

# Detail Descriptions

## TOG Toplum Gönüllüleri Vakfı Detail Information

**Location of organization:** İstanbul

**Description of organization (history, mission focus, goals, accomplishments):**

Toplum Gönüllüleri Vakfı (TOG) – Community Volunteers Foundation is established in 29<sup>th</sup> December of 2002. As cited in its trust indenture, the purpose of TOG is

- To provide the participation, guidance and support of adults who believe in the synergy created by young people and are willing to offer physical and moral investment for them through social purposes,
- To make a contribution creating a culturally sensitive youth with the leadership and participation of the young volunteers aged between 17 and 25
- To realize various social service projects and make the youth's energy turn into a social advantage

From 2002 to 2008, TOG has become one of the biggest non for profit organization for youth with its 14000 volunteers all over Turkey working to motivate young people ages between 17 and 25 to implement their own social responsibility projects under the umbrella of university clubs that are founded by young community volunteers. The model that TOG itself has already produced is a unique model on the youth civic movement in Turkey. With the participation and mobilization of youth in TOG's local, national activities – Youth Councils, TOG ATAKs, Summer Camps etc. – the empowerment of youth becomes a reality. The TOG Project is not only a volunteerism, active citizen project; it is also a project of social peace. TOG has principles. These are respect to differences, open to team work, transparency and accountability, a life-long training, promoting civic participation and democracy. TOG is not only working for increasing the percentage of volunteerism and the number of active citizens in Turkey. It also works for construction of these ideas through the university students in Turkey as an identity: Community Volunteer. The construction of a modern identity surrounded by principles mentioned above deepening especially democracy, pluralism through the mobilization of youth using the social service as a tool is more than improving youth on volunteerism. For more information please visit the web page at <http://www.tog.org.tr/communityvolunteers.pdf>

**How many interns can you accommodate?** 1 or 2

**Contact person/email/telephone:** Evren Ergeç

**Primary language spoken:**

Turkish

**Is it necessary to speak the language? If yes, how fluent must the intern be?**

It is not necessary to speak the language but speaking another language would be an asset for the intern.

**What is the nearest airport?**

There are two airports in Istanbul. Sabiha Gökçen and Atatürk. Sabiha Gökçen Airport is the nearest airport but I am not sure if there is a flight from USA so Atatürk Airport is just 45 minutes from the center of Istanbul by Havaş minibus service.

**What are housing options?** We have three choices: finding a flat of a volunteer for sharing, hostel and hotel.

**What is appropriate attire? What is the weather like between late June and early September?**

It is a summer season so till the early September, the weather is going to be hot. Summer dresses such as tee shirts, short-sleeved shirt etc. but in any case raincoat is needed also for the rain.

**Rough estimates of costs (to be paid by intern)**

**Food:** S/he will have the lunch at the office. For breakfast and dinner, 25\$ is enough for one day.

**Transportation (during the day, to and from airport..):** There is a bus going to the office from the center (Taksim Square) of İstanbul. The ticket costs about 1,5\$.

**Other:**

Detailed Budget for one month...

<i>Budget Item</i>	<i>Note</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Unit Cost (\$)</i>	<i>Cost</i>
<b>Transportation</b>		30	5	150
<b>Food</b>		30	25	750
<b>Housing</b>	Sharing a flat with volunteer for one month	1	350	350
	Hotel	30	70	2100
	Hostel	30	15	450
<b>Visit to Summer Camp</b>		2	300	600
<b>Total Budget for one month if sharing a flat</b>				1850
<b>Total Budget for one month if staying in a hotel</b>				4850
<b>Total Budget for one month if staying in a hostel</b>				1950

**What will the student intern be doing?**

TOG is planning to do 3 international summer camps in June and August 2008. In every summer camp, the youth will be volunteering for fifteen days. The summer camps have two fifteen days period and take one month. 10 young will be coming from the outside Turkey for one period of summer camp. There will be 60 young coming from the outside

for the 3 international summer camps for 6 periods. The community volunteers are implementing these summer camps and there will also be community volunteers serving from different TOG University Clubs. In every period, 10 young from outside Turkey, 10 young from Turkey will be volunteering together. The student intern will work with the young volunteers coming from the different countries to do social work for fifteen days in different cities apart from Istanbul. S/he will be the leader of international participants and mentoring them for one camp.

**Is it a paid of unpaid internship? If paid, how much?** It is unpaid internship.

**What helpful talents and/or skills should the student intern possess, if any?**

The student intern should have interest in youth issues; preferably it would be good if s/he has experience in volunteer work. She should have a willingness of developing dialogue in a multicultural milieu. S/he must be open to travel. S/he will be going to the summer camp away from Istanbul, another city of Turkey, to have meetings with the international participants and report this meeting to the international relations department.

**What would a typical day be like?**

When s/he is in Istanbul, S/he will be coming to the office at 9:30, have a meeting about the daily routine work and have dialogues, meetings with the youth coming to the office. S/he will also have a daily working program. It is 18:00 when the day finishes, but s/he will love to stay in the office working till 20:00. When s/he is in the international camp, she will be volunteering with the participants and s/he will be the leader or the international participants.

**What are some possible weekend excursions/activities for young people?**

Istanbul is a very historical and cosmopolitan city. There are lots of cultural, intellectual, social and sportive activities that s/he can join during the weekends.

**Pictures would be very helpful if possible!**

Please google image on "Istanbul" and "toplum gönüllüleri".

