

Job Posting

The Green Economy Network [GEN] is looking to hire a full time campaign organizer and coordinator. Responsibilities include developing and implementing a strategy to move the GEN Common Platform and its One Million Climate Jobs Campaign forward in order to increase the ambition and commitment of the federal and provincial governments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through bottom up pressure. For more information, see *back page*. The successful candidate will work with the GEN convener and steering committee, along with key political party personnel on Parliament Hill and key regional and local activists in the provinces and territories, in developing and implementing this plan of action. The GEN is located in Ottawa and office space there is available. Although this is a full time position, it is time-sensitive in the sense that these objectives must be developed and implemented over the two critical years leading up to 2020, thereby setting the stage for the coming decade [2020 to 2030] where real progress on substantially reducing GHG emissions is imperative.

The following skill sets and/or experience are considered to be assets:

- a working knowledge of climate change issues and challenges
- previous training and/or organizing experience as a campaigner
- two years or so experience working with either labour unions and/or environmental groups and/or Indigenous communities
- familiarity with the GEN Common Platform and the One Million Climate Jobs Challenge [see GEN website www.greeneconomynet.ca]
- capacity to work in both official languages [English and French]
- readiness and flexibility to travel
- capacity and experience in social communications [including social media]
- some basic administrative experience

... Applicants are asked to submit their application to Susan Hickman, at the Polaris Institute in Ottawa via email at polaris@polarisinstitute.org Please include a 2 page CV or profile. The deadline for applications is March 21, 2018.

The Green Economy Network (GEN) was founded initially in 2009 as a coalition of labour unions, environmental groups, social justice organizations, Indigenous peoples, faith-based groups, youth, and student activists who came together realizing that the economy and the environment do not need to be viewed as opposing forces, but rather that the climate and equity crises that we are facing can be resolved at the same time. The challenge of mitigating catastrophic climate change is also an opportunity to create hundreds of thousands of decent jobs for Canadians. And if we do it right, we can make sure that the transition to a low carbon economy not only lowers greenhouse gas emissions and creates jobs, but also reduces poverty and inequality.

The steering committee of the GEN has come up with an ambitious but achievable plan to create decent jobs and a more equitable society while slashing greenhouse gas emissions. We are looking for a dynamic and passionate full-time campaign organizer and coordinator who can develop and implement a campaign strategy to push federal and provincial governments to increase the ambition of their greenhouse gas reduction targets and to invest in creating family-supporting jobs and a more sustainable future. The successful candidate will work in coordination with the GEN convener and steering committee, along with strategic political party personnel on Parliament Hill, and key regional and local activists in the provinces and territories, in developing and implementing this plan of action.

We know that the lead up to 2020 will be a critical time, for our country and the planet. If you are looking for a challenging and exciting position working with a wide diversity of stakeholders in pursuit of a better future, we encourage you to submit your application.