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Call for Online Community Facilitators Needed for McGillX Social Learning for Social Impact MOOC for Groups

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McGill University's Teaching and Learning Services is building a team of 20 volunteer Online Community Facilitators who will be responsible for fostering active and collaborative engagement among participants of the upcoming McGillX Group MOOC: Social Learning for Social Impact. The course will be offered on the edX.org online platform and launches September 16, 2015.

The GROOC site on edX.org:

<https://www.edx.org/course/social-learning-social-impact-mcgillx-groocx>

The GROOC Social Learning for Social Impact aims to inspire the creation and/or scaling of social initiatives that change the world through a process of social learning in groups or communities. The GROOC is fully inclusive and intended for people at different levels of engagement:

- Already collaborating within the social sector on a social initiative;
- Thinking about contributing to a social initiative in collaboration with other like-minded individuals;
- Concerned about where the world is headed and contemplating ways of acting.

APPLICANT PROFILE

- Experience with, or a passion for, social initiatives;
- Capacity to facilitate active engagement, community building and discussions for learning in online environments;
- Experience as students/participants in MOOCs, preferably edX.org MOOCs;
- Eagerness to collaborate with other Online Community Facilitators for peer support and learning;
- Comfortable with taking part of an innovative and exploratory educational project;
- Strong work ethics and commitment.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Reporting directly to the Social Learning for Social Impact MOOC Instructor, Online Community Facilitators will be working in pairs and in collaboration with the core team of this MOOC. The Online Community Facilitators responsibilities will include:

- Acquiring solid knowledge of the GROOC pedagogy and content;
- Facilitating, in pairs, 10-15 groups of GROOC learners;
- Engaging in online community building and discussions over the course of approximately 10-15 hours per week during the GROOC;
- Assisting individual learners in forming groups online;
- Providing groups of learners with additional resources relevant to their interests and discussions;
- Taking part in periodic facilitators learning sessions led by the GROOC core team (Profs. Henry Mintzberg, Leslie Breitner, Anita Nowak, and Carlos Rueda).

AVAILABILITY FOR THE POSITION: From September 1st to December 10th, 2015. The GROOC launches on September 16th, 2015.

ONLINE COMMUNITY FACILITATOR TRAINING DAYS: Thursday, August 27, 2015 from 6:00 pm - 8:00 p.m., Friday, August 28, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Saturday, August 29, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Online Community Facilitators should be fully available for the training days. During the training, Facilitators will be exposed to the functionalities of the edX.org platform, as well as the content and the pedagogy of the GROOC. These days will also provide an opportunity for teambuilding among Online Community Facilitators.

TAKE AWAYS

- A chance to take part of a global, innovative educational experience led by McGill University;
- An opportunity to engage with a global network of people working for social change;
- Ongoing learning exchanges with McGill experts on social innovation, management, education, and online learning;
- All Facilitators will be issued a recognition of participation in the GROOC project.

To apply, please forward your cover letter (1 page maximum) and curriculum vitae (2 pages maximum) to: groocx.tls@mcgill.ca by noon EST, Thursday August 20th, 2015 with the Subject: "Application for GROOC Facilitator". In the letter, please describe your interest for social initiatives as well as your interest in participating in the GROOC. Applications will be processed on a rolling basis until all 20 positions are filled.

For more information:

<http://www.mcgill.ca/desautels/programs/grooc>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WNg-5LFAMdl>