## **Golcuk Detail Information**

**Location of organization:** Amiral Saglam Cad. 41650 Golcuk – Kocaeli / TURKEY

**Description of organization (history, mission focus, goals, accomplishments):**

### **The History:**

We should first consider the region which included Izmit and its surroundings and was called Bithynia by the ancient Greek and Rome before we examine the historical development of Golcuk. The first step was taken in 1927 Golcuk to be a garrison city. It was decided to repair the wounded battleship Yavuz in 1925 but that required a technical ability. Therefore it was decided to build a shipyard. A dry dock was built at that year. The Germans built sheds and repaired the battleship Yavuz. Afterwards these sheds were purchased and the first nucleus of the shipyard was built. Although the fundamental works had began in 1938 parallel with development of naval forces, the II. World War...

Golcuk is in essence a city which was built after the Republic. The Golcuk subdivision was founded in accordance with the act number 3012 which was accepted in 09.06.1936 and executed 15.06.1936. Since there could be found no appropriate building in Golcuk for government works.

### **The Mission Focus:**

Modern Navy Town -- Golcuk: That Citizens Are Proud Of

### **Goals:**

Human-centered planning and applying of all our duties, making our primary aim to satisfy our citizens in all municipal services and processes. In our projects; carrying municipal activities beyond expectations, presenting our services better, faster, more commonly and more effectively. Providing support to our personnel for their development and vision. Creating a new Golcuk that is improving, growing, flourishing and has peaceful and happy citizens.

### **Accomplishments :**

At 17 August, 1999 there was an earthquake which was about 7.4 in the epicenter of Golcuk. According the official records, there were 7950 dead and 17252 wounded. After the earthquake, there was a big movement in Golcuk. At 1999, Golcuk had the population of 134.866 people but at 2000 Golcuk had 84.494 people in it. After the earthquake, the Golcuk has been started to repair it self, and there were safer housing in new areas. After all those work, the population increased to 114.498. After earthquake, our city progress was fantastic. We finished all the construction again. Last year, we started 15 Social Responsibility Projects that continue now.

**How many interns can you accommodate? 2**

**Contact person/email/telephone:** Mrs. Dilek PERCIN (Mayors Advisor, International Project Coordinator, Culture & Art Center Director)

**Primary language spoken:** Turkish

**Is it necessary to speak the language? If yes, how fluent must the intern be?**

They can speak English, because other employees know little English. I believe there is no problem about it. We have 3 intern student that they know English.

**What is the nearest airport?** Ataturk Airport in Istanbul (1.5 hours with the car to Golcuk.)

**What are housing options?**

There is private "Teachers Guestroom" in Golcuk. Golcuk Municipality will provide to interns that they can stay there.

**What is appropriate attire? What is the weather like between late June and early September?** The season will be real summer in that period. They have to bring very light cloths. (About 30 – 32 Celsius degrees or 86-89 Fahrenheit degrees )

Rough estimates of costs (to be paid by intern)

**Food:** Golcuk Municipality will provide the breakfast and lunch. The dinner is about 6-10\$ (per night)

**Transportation (during the day, to and from airport..):** We will provide to pick up from airport to Golcuk. And also they can walk in the city; there is no need the car or bus. But if they want to go Izmit city for visit they have to pay 50 cents per person with the bus. If they want to go to Istanbul, they have to pay about 10\$ per person.

**Other:**

Golcuk Municipality will pay to housing cost.

## **Turkish Daily News – Detailed Information**

**Location of organization:** Istanbul

**Description of organization (history, mission focus, goals, accomplishments):**

The Turkish Daily News, founded in 1961, exists to “tell Turkey’s story” to an international audience. We have an editorial staff of 46 and a total staff of 75. The newspaper is published six days a week and distributed nationally in Turkey and via the Internet. What this mission means to us is the task of moving deeper into and beyond the shallow narratives that typically define Turkey in the western media. Our staff is largely made up of Turkish journalists, fluent in English, who represent by background and experience, the many facets of Turkey. Areas of principal concern are human rights, women’s rights, democratization, European integration and economic transformation.

**How many interns can you accommodate?** 1-3

**Contact person/email/telephone:** Barcin Yinanc, Managing Editor

**Primary language spoken:** English, Turkish, French

**Is it necessary to speak the language? If yes, how fluent must the intern be?**

Turkish fluency is mandatory for most field assignments, such as political coverage. Non-speakers of Turkish typically report on expatriate cultural events, serve on the copy desk or work in other areas where knowledge of Turkish is not required.

**What is the nearest airport?** Ataturk Airport in Istanbul

**What are housing options?**

Interns typically find housing arrangements through group housing offerings found on Craigs List or through word of mouth. Istanbul, with a large young population, does not generally present too many obstacles to young, flexible people in search of reasonable, short-term housing.

**What is appropriate attire? What is the weather like between late June and early September?** Tasteful casual. Some assignments make require formal attire but office attire is, well, as diverse as the staff.

**Rough estimates of costs (to be paid by intern)**

**Food:** 200 USD monthly

**Transportation (during the day, to and from airport.):** Provided by the newspaper

**What will the student intern be doing?**

Interns typically start on the copy desk, editing translated articles in Associated Press style English. Those who can manage this, typically move into periodic feature assignments as writers on topics where knowledge of Turkish is not critical.

**Is it a paid or unpaid internship? If paid, how much?** Unpaid

**What helpful talents and/or skills should the student intern possess, if any?**

Two skills are important:

First, an openness to learning about a very different and complex society, elements of which will certainly challenge many of their firmly held assumptions.

