Teaching Assistant Volunteer

Location: The ReBuilding Center, 3625 N. Mississippi Ave., Portland, OR 97227
Department: Education
Location: On-site, Education Shop
Reports To: Program Coordinator
Hours for Volunteering: Evenings and Weekends, varies by class

Position Overview:
Teaching Assistants will work directly under the class instructor at The ReBuilding Center. Teaching assistants will have the opportunities to gain confidence in the salvage industry, assist instructors and help students learn best practices in tool usage and maintenance specifically related to basic woodworking and repair.

Primary Responsibilities:
● Assist staff with classes, maintaining communication throughout the shift.
● Making students stay safe while in the shop
● Help set up the class, and clean up after classes
● Greet students and familiarize them with safety protocols.

Skills and Experience:
● Must be 18+ years old. Ability to lift 30+ lbs.
● Can learn quickly and adjust to an ever changing work environment.
● Great interpersonal and teamwork abilities. Capable of keeping open lines of communication with instructructors and students.
● Experience and/or desire to work with people from diverse backgrounds. Multilingual is a plus.
● Self-motivated and directed, reliable, and able to work with a team.

Outcomes:
Successful volunteers will have the opportunity to gain valuable experience and knowledge of the reuse economy, especially but not exclusively related to salvage services and the salvage resources industry, while also learning about ReBuilding Center’s unique nonprofit social enterprise model and supporting our mission. A formal letter of recommendation can be awarded to all volunteers who request one, and a formal letter verifying service for court-mandated purposes can also be provided.

Orientation
❖ To apply to become a volunteer, go to: www.rebuildingcenter.org/volunteer, and fill out a “Volunteer Application Form”
❖ Orientation occurs every Tuesday or Saturday at 10:30am, and runs 30 minutes. Volunteers are provided a general scope of what it’s like to volunteer at RBC, they are given a tour of the store and shown where they will be most involved, and are shown how to clock in/out at their designated kiosk.

Please note: ReBuilding Center has a Zero Tolerance Policy for Transphobia, Anti-Blackness, Ableism, Homophobia, Sexism, Ageism, Fat-phobia, and White-Supremacy. Volunteers who create and participate in these types of environments will be asked to leave.