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FutureLab Makers is a Vancouver nonprofit that restores and refinishes vintage furniture, while creating paid, skilled work for people facing barriers to employment, including those with mental health challenges and/or lived experience of homelessness or substance use. Our studio on Arbutus and 16th shares its space with other artists who rent studios in our building, to foster a creative community.

Our makers learn furniture restoration on the job, with support that fits each person and flexible hours. As a Restoration Maker, you are the heart of our workshop. You transform weathered coffee tables, dressers and nightstands into high quality pieces ready for a new home, while building skills toward long term, stable work.

This role suits someone who loves working with their hands, appreciates the history of vintage wood and wants to learn and grow within a supportive team.

ROLE	Restoration Maker (part time, fixed term)
HOURS	14 hours per week
TERM	2 November 2026 to 1 March 2027, with the possibility to extend
PAY	\$15 per hour stipend, plus on the job training
LOCATION	3130 Arbutus Street, Vancouver

what you'll do.

Furniture restoration

- Strip old finishes using specialized materials, and sand with precision.
- Find and fix damaged wood or broken structural parts.
- Treat wood with stains or oils and apply protective topcoats so each piece lasts.

Planning and collaboration

- Help develop a restoration plan for each piece, choosing the best techniques to bring it back to life.
- Help showcase and sell finished pieces to our community and customers.

Learning and development

- Take part in hands on training to master professional restoration techniques.
- Discover your woodworking strengths and tell us where you would like more support or guidance.
- Join regular coaching sessions to explore your workplace needs and personal development goals.

what we're looking for.

- A passion for wood: you enjoy working with wood and seeing a piece transform from old to new.
- Reliability: you are on time and show up for your scheduled shifts.
- Clear, open and respectful communication with your fellow makers.
- Eagerness to learn: you are open to feedback and training to sharpen your craft.

what we offer.

- Paid, skilled work in a creative, inclusive studio community.
- Hands on training in professional furniture restoration and woodworking.
- Support that fits you, with flexible scheduling.
- All tools, equipment and materials you need.
- Experience for your resume and help reaching your long term employment goals.

ready to *make it yours?*

Apply through your employment counsellor or support worker, or email us at hello@futurelabmakers.com with a short note about yourself. We review applications as they arrive.