Secondly, a willingness to play a supporting role. The Turkish Daily News is a Turkish newspaper. It's mission is to reflect the voices of Turkish journalists, which is a broad category that includes native speakers of Armenian, Greek, Kurdish, Arabic and many other vernacular languages spoken in Turkey. The TDN also includes a full panorama of personal political, ideological and religious views. The foreign staffers, including the editor in chief, are tasked with serving the reporting and story-telling of the Turkish journalists. This makes the TDN quite different from post "expat" newspapers around the world. It is an important distinction that is not always easy for aspiring foreign journalists to understand but understanding this is important to their prospects of success here. The newspaper is the 2007 winner of the first prize in the Anna Lindh journalism awards of Europe for intercultural reporting. This is one of Europe's most prestigious awards, made from a competition involving the newspapers of 38 countries. This emphasis of authentic voices is the reason for this success.

**What would a typical day be like?**

Hard work from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., punctuated by moments of high adrenalin, tension, tears, laughter and the high pressure excitement of working in one of the most demanding and diverse newsrooms in the world.

**What are some possible weekend excursions/activities for young people?**

Take a look at our website, [tdn.com.tr](http://tdn.com.tr). Istanbul, with a population of 15 million and the designation of "cultural capital of Europe" is just that. Istanbul is one of the most stimulating and exciting cities in the world.

**Any other helpful descriptions and comments:** Again, a look at our web site would be helpful.

## **Kasimu Education Fund – Detailed Information**

Details will be provided soon.

## **Lending Promise – Detailed Information**

### **Lending Promise**

**Location of organization:** 479 Tovar Drive, San Jose, CA 95123

**Description of organization (history, mission focus, goals, accomplishments):**

To expand the future of poor children in South Asia, through providing microcredit to their mothers.

**How many interns can you accommodate?** 1

**Contact person/email/telephone:** Meg North Taylor

**Primary language spoken:** English

**Is it necessary to speak the language? If yes, how fluent must the intern be?**

Yes. Fluent in English. Conversational Nepali or Hindi is a plus.

**What is the nearest airport?** San Jose

**What are housing options?** **None** available. Intern may work from outside of the Bay Area.

**What is appropriate attire? What is the weather like between late June and early September?**

Attire N/A. This internship would be carried out mostly remotely from the student's own computer, holding weekly (approximate) calls (and biweekly in-person meetings, if the intern is based in the Bay Area) with the executive director.

**Rough estimates of costs (to be paid by intern)**

**Food:** All

**Transportation (during the day, to and from airport.): N/A**

**What will the student intern be doing?**

Acting as webmaster, updating microcredit news, adding products for sale, additional web site management.

**Is it a paid or unpaid internship? If paid, how much?** Unpaid

**What helpful talents and/or skills should the student intern possess, if any?**

Skilled in using content management system as well as in basic HTML and XML.

Experienced in copywriting a plus.

**What would a typical day be like?**

Check Google and other news sources for the latest in microcredit news. Determine which ones are a fit for Lending Promise. Post links on the site. Perform site optimization updates. Review sites of other nonprofit organizations for ideas for fundraising and public relations. Find and post listings of products in the Lending Promise store. When available, post updates to the stories of the women we serve. Add “children’s corner” to the web site. Add new partner and resource links when available. Update information about Nepal, including population, current events, etc. Post press releases on the site. Create a feed for site visitors.

**In general:**

**What are some possible weekend excursions/activities for young people?**

N/A.

**Any other helpful descriptions and comments:** For more information, visit Lending Promise web site at [www.lendingpromise.org](http://www.lendingpromise.org).

## **Mercado Global – Detailed Information**

**Location of organization:** New Haven, CT or Panajachel, Guatemala.

**Description of organization (history, mission focus, goals, accomplishments):**

Mercado Global is a non-profit organization that links women's artisan cooperatives in Latin America's most rural and economically- disadvantaged communities to the U.S. market through a model that provides both fair-wage employment and investments in local development projects.

We work with women’s artisan cooperatives in Latin America, helping them to develop and produce beautiful, all-natural handmade products. Our primary

product lines include: organic, naturally dyed cotton products, eco-friendly ceramics, and all-natural jewelry. We market these product lines through our online store Wear Your Difference and through our Ethical Sourcing Program, which targets large retailers and other distributors.

Our sales provide women with fair wages, and profits return to our partner cooperatives to fund scholarship programs, school construction, and other local development projects.

How many interns can you accommodate?

We would like to receive up to two interns at our New Haven, CT offices and up to two interns at our Guatemala offices.

Contact person/email/telephone: Mira Niernberger

**Primary language spoken:** Spanish in the Guatemala office; English in the New Haven office.

**Is it necessary to speak the language? If yes, how fluent must the intern be?**

Yes. Spanish is the primary language used in the Guatemala office; likewise, English in the New Haven office.

The Guatemala intern should be proficient in Spanish (have good reading and writing skills), with the exception of the Development intern, for whom English will be sufficient. Interns placed at our New Haven office do not need to speak Spanish, although it is a bonus.

**What is the nearest airport?** Guatemala City, Guatemala; Hartford, CT

**What are housing options?** Homestays or renting a room or apartment.

**What is appropriate attire? What is the weather like between late June and early September?**

Guatemala: Blouses and nicer pants or skirt are expected in the office (no t-shirts or jeans). It is Generally Summer is temperate in Panajachel (70F), with afternoon showers. Umbrellas or light raincoats are suggested. New Haven: Business casual is expected in the office. Summer is temperate (74F) and humid, moderated by Long Island Sound, with occasional showers.

