
CLIMATE JUSTICE PROJECT

Job posting: Youth Engagement and Outreach Assistant

Climate Justice Project: Paths to an Equitable and Sustainable BC Economy

(This posting is open to UBC students only)

About the Climate Justice Project (CJP)

The Climate Justice Project is a 5-year research and public engagement alliance led by the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives and UBC. It brings researchers in numerous disciplines from three BC universities together with more than 40 social justice groups, environmental organizations, trade unions, First Nations groups, and other research institutes. The CJP uses BC as a case study to examine the social and economic implications of a serious and sustained effort to reduce GHGs and adapt to climate change, and to articulate policy options that are effective, equitable and that have broad public support.

Engaging Youth in Climate Justice

At its mid-way point, the CJP has produced a number of important research studies that serve as the building blocks of an integrated and equitable climate strategy. The project is now focused on engaging communities and individuals about its research to contribute to the larger public discussion on climate change. In particular, the CJP would like to bring young people into the conversation on climate justice, enhance young peoples' knowledge about public policy processes and increase their capacity for civic engagement.

To do this, the CJP is implementing its "Engaging Youth in Climate Justice" initiative, where it will: (1) organize workshops and dialogue events targeted towards young people; (2) develop multimedia tools that complement CJP research reports; (3) popularize research reports by developing accessible materials; and (4) disseminate multimedia and written materials through social media, websites and blogs.

CJP is interested in hiring a **youth engagement and outreach assistant** to help implement the project's youth engagement activities.

Under the auspices of the CJP, this youth engagement initiative is being led by the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives (CCPA), in partnership with Check Your Head (CYH) and Gen Why Media. The CCPA is an independent, non-partisan research institute concerned with social, economic and environmental justice (www.policyalternatives.ca). CYH is a youth-driven not-for-profit organization that educates and activates young people on various social issues (checkyourhead.org). Gen Why Media is a community-building project that uses public art, participatory media, events and intergenerational dialogues to engage society in new forms of civic participation (genwhymediaproject.com).

Job Responsibilities

The engagement and outreach assistant will:

- Assist project partners in the CJP's "Engaging Youth in Climate Justice" initiative to implement workshops and forums;
- Assist in the writing and development of popular materials (for workshop and other purposes) based on CJP research;
- Assist the CCPA's communications team to disseminate CJP research to targeted audiences and through social media;
- Assist in delivering workshops;
- Perform other tasks related to the project as needed (including attending project team meetings).

Skills and Experience Required

The successful candidate:

- Is an undergraduate or graduate student (Master's or PhD level) in a relevant discipline at the University of British Columbia;
- Has a demonstrated interest in the climate change and social policy issues;
- Is highly organized and able to manage multiple tasks related to event planning;
- Is an excellent writer who is able to synthesize complex ideas and translate academic concepts for a wider audience.

Experience developing and/or delivering workshops is an asset.

Contract Details

A total of 450 hours (at approximately 15 hours per week) are available for this project, with the possibility of an extension. The contract begins June 4, 2012 (or as soon as possible after that date) and lasts until approximately December 31, 2012. On average this position will be 15 hours per week, though the scheduling and distribution of hours may vary from week to week according to the needs of the project (and will be determined between the student and the supervisor). The student will be responsible for tracking and managing work hours in conjunction with the project leads.

The rate of pay is \$20.71/hour, including pay in lieu of vacation.

Interested candidates should forward a cover letter, resume, and two references, by **Sunday, May 27, 2012 (5:00 pm)** to:

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Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed the week of June 4th, 2012.

