

**Vacancy at the South Durban Community Environmental Alliance
for a Junior Project Officer
'Climate Change Adaptation and securing the rights of children' Pilot Project**

About the pilot project

This project seeks to uphold children's rights through building capacity in schools and communities to better adapt to the effects of climate change in an 18-month pilot project funded by Kindernoithilfe. It aims for comprehensive and multidisciplinary climate change education that not only includes relevant content knowledge on climate change, environmental and social issues, and disaster risk reduction but also focuses on the institutional environment in which that content is learned to ensure that schools and education systems themselves are climate-proofed and resilient. The pilot project will be implemented in two secondary schools in eThekweni Municipality. We seek a Junior Project Officer based in our Durban office to implement the project, starting immediately.

Minimum requirements

- Relevant post-graduate qualification and or experience in research in the non-profit sector
- Proven track record in the action-research field preferred
- Solid hands-on experience with project management
- Experience with successfully working on multi-stakeholder projects preferred
- Experience with working with schools preferred
- Excellent communication skills, both verbal and written
- Multilingual (English and Zulu) preferred
- Assist with the promotion of a cohesive and productive environment among team members
- Operate efficiently and maintain a strong degree of accuracy
- Understanding of budgets
- Commitment to fight climate change, social development and the mission of SDCEA
- Ability to visit project sites
- Have a Code 8 or 10 driver's license

Essential knowledge and skills

- Familiarity with school, community, and stakeholder engagement, especially in areas of environmental sustainability and governance; experience as an activist preferred
- Experience in monitoring, analysing, research tools, and documenting
- Assist the project lead in implementing and reporting on their activities in compliance with project procedures and requirements, as and when required
- Ability to communicate effectively on behalf of the organisation (to government and the public)
- Ability to use Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to design, develop, and implement systems and databases to access and store geospatial data. Design digital maps using geospatial data and analyse spatial and non-spatial information preferred

Knowledge of the SA NGO sector, land, water, GIS, climate change and environmental justice linkages will also be advantageous.

Please email your application to shanice@sdceango.co.za with the following subject line: **Climate Change Adaptation and Securing the Rights of Children Junior Project Officer ” by 25 June 2024.**

Applications must include:

1. A detailed CV with three contactable references and
2. A motivation letter describing your interest and potential contribution to this position.