

Zero Waste Community Advisor
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Casual

About AWARE

The Association of Whistler Area Residents for the Environment (AWARE), established in 1989, is Whistler's environmental charity. Our mission is to protect the natural environment through advocacy for conservation, climate action, and circular economy practices, while empowering others to join these efforts. We work independently and collaboratively to connect people with nature and build sustainable, climate-resilient communities. Every team member plays a crucial role in driving change within their programs.

Job Description

AWARE is seeking several Zero Waste Community Advisors to work on a casual as needed basis between late May to mid-October, primarily on weekends, with some weekday shifts available during the summer. Advisors will host Zero Waste Stations at events and in Whistler's public parks to provide education and waste diversion support. These stations help reduce waste and divert materials from the landfill as part of AWARE's waste-related programming.

As a small, dedicated team, we rely on each individual to take ownership of their role and work together to make a real difference. We offer several scheduling options, allowing applicants to select their availability. While we strive to accommodate preferences, applicants should be flexible and willing to work key periods, such as weekends and peak summer events, to help ensure adequate coverage. Shifts are typically daytime, though some evening shifts may be required. This dynamic role allows you to engage with the community and gain valuable experience in environmental stewardship. Training will be provided to help you succeed in the role. The position is based in Whistler, with occasional work in other communities in the Sea to Sky region.

Core Responsibilities

As a Zero Waste Community Advisor, you will play a key role in waste diversion by setting up and managing Zero Waste Stations at events and community spaces. Your responsibilities include:

- **Set-Up and Operation:** Set up, host, and pack down Zero Waste Stations. You'll lift equipment, work outdoors, and stand for extended periods.
- **Engagement and Education:** Provide guidance to the public on waste management practices and the importance of reducing waste.
- **Data Tracking:** Record interactions and track waste material weights to assess the program's effectiveness.
- **Problem-Solving:** Troubleshoot issues during events and relay feedback to the Program Manager for continuous improvement.

- **Team Collaboration:** Act as an AWARE representative at events, participate in team meetings, and share insights to help shape future efforts.

Who You Are

We're looking for someone who is:

- **Hands-On:** Not afraid to dive into waste diversion, even when it gets messy, because you understand it's all for the greater cause.
 - **Accountable and Reliable:** You show up for your shifts and contribute to the success of the program.
 - **Passionate about Sustainability:** You care for the environment and are excited to share your passion with others. Familiarity with recycling and waste management in Whistler is an asset.
 - **Team-Oriented:** You understand the importance of both collaborating with others and supporting the team when working independently.
 - **Customer-Focused:** You enjoy engaging with the public, helping others, and making a positive impact. Previous customer service experience is an asset.
 - **Education:** Post-secondary students pursuing studies in environmental sciences, sustainability, natural resource management, or related fields are considered an asset.
 - **Other Considerations*:** You can lift up to 25lbs, work outdoors in varying weather conditions, and stand for extended periods.
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Why Join Us?

- **Sustainability Impact:** Play a key role in making a measurable difference in the community by promoting waste diversion and sustainability practices.
- **Community Engagement:** Work at exciting events and public spaces to connect with the community and engage with people passionate about sustainability.
- **Team Culture:** Join a small, dedicated team of like-minded individuals who are committed to making a difference and having fun while doing it.

Additional and How to Apply:

- This position is casual, candidates will receive a schedule on a bi-weekly basis.
- Compensation: \$23/hr
- All candidates must be eligible to work in Canada and located in the Sea to Sky region.
- A valid BC driver's license (or equivalent) is an asset.
- Thanks to a partnership with Whistler Blackcomb, AWARE has staff housing available for those who need it. If interested, please indicate on the application form.
- If you are interested in applying for this exciting opportunity, please [apply online](https://form-can.keela.co/2025-application-form-zero-waste-community-advisor-second-intake) (https://form-can.keela.co/2025-application-form-zero-waste-community-advisor-second-intake)

Commitment to Diversity and Accessibility

We recognize that experience comes in many forms and skills are transferable. If you feel that your unique experiences can enhance our vision, we encourage you to apply – even if you don't meet 100% of the requirements. The above list is viewed as "nice to have," we encourage applicants to describe any pertinent experience, including professional and personal experiences.

AWARE is committed to operating in a way that upholds justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion (JEDI). Our goal is to create an inclusive place for people from diverse backgrounds. We encourage applications from candidates who have been historically disadvantaged and marginalized, including applicants who identify as First Nations, Métis or Inuk (Inuit), Black, racialized, a person with a disability, women and/or 2SLGBTQ+.

We thank all applicants for their interest; however, only those candidates selected for further consideration will be contacted.