**Rough estimates of costs (to be paid by intern)**

**Food:** If staying with a host family, food is included (see below). If dining out, expect roughly \$7-10/ day in Guatemala. Groceries generally cost \$200/month in New Haven.

Transportation (during the day, to and from airport.): \$25/ one way from the airport for both locations.

**Other:** For Guatemala, homestays cost \$75/week, and include 3 meals per day, 6 days per week. Alternately, hostels or private rooms cost between \$30-\$50/week, but do not include food.

In New Haven, apartments can be sublet for \$400/month.

### **Option #1 - Grant Development**

What will the student intern be doing?

The Grant Development intern will work with Mercado Global's staff at our Panajachel or New Haven offices. The intern will be involved in our development campaign, which is very basic and extremely essential to our continued success and growth as a Non-Profit organization. Projects will include extensive research on potential individual donors, as well as corporations and foundations. The findings of this research will be organized for future use. Additionally, the intern may assist in creating funding application timelines, as well as drafting of proposals for appropriate grants. The intern will also be involved in the gathering of up-to-date statistical information to be incorporated into proposals.

The intern will maintain and update our donor-database, including preparing appeal mailings and thank you letters.

**Is it a paid or unpaid internship? If paid, how much?**

We currently are not able to offer compensation.

**What helpful talents and/or skills should the student intern possess, if any?**

Proficiency in Spanish preferred but not required. Strong writing and researching skills required and grant writing experience preferred. Good internet skills essential.

**What would a typical day be like?**

We begin work in our Guatemala office at 8am, take a break for lunch at 1pm, and end at 5pm. This position involves working closely with MG's Development Assistant, Mira Neirnberger and with MG's Executive Director Ruth DeGolia. The position involves internet research, writing and editing, and will also involve gathering pictures, quotes, and statistics in our partner communities or from other sources.

### **Option #2 – Marketing Intern**

**What will the student intern be doing?**

The marketing intern will assist our Sales and Marketing Director at our New Haven, CT offices in conducting market research. This will be used in planning and preparing for sales and promotional campaigns, as well as for the purposes of designing our seasonal product collections. The intern will have assistance in

conducting customer surveys, gathering market data regarding sales and product trends and potential price points, and may also assist in photoshoots and promotional events.

**Is it a paid or unpaid internship? If paid, how much?** We currently are not able to offer compensation.

**What helpful talents and/or skills should the student intern possess, if any?**

Proficiency in Spanish a plus but not at all required for this position. Strong researching skills required and experience or interest in the fashion industry is greatly preferred. Ability to use excel is essential.

**What would a typical day be like?**

The day will involve conducting internet research, emailing surveys and inputting the responses into excel files that will be later analyzed, visiting stores to observe and record fashion trends, and participating in product design sessions.

**What are some possible weekend excursions/activities for young people?**

Activities near our Guatemala offices: Hiking Volcan San Pedro  
Hiking the active Volcan Pacaya, near Antigua  
Visiting Chichicastenango, the largest and most colorful Market in Guatemala.  
Taking a lancha (boat) to some of the many villages around Lago Atitlan.  
Visiting the ancient Mayan city of Tikal

Activities near our New Haven offices: Traveling to New York City is a 1.5 hour train ride (\$14 each way) New Haven is near beaches and many parks great for hiking and biking. New Haven has a great music and cultural scene.

During the summers, Yale and local businesses sponsor major concerts on the city green each Saturday night and free movies are shown on a huge screen on the green each Friday night.

We also have many museums and other cultural destinations.

**Any other helpful descriptions and comments:**

About the area: Panajachel is a small town located on the shores of Lake Atitlan in the central highlands of Guatemala. The lake is well-known for its stunning views, and is surrounded by volcanic mountains and lush forests. Panajachel is a central stopping point for the great number of tourists that enjoy this gorgeous lake, and it boasts a variety of hotels, restaurants, shops, and stalls selling local handcrafts. Visitors can take buses or boats to other towns around the lake, all of which have unique personalities. Panajachel is sometimes called the gateway to the Mayan world, and is a hotspot for visitors looking to experience indigenous life in the highlands.



## **Turkish Cultural Foundation – Detailed Information**

### **TURKISH CULTURAL FOUNDATION**

**Location of organization:** ISTANBUL, TURKEY

**Description of organization (history, mission focus, goals, accomplishments):**

The Turkish Cultural Foundation was established in 2000 with the mission to support the preservation and promotion of Turkish culture and heritage worldwide, through original programs and cooperation with like-minded organizations.

The Foundation is a US tax-exempt public charitable organization supported entirely by private donations, with offices in Boston, Washington, DC and Istanbul, Turkey.

The Turkish Cultural Foundation Turkey Branch was formally established as a foreign Foundation office under relevant Turkish laws in October 2005. It oversees the Foundation's grants and projects in Turkey.

### **Vision**

To be a comprehensive center for promoting the Turkish culture and art worldwide.

## **Mission**

The TCF is dedicated to:

- Promoting and preserving Turkish culture and heritage worldwide, through original programs and cooperation with like minded organizations.
- Supporting education, particularly in the area of humanities, for disadvantaged students in Turkey.
- Supporting research, documentation and publication in the humanities related to Turkey.
- Supporting the preservation of Turkish cultural heritage abroad.
- Helping to build cultural bridges between Turkey and other countries to support a better understanding and appreciation of Turkish cultural heritage.

