees. Our plan is to tackle this climate challenge from the grassroots up, by empowering citizens and municipalities to shift to renewable energy.

The goal of this 8-week project is to create a step-by-step guide on how to install solar panels on homes or businesses, tailored to each municipality around Howe Sound, and help enable a rapid transition to renewable energy. This position reports directly to the Executive Director (ED) of My Sea to Sky.

Responsibilities:

Research

- Work with municipalities around Howe Sound to clarify the process involved in installing solar panels on homes or businesses (which may be different in each community).
- Identify barriers for people to installing solar panels and work with municipalities to discuss ways to remove these barriers and make it as easy as possible to make the shift to renewable energy.
- Create a step-by-step guide on how to install solar panels on your business or home for each municipality.
- Identify locations for possible solar gardens (municipal buildings, schools, local businesses etc.)

Relationship building

- Facilitate meetings and relationship building with local governments.

- Build relationships with experts to provide advice and insight.

Management

- Manage any associated budget or expenditures.
- Attend meetings as required.
- Manage any grievances that arise to resolve conflict.
- Use time tracking software (Toggl) to keep track of your hours and specific tasks.

Required skills & attributes:

- Relevant education and/or experience in research, renewable energy, or policy.
- Strong understanding of climate and energy policies and issues.
- A flair for organizing and attention to detail.
- Ability to synthesize information and problem solve.
- Experience working as part of a team or independently.
- Excellent communication skills (written, verbal, listening).
- Strong interpersonal skills and the ability to deal with a diverse range of people.
- Ability to deal with information in a confidential manner and respond with sensitivity.
- Computer literate (websites, e-communications, Skype, Google docs, Word, Excel)
- Passionate about the environment and social change.
- Friendly, self-motivated, patient, confident, and professional.
- Organized, creative, and resourceful.
- Ability to build strong, collaborative relationships.
- Willingness to learn through reflection, evaluation, and by giving and receiving feedback.

Helpful but not required:

Experience working with local governments

Experience analyzing, drafting, and/or communicating policy in the areas of energy, infrastructure, transportation, corporate administration, community development, planning, asset management and/or environmental services;

Position requires your own:

- Computer
- Internet
- Cell phone

Location:

Based in Squamish, working from home

Hours:

35 hours per week for 8 weeks, between June 1st and August 16th 2019

Flexible on days & hours

Compensation:

\$18.00/hour plus benefits

Candidate eligibility:

Funding for this position is provided by the Canada Summer Jobs program. Candidates must be:

- between 15 and 30 years of age (inclusive) at the start of employment;
- a Canadian Citizen, permanent resident, or person on whom refugee protection has been conferred under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act*; and
- legally entitled to work according to the relevant provincial legislation and regulations.

*International students are not eligible. Recent immigrants are eligible if they are Canadian Citizens or permanent residents.

Application process:

At My Sea to Sky we know our capacity to win is increased when our team has a diversity of backgrounds and experience. We encourage applicants from a diversity of genders, cultures, languages, and experiences to apply.

To apply, please submit a brief CV (no more than 2 pages) documenting your experience and qualifications relevant to this role; and a brief letter detailing how you meet the qualities we are looking for and why you would be the best person for this role (no more than 2 pages).

Submit your CV and letter to: info@myseatosky.org

Please apply by 5.00pm, Friday 23rd May 2019.