



JOB DESCRIPTION

UMI Energy Democracy Project Officer

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Title:

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The Project

This exciting ground-breaking project brings together three South African social movements from different urban locales, supported by two NGOs to implement a campaign that realizes widespread installation and operation of community-led socially owned renewable energy solutions. The project represents new ground in locating advocacy for a just transition within the social movements. The goal is to strengthen and enable social movements in South Africa to engage all tiers of government towards realising renewable energy community solutions that can become implemented at scale.

Project Partnership

The project is a partnership consisting of three community-based organisations, South Durban Community Environmental Alliance (SDCEA), Vukani Environmental Movement (VEM) and, Abahlali baseMjondolo (AbM), they are supported by two NGOs, namely groundWork and Sustainable Energy Africa (SEA), each with more than 20-years' experience in campaigning with and providing technical support to communities.

The project is coordinated by groundWork who will be responsible for project monitoring and reporting, coordination, liaison, support, advocacy and networking at local, national and international levels.

Skills Required / Qualifications

- A relevant tertiary education with a focus on social and environmental justice and sciences;
- An education or history in the climate and energy field will be ideal;
- A minimum two years' experience in working within the social or environmental justice sector;
- Excellent oral and written communication skills in English and isiZulu, including being a strong spokesperson (i.e. good Public Speaking);
- Strong work organising skills that ensure time bound delivery is met;
- Strong outcome-based facilitation skills;
- Committed to SDCEA's vision, mission and values;
- Motivation to exchange with and learn from colleagues and movements;
- Be willing to work as part of a dynamic and varied team;
- Ability to visit project sites when possible and work in a Covid-safe manner;

- Strong knowhow of computer programmes such as Microsoft Office, Zoom, web-based systems such as google doc and other relevant platforms;
- Written and verbal communication for a variety of contexts, e.g. a written report to the Director versus an article for the newsletter.
- Have experience and knowledge is using social media platforms such as Twitter, Facebook, Instagram etc.; and
- Have a Code 8 or 10 driver's license.

The UMI Energy Democracy Project Officer will be accountable to the SDCEA coordinator.

Application process

Deadline: 14 September 2021

Please email your application to sherelee@sdceango.co.za with the following subject line: "UMI Energy Democracy Project Officer"

Applications must include:

1. A detailed CV with three contactable references; and
2. A motivation letter that indicates why you are interested in this position

Please note: Contract length will be 12 months with the intention of a longer-term arrangement provided funding is available.

Best of luck!

The South Durban Community Environmental Alliance