**For more information:** [www.turkishculturalfoundation.org](http://www.turkishculturalfoundation.org)

**How many interns can you accommodate?** 10

**Contact person/email/telephone:** Turkish Cultural Foundation Washington DC Office: Ms. Guler Koknar, Executive Director

Turkish Cultural Foundation Istanbul Office: Ms. Hulya Yurtsever

**Primary language spoken:** English and Turkish

**Is it necessary to speak the language? If yes, how fluent must the intern be?**

It is not necessary to speak Turkish. If an intern desires to learn Turkish or to attend a summer school, it may be possible for them to attend a course near the TCF's office, such as the Dilmer language school (<http://www.dilmer.com>), Bogazici (Bosphorus) University Summer Courses (<http://www.summer.boun.edu.tr>), Tomer (<http://www.tomer.ankara.edu.tr/english/index.html>) or Bilgi University Summer School (<http://international.bilgi.edu.tr/exchange.htm> and <http://international.bilgi.edu.tr/summer.htm>)

**What is the nearest airport?** Istanbul Ataturk Airport

**What are housing options?** The TCF doesn't provide housing. Local cultural institutes and language schools close to the office have notice boards like those found on an American university campus for finding local housing. It should be

possible to find summer housing within a forty-minute walk or bus ride to the office. Further information will be provided for accepted interns.

**What is appropriate attire? What is the weather like between late June and early September?**

Attire - Business Casual

Weather – hot 30-40 degrees centigrade, office air-conditioned.

**Rough estimates of costs (to be paid by intern)**

Food: Depends on intern's needs and budget. For example, at two local restaurants, the intern can eat a filling lunch for between 8-15 dollars, not including beverages other than water. A Turkish beer or glass of wine in the popular nightlife cafes and bars is between 4-8 dollars. A loaf of bread or a simit (bread similar to a bagel) bought from a street vendor costs about 50 cents. A small bottle of water costs 50 cents. Fresh fruits and vegetables are inexpensive.

Transportation (during the day, to and from airport.): Our office is conveniently located right across the street from the Havas bus which provides shuttle service to and from the Ataturk airport every half-hour. A one-way ticket is about 9 lira (about 7-8 dollars). A taxi is usually a fixed price, about 25 dollars. If the intern finds housing in the area, they can walk to work. Otherwise, bus, metro, and tram fare is about one dollar for a one-way fare. Taxis are relatively inexpensive in comparison with North American cities.

Other: Housing: The intern should expect to pay from 600 to 1200 dollars a month for shared housing, water, and other utilities.

**What will the student intern be doing?**

Research on certain topics for the TCF websites.

Assist in the TCF projects.

Meet and work with the TCF volunteers.

Develop new projects per the TCF's aims and objectives

**Is it a paid or unpaid internship? If paid, how much? Unpaid**

**What helpful talents and/or skills should the student intern possess, if any?**

Basic computer skills

Knowledge of how to do power point presentations or work on web sites a plus

Ability to do research in diverse fields, cultural, science, social sciences

Ability to write and proofread well

**What would a typical day be like?**



Our office is open 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. However, interns would be expected to allocate a minimum of 16 hours per week during the hours of 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday. A schedule will be established that affords time to the intern to take classes etc. The interns can use the office at any hour. Our office is equipped with computer workstations for our



volunteers as well as a small, growing library. We have some summer cultural and study tours. It may be possible for an intern to join a tour as an assistant or to work during the weekend with cultural/study tour guests as needed. Overall, the intern would be working in a pleasant, centrally located, state of the art office with a young staff in a relaxed and stimulating environment.

## **SCU GWLN, Women Leaders for the World – Detailed Information**

**Global Women's Leadership Network** [www.gwln.org](http://www.gwln.org)

**Location of organization:** Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, California

**Description of organization (history, mission focus, goals, accomplishments):**

The Global Women's Leadership Network (GWLN) is an international network of women leaders who dare to transform their organizations, their communities, and the world. Worldwide, women represent the largest untapped source of leadership. Through training, community building and in-country mentorship programs, GWLN is liberating women leaders to create a new world, built on human rights, gender equality, sustainable development and global integrity.

**How many interns can you accommodate?** 3 from early July to mid-August

**Contact person/email/telephone:** Linda Alepin, [lalepin@scu.edu](mailto:lalepin@scu.edu)

**Primary language spoken:** English

**Is it necessary to speak the language? If yes, how fluent must the intern be?** Excellent oral and written skills

**What is the nearest airport?** San Jose California – Norman Mineta

**What are housing options?** Dorm rooms are available at a charge. Many local student houses with rooms available. Hardship cases will be considered for room supplement

**What is appropriate attire? What is the weather like between late June and early September?**

Warm days with cool nights. Shorts and jeans allowed. Sweater or jacket recommended.

**Rough estimates of costs (to be paid by intern)**

**Food:** Supplied during course for 9 days. Student priced meals available – allow about \$25 per day

**Transportation (during the day, to and from airport.):** Public transportation available

**Other:** Rooms in local area run about \$600 per month

**What will the student intern be doing?** Helping to organize, execute, and close down Women Leaders for the World program from Sunday July 19 - Sunday July 27, 2008. Women Leaders for the World is a unique residential leadership intensive that support women who are transforming their communities, organization, and the world. Held each summer at Santa Clara University it attracts established women leaders from civil society, academia, religion, and government who want to take themselves and their organizations to the next level. They come from many of the developing countries as well as corporations.

