

# **Organic Garden Worker** 6-month Contract Position (May-October)

### JOB DESCRIPTION:

This position must work in the organic vegetable gardens at the International Art of Living Centre, Canada. This is a seasonal 6-month contract position from May to October.

#### **Duties:**

- Transplant seedlings grown indoors and outdoors
- Prepare beds where vegetables will be grown
- Fertilizing with manure
- Weeding
- Use various garden tools and equipment
- Install and maintain the irrigation system
- Harvest vegetables
- Wash the harvested vegetables
- Work irregular hours
- Display, weigh and sell vegetables at local farmers' markets
- Interact with customers at farmers' markets in a pleasant manner
- Maintain a log of sales made
- Maintain the quality of the vegetables and their presentation at farmers' markets

### **Physical Requirements:**

- This position demands good physical and mental health. The garden worker will be required to lift, carry, walk, sit, push, pull bend and work a flexible schedule.
- Heavy loads may need to be carried
- Ability to work in various weather conditions and put up with mosquitoes and bugs will be required.

## KEY SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES

- Pleasant disposition
- Motivated and willing to learn
- Can work alone if necessary
- Likes working outdoors and being in various weather conditions
- Can adapt to nature's unpredictability
- Ability to multi-task with effective time management skills.
- Communication Proficiency in French. English is an asset.
- Leadership Skills.
- Teamwork Orientation
- Knowledge of organic gardening techniques an asset

Expected Hours of Work: 8 hours per day, 6 days a week

<u>The Art of Living Foundation</u> is a global service organization that has made an extraordinary impact on local communities around the world. Made up almost entirely of volunteers, the Foundation has provided trauma relief and peace initiatives to thousands of people in places of raging conflict, areas devastated by war and natural disaster, inner cities and prisons.

All interns and staff will be provided with room, board and opportunities to participate in complimentary Art of Living programs. We would be pleased to have students use the Service Program for college credit.

A nominal monthly stipend will be provided to cover personal expenses after probationary period.