



Senior Education Consultant, Innovation and Inclusion

The Jewish Education Project
New York, NY

Opportunity for Impact

The Jewish Education Project has been devoted to ensuring that Jewish education is in tune with the forces that impact our world and our communities in a changing environment. We are a New York-based agency and beneficiary of UJA-Federation of New York, working closely with educational leadership in day schools, congregations, early childhood settings, teen programs and beyond to spark and spread innovative approaches that expand the reach and increase the impact of Jewish education for children, teens, and families. With a focus on serving New York (the five boroughs of NYC, Westchester, and Long Island), The Jewish Education Project is also engaged in a number of national initiatives supported by major foundations. The Jewish Education Project has established itself as a leading organization in transforming Jewish education.

Today, our Jewish community is more diverse – or at least more aware of its diversity - than ever before. American Jews include a multiplicity of backgrounds, form their families in a variety of ways, and connect to, and express, a wide array of Jewish identity pathways. The Jewish Education Project views this role as an opportunity to shape the ways Jewish education evolves to meet the needs of today's learners and their families.

We are committed to being at the forefront of ensuring that Jewish education remains relevant and meaningful in the lives of Jewish youth and their families today and tomorrow. For more information about The Jewish Education Project, please visit www.jewishedproject.org

Position Overview

The Jewish Education Project welcomes a full-time **Senior Education Consultant** as an integral member of the program team, focusing on innovation and inclusion in pluralistic and progressive Jewish educational environments (the non-Day School space). The successful candidate will play a key role in creating and fostering Jewish educational environments and models that are responsive to, and welcoming of, the incredible diversity of American Jewish life.

As more and more Jews are seeking connections to Jewish life beyond the synagogue, the Senior Education Consultant will play a key role in fostering entrepreneurial models that advance Jewish learning for those seeking connections and an education beyond congregations.

Reporting to the Managing Director, New Models, s/he/they will also play a role in supporting intrapreneurial approaches, ensuring that educational models within congregations respond to the needs of today's learners and families. This includes becoming more adept at welcoming and integrating the diversity of our Jewish community.

Key Responsibilities

- Developing, leading, and managing specific innovation or model change initiatives
- Designing and facilitating workshops on Diversity and creating welcoming communities
- Innovating new approaches in Jewish education
- Leading and facilitating educator and leadership networks
- Working together with the Managing Director of New Models to support change in other communities via consulting engagements and relationships
- Designing and implementing professional learning programs
- Cultivating and developing relationships with educational professionals
- Building community, providing support, and driving professional learning for congregational and other independent professionals via networks and a series of professional development and reflection opportunities.

- Teaching/Leading content-rich sessions on behalf of The Jewish Education Project at national and regional conferences.
- Being a spokesperson and advocate for new models of engagement locally, regionally, and nationally.
- Contributing to The Jewish Education Project social media platforms.
- Serving as an integral member of the education team at The Jewish Education Project, using the collective work and experience to think through and develop innovative strategies

Experience, Qualifications, and Competencies

- 5-7 years of experience in Jewish education or related field that demonstrates his/her/their track record of educational success
- Knowledge and understanding of the diversity of the Jewish community and its varied needs (this includes Jews of Color, multi-faith families, special needs, LGBTQ, secular, “Just Jewish” etc.)
- Experience leading or teaching in a year-round part-time Jewish educational environment
- Experience leading innovation and change
- Extremely strong interpersonal skills and the ability to develop strong relationships with a wide variety of people
- Deep knowledge of, and successful experiences working within, the diverse and pluralistic Jewish landscape
- Master’s Degree in Jewish education, Social Work, Jewish communal service, or related degree required
- Experience in consulting or start up space a plus
- Ability to lead and partner with integrity and inspiration; flexibility and openness to working with professional and volunteer community leaders
- Capable of teaching others to expand the circle of skill; creativity and ability to push and inspire others to think beyond the traditional educational landscape to use new concepts and strategies
- Entrepreneurial self-starter; a problem solver with top notch planning and prioritizing skills
- Diversity candidates urged to apply
- A persuasive and passionate communicator, both written and oral.

What We Offer

- Three weeks paid time off in year 1; increasing incrementally on a set schedule
- Comprehensive health insurance
- 401k plan
- Commuter benefits
- Early close on Fridays for Shabbat and closed for most Jewish holidays
- Shortened summer hours
- A positive work environment with exposure to great learning opportunities and the chance to work with some of the top professionals in the field of Jewish Education

How to Apply

- Please submit resume and cover letter to careers@JewishEdProject.org. Please include the job title in the email subject line
- The Jewish Education Project is an equal opportunity employer

Location: Remote until September 8, 2020 / 520 Eighth Avenue, 15th Floor, New York, NY 10018

The Jewish Education Project aims to select, place and train the best qualified individuals based upon relevant factors such as work quality, attitude and experience, so as to provide equal employment opportunity for all our employees in compliance with applicable local, state, and federal laws and without regard to non-work related factors such as race, color, religion/creed, gender, national origin, age, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, veteran status, or any other protected class. We encourage and support diversity and tolerance in our workplace.