**Is it a paid or unpaid internship? If paid, how much? UNPAID**

**What helpful talents and/or skills should the student intern possess, if any?**

Interns should be skilled at planning, scheduling and organizing. They will be called up on to keep the logistics for the various activities on schedule. Computer skills including excel, PowerPoint, and Word are essential as are email capability.

**What would a typical day be like?**

Prior to the conference, the interns will be in charge of detailing all the supplies, binders, etc. that will be needed, buying them and assembling them. They will assist the one day public event manager in getting the entire conference ready – creating a program, checking registrations, sending out confirmations, etc.

During the program, they will be employed in shifts to help with all the daily logistics including food presentation, etc. They will also assist with the one day conference at registration, etc.

After the program, they will help with all aspects of accounting, thank you letters, etc.

The interns will also spend time in the sessions with the women from the many countries. They will learn basics of authentic leadership, embodied leadership, values, gender, etc.

**What are some possible weekend excursions/activities for young people?**

Entire bay area – S.F., Marin County, Monterey, etc.

**Any other helpful descriptions and comments:**

Experience with the WLW program may lead to assignments as paid interns during the school year.

**International Space Camp – Detailed Information**

Note: Interns will have to be reviewed by the Camp personnel prior to acceptance to the program. The training starts June 7- before SCU finals, so special arrangements will need to be made.

**Counselor Job Description**

**JOB SUMMARY:** Responsible for supervising and training campers 9 – 16 years old by teaching teamwork, problem solving and time-management skills in a fun-filled interactive environment.

**EMPLOYMENT DATES:** May, June, July, and August (a total of three months)

**LOCATION:** Space Camp Turkey is located in Izmir, at the Aegean Free Zone, the leading industrial park in Turkey. The Aegean Free Zone is located 5 minutes from the International Adnan Menderes Airport and 15 minutes from the city center. Space Camp Turkey is also close to many tourist attractions and summer resorts such as Ephesus, Cesme and Kusadasi.

**WORKING HOURS:**

Below are the sample schedules you may be working each week:

	Sample duty mate schedule	Sample AM/PM schedule
Sunday	4pm- 10pm	4pm- 11pm
Monday	8am- 10pm	8am- 3pm

Tuesday	8am- 4pm	3pm- 11pm
Wednesday	8am- 10pm	8am- 3pm
Thursday	8am- 4pm	3pm- 11pm
Friday	8am- 10pm	8am- 3pm
Saturday	8am- 12pm	8am- 12pm

All counselors will have from Saturday 1pm till 1pm Sunday off along with days off during the week depending on the number of students attending the program.

Support counselors: you may be assigned to be on support duty during the week. This may include giving briefings, setting up activities, training missions, watching teams, etc.

**SALARY:** \$100- \$125 per week, Airfare to/from your home destination in the U.S., accommodation and all meals at Space Camp Turkey. The higher salary is for the duty-mate schedule.

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** Spacious counselor bedrooms with one shared bathroom for every 2-4 counselors. Males and females are housed on separate floors.

**PRINCIPAL JOB FUNCTIONS:**

Each counselor will be assigned a team of 12-13 students for each 6-week session. Supervise and provide care and training for campers assigned. Escort and accompany campers at all times to scheduled activities in a professional and fun learning environment. Provide knowledgeable explanations about specific subjects and conduct activities..

Conduct simulations training, and insure that campers are adequately instructed in mission simulation positions and understand their roles in the overall missions.

Insure that campers are adequately instructed in all program contents and activities. Attend to any personal difficulties encountered by campers, such as illness, contact with parents, loss of personal items, etc. Serve as a positive, professional role model for campers. Supervision of and participation in swimming/water activities is required.

The counselor also will be responsible for one to two nights per week as the point of contact for children in case of emergency during the night.

Perform other related duties as assigned.

A 1-2 week training will be provided to all new counselors upon arrival to Space Camp Turkey.

Visit the web site at [www.spacecampturkey.com](http://www.spacecampturkey.com)

## **Himalayan Action Research Center (HARC) – detailed information**

Details will be provided soon.

## **NGO's in Nogales, Sonora, Mexico – Detailed Information**

### **Refugios de dios para ninos**

**Location of organization:** J.J. DABDOUB #40, COL KENNEDY, NOGALES, SON, MEXICO Phone 011 52 631 32 050030

#### **Description of organization (history, mission focus, goals, accomplishments):**

1. - History: Local homes for children were up to their capacity, a 3<sup>rd</sup> one was originated through a USA based donor: A local home for abused girls that have been separated from their families through legal action from the children's agency (DIF).
2. - Mission: to provide a complete education and shelter for girls that include nutrition, health and education as well as psychological therapy.
3. - Goals: Reintegrate abused girls in their original or adoptive families. Provide new models of behavior for those raised in domestic violence.

#### **How many interns can you accommodate?**

2/4 students, we have been assigned a small apartment next to the home.

**Contact person/email/telephone:** Ricardo Gallego

**Primary language spoken:** - Spanish

**Is it necessary to speak the language? If yes, how fluent must the intern be?**

- Not need for Spanish speaking students. Both the director and coordinator are fluent in English.

- The girls are willing to learn English, we have had American visitors for a weekend and they learn at amazing speed.

**What is the nearest airport?** Tucson, AZ

**What are housing options?** A small apartment that can accommodate 4 students, with a kitchenette, no rent will be paid.

Students will have grocery stores close to the house (5 minutes walk)

**What is appropriate attire? What is the weather like between late June and early September?**

Very casual, modesty is required since the house is run by Nuns, although everyone else is not from a religious group. And we are providing a new education: these girls have been in abusive families, addicted mothers (many of them prostitutes) (for students: no shorts or tanks)

**Rough estimates of costs (to be paid by intern)**

**Food:** They can have their meals for free in the house, if they are willing to buy their own, an estimate of \$45 USD per week

**Transportation (during the day, to and from airport...):** The apartment is next door to the house.

Transportation to and from the airport will be provided for free.

**Other:** This house is ready to receive interns in these areas:

1. Education: English classes
2. Psychological therapy
3. Nutritional programs Dancing
4. Music and recreative activities.

## **Albergue para migrantes San Juan Bosco IAP**

Migrant's Shelter

**Location of organization:** Nogales, Son.

**Description of organization (history, mission focus, goals, accomplishments):**

1.- **Mission:** To provide shelter (food, sometimes clothes and shoes, hospital services provided by the General Hospital) for three days, more if injured or sick.

2.- **The result the agency hopes to achieve** As a way to reduce the level of delinquency among those migrants who are deported and have no place to sleep or eat.

3.- **Area of impact:** Health (migrants)

4.- **Date:** Founded in 1982, serves migrants and homeless during winter and rain seasons. The shelter administrators have been working pro bono for the last 25 years, a data base designed to save all the information from the migrants could be very useful. Those interested in writing real stories from migrants can have a wonderful opportunity here.

5.- **Numbers of individuals served:** 8,200 men and women (lately children too) in a one year period.

6.- **Services offered:** Shelter, clothes, food, hygiene products.

7.- **A brief description of the organization:** To provide the migrants who find themselves without anything to eat and nowhere to go, a place to spend three days while they are sent back to their native region. And at the same time, reduce the level of delinquency while avoiding the streets. The Municipio pays for electricity and water, the shelter is a building we have been borrowing for 21 years now. We just got a heater from a local Jewelry store, it has no heating or cooling services. We were granted with FESAC's subfunds from the Ford Foundation to legalize our status as a IAP (Private assistance association), will be final in May 2004.

8.- **The project:** To make the shelter a decent and human place for the migrants,

**How many interns can you accommodate?**

**2 male if within the shelter, 2 women renting a room.**

**Contact person/email/telephone: Gilda & Francisco Loureiro**

Albergue para migrantes San Juan Bosco

**Primary language spoken:**

Spanish

**Is it necessary to speak the language? If yes, how fluent must the intern be?**

Spanish could be very useful, one of the young men who help run the shelter is fluent in English.

**What is the nearest airport? Tucson, AZ**

**What are housing options?**

Rent a room with kitchen facilities. If the students are male accommodation within the shelter can be provided for free.

**What is appropriate attire? What is the weather like between late June and early September?** Very casual. Warm weather

**Rough estimates of costs (to be paid by intern)**

**Food:** Breakfast and a late snack can be provided by the shelter. Good inexpensive, small local food : dinner/lunch \$25 USD for both

**Transportation (during the day, to and from airport.):** Tucson/Nogales/Tucson, provided with no cost from the Shelter administrators.

**Other:** A unique opportunity to see and live the deportation issue in the USA/Mexican border.

**Unpaid**

**Easy access through Tucson, AZ.**

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## **DEIJUVEN -- DESARROLLO INTEGRAL JUVENIL DE NOGALES IAP**

### **YOUTH ORIENTED COMMUNITY CENTER**

**Location of organization: Nogales, Son**

**Description of organization (history, mission focus, goals, accomplishments):**

In order to promote an educational model based on a prevention system, Salesian Organization started working in Nogales in year 2003.

They offer young people growing and development opportunities inspired in positive, motivating values and principles

**“Promote significant changes in children, adolescent and young people**

**life style on popular neighborhoods through the creation of adequate spaces and implementation of educational programs that offer integral**

proposals of life and motivating alternatives in respect with their development environment.”

### **Educational Programs**

- 1) **Health promotion:** (preventive medicine, dental, nutrition, addictions prevention, etc.)
- 2) **Educational:** Elementary, Jr. High and High School, library, etc.
- 3) **Spare time activities:** sports, artistic, summer courses, popular festivities etc.
- 4) **Vocational orientation:** Computers, languages and music classes
- 5) **Values and principles:** “School for parents” and family integration programs.

### **How many interns can you accommodate?**

2 males or 2 females. The July program for children from 5 to 12 years old: A 4 weeks summer course designed for low income families could wonderfully use students for English and computer classes as well as sports activities.

This summer “camp” was created for those children left alone in the dangerous neighborhoods while their parent went off to work n the Maquilas.

**Contact person/email/telephone:** Osvaldo Gorzegno/Mariana Galindo

**Primary language spoken:** Spanish

**Is it necessary to speak the language? If yes, how fluent must the intern be?** Spanish fluency would make it easier for the intern to communicate.

**What is the nearest airport?** Tucson, Arizona

**What are housing options?** TBD

**What is appropriate attire? What is the weather like between late June and early September?** Very casual. Warm weather.

