English Second Language Volunteer

Organization Overview

*Sakhi for South Asian Women* exists to represent the South Asian diaspora in a survivor-led movement for gender-justice and to honor the collective and inherent power of all survivors of violence. Sakhi is committed to serving survivors through a combination of efforts including—but not limited to—direct services, advocacy and organizing, technical assistance, and community outreach.

At Sakhi, we have a clear vision: to be the place where a diverse mix of talented people want to come, to stay and do their best work. Our workplace offers a unique environment that is collaborative, fun, and committed to social justice. Folks of diverse backgrounds, identities, and abilities are encouraged to apply.

*Sakhi* is looking for a volunteer who is proficient in Bengali, Urdu, and/or Hindi to lead a bi-weekly ESL class with survivors. The ESL Volunteer will work with the Economic Empowerment team of advocates. The volunteer will offer and teach curriculum for survivors in the Sakhi community who have little to no English proficiency.

Please note: Volunteers must have a strong commitment to working from an intersectional, anti-racist, and inclusive perspective. Those with a background in social justice work are encouraged to reach out.

Position Responsibilities

- Work closely with the Economic Empowerment Team to schedule English Language 101 classes for the survivors with whom Sakhi works;
- Create a curriculum for a small group of ESL students and be available for two-hour sessions twice a month;
- Maintain confidentiality of survivor experiences and records at all times and engage with vocabulary and dialogue that are in line with Sakhi’s verbiage and guiding principles [for example: using the term “survivor” vs. “victim”].

Required Qualifications

- Investment in gender justice, mental health, systemic change, and a strong commitment to critiquing and building a movement is a must. Must be *values-aligned with Sakhi’s core principles* and mission of eradicating gender-based violence;
- Teaching experience strongly preferred but not required.
- Strong interpersonal, writing, and organization skills;
- Ability to work well with teams;
- Attentive to detail, well-organized, and able to multitask;
- Fluency in one or more South Asian languages, especially Bengali, Hindi, and/or Urdu is essential.
To Apply

Please send your resume to hr@sakhi.org in a single PDF attachment, with subject “ESL Volunteer.” Please include your name and pronouns in your email.

**Ideal start date:** September 15, 2021

**Please note:** this is an unpaid, volunteer position.