

GENERAL BOARD MEMBER

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

The Vancouver Street Soccer League is a volunteer run organization, which reaches out to individuals who have been homeless, are currently homeless, or are at risk of homelessness, as well as individuals who feel marginalized within their communities, or are recovering from drug and alcohol addictions. We address the issue of homelessness, marginalization, and addiction through inclusivity and soccer - believing we can enhance all of our lives through the principles of Fair Play, Community Building, Supportive Partnerships, and Health and Safety.

The VSSL believes in using sport to create community in the Downtown Eastside (DTES). Systematic studies of street soccer teams from Denmark, Australia, and the USA have demonstrated that players are able to find better housing, reduce substance use, make friends, find employment, gain confidence, show improvements in physical and mental health, increase contact with community medical supports, and decrease contacts with police by simply coming to practices and being connected to the street soccer community.

DELIVERABLES/DUTIES:

- Serve a two-year term
- Support the VSSL mission
- Actively participate in discussions and decision-making
- Be prepared for board meetings
- Attend monthly board meetings (in Strathcona neighbourhood of Vancouver)
- Participate in at least one VSSL initiative
- Volunteer as a community coach for weekly practices (see link: XXXXXXX)
- Support the VSSL's June Sports organization drive (more on June Sports here: <https://vancouverstreetsoccer.com/2013/06/29/june-sports-alert-bay/>)
- Join and support a committee (fundraising, operations, communications)

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Passionate about the homelessness issues in Metro Vancouver
 - Interested in how soccer (and sports) can engage and build community to combat significant social challenges
 - An appreciation soccer
 - Respect for diversity and inclusiveness
 - Non-profit board experience an asset but not essential
- An understanding of, or commitment to learn about, board governance
- Team player

- Strategic thinker

ROLE IS SUITABLE FOR:

Adult

Senior

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Opportunity to make a meaningful contribution to a program that has had profound impacts on the lives of marginalized people in Metro Vancouver
- Opportunity to engage with Whitecaps and Southsiders who have been long time supporters of the VSSL
- Opportunity to participate in soccer trips to Alert Bay as part of the VSSL June Sports soccer team
- Work with a fun group of people who are passionate about soccer and making a difference in the lives of vulnerable people
- Opportunity to take leadership of projects.
- Learn new skills and take on new challenges.

HOW TO APPLY:

Send an email of interest along with your resume to ops.vssl@gmail.com

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