### **Rough estimates of costs (to be paid by intern)**

**Food:** Around \$45 USD a week

**Transportation (during the day, to and from airport..):** Provided by the board and staff

**Their Needs:**

- a) Education material
- b) Sports equipment
- c) Office equipment and furniture
- d) Computer, language and music equipment
- e) Workshops equipment
- f) Health equipment
- g) Vehicles
- h) Construction support

**Nogales future depends on these children, adolescent and young people, and Nogales future is the hands of all of us.**

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## **VENCIENDO AL AUTISMO AC**

### **Defeating autism**

**Location of organization:** Nogales, Sonora, Mexico

**Description of organization (history, mission focus, goals, accomplishments):**

In Nogales there is no institution or place to attend this kind of children; many of them are Maquilas employee relatives, including companies such as Avent, Amphenol, Badger Meter and Chamberlain among other.

Roberto's mother, together with other parents, decided to form an auto-support group to attend these children personally by themselves. The group includes a psychologist, which is mother of one of them

They are making activities such as candy and food sale to obtain funds; their mid-term plan is:

- 1) Establish a Civil Association (almost ready)
- 2) Obtain an appropriate place to establish an Autistic Center.
- 3) Bring a specialist from Guanajuato that plans on moving to Nogales (already here, since 2006)
- 4) Get the appropriate equipment and support to develop their

Children as much as possible:

2008: New facilities, bigger house, local donors, nutritional changes have proved better behavior and all over health.

If students are interested in Autism therapy, nutritional and English classes for parents are needed.

**How many interns can you accommodate?** 2 male or female, can live in the center

**Contact person/email/telephone:** Ma Elena Bonillas

**Primary language spoken:** Spanish, two mothers are fluent in English

**Is it necessary to speak the language? If yes, how fluent must the intern be?** Not necessarily

**What is the nearest airport?** Tucson, AZ

**What are housing options?** Can live in the center

**What is appropriate attire? What is the weather like between late June and early September?** Very casual, warm weather

**Rough estimates of costs (to be paid by intern)**

**Food:** \$45 per week, Kitchenette available

**Transportation (during the day, to and from airport...):**

**Provided by the board and other mothers**

**Other:**

**This is one of the NGO that could start a wonderful experience of new treatments in nutritional changes that have proven excellent results.**

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## **Ethiopia – Gender Leadership**

**Name of organization:** Association for Gender Equality in Leadership and Decision Making (AGELDM)

**Location of organization:** Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

**Description of organization (history, mission focus, goals, accomplishments):**

The Association was founded by dedicated women who are concerned about the poor representation of women in leadership and decision making positions in all sectors and at all levels in the country. Although there is written constitutional provision for equal representation and participation with a Women's Policy backing this, intake, opportunities for promotion, mobility and sustained growth of women to close the wide gender gap in leadership are challenges. Attaining equal participation of women and men in leadership positions and decision making is the mission of the Association. Forming network of women in leadership positions, building their capacity to make meaningful contributions, be visible and serve as role models; public awareness and advocacy for equal representation / participation, benefits at leadership levels, network development at local, regional and global levels for stronger voice are some of the areas of focus for the association. Identifying and working through existing structures and using creative ways of addressing and promoting equality issues, with capacity building and mobilization of young girls/women are some of the planned activities which will benefit from external funding to supplement membership contributions.

**How many interns can you accommodate?** One

**Contact person/email/telephone:** Fetenu Bekele

**Primary language spoken:** Amharic

**Is it necessary to speak the language? If yes, how fluent must the intern be?**

English is the working language.

**What is the nearest airport?** Bole International Airport, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

**What are housing options?** Guest houses, rented villa, family attachment, hotels.

**What is appropriate attire? What is the weather like between late June and early September?**

Casual clothing. Though the period would be known as 'keremt' meaning 'winter' when it rains a lot, you have sunshine almost everyday (in the country of 13 Months of Sunshine). Light raincoat, cardigan and warm underwear for some days, with good comfortable walking shoes, will be comfortable. Some meetings may be formal. September is festivities month in the country.

**Rough estimates of costs (to be paid by intern).**

**Food:** depends on local food or imported supermarket foodstuff. The latter would be rather expensive as it is mostly imported from Europe or The Middle Eastern countries.

**Transportation (during the day, to and from airport..):** \$15 maximum one long distance fare.

**Other:** Exchange rate currently is US 1 = Birr 9.00+

**What will the student intern be doing?** Training members and staff, assisting staff in project planning, monitoring, report writing; areas where skills transfer would be needed: planning projects and mobilization of members/supporters for team action, planning advocacy, networking, coaching/mentoring, fund raising and training (in leadership, management), strengthening networks of women leaders in public, private, NGO sectors and parliament/local councils with information on advocacy, lobbying skills. etc.

**Is it a paid or unpaid internship? If paid, how much?**

The organization does not have resources to pay. It is an unpaid internship.

**What helpful talents and/or skills should the student intern possess, if any?**

Advocacy, mobilization, planning, communication (verbal and written), internet accessing and initiating and promoting networking and experience sharing events /meetings, fund raising and resource management.

**What would a typical day be like?**

Team interaction and planning meeting, phone connections, review of documents, surfing the internet for relevant resources/references, tea break, one hour lunch break, attending NGO (sister organization) meetings, making notes of day's work. 7 hour work day.

Making a survey of training needs of members; constant contacts with members and users of services; planning training in thematic issues, as per survey findings, logistics arrangements, reproduction of relevant training /reference materials, delivery of training, writing reports of training/meetings, evaluating activities, planning next activities. Networking with similar organizations and identifying opportunities / gaps for planning to sustain organizational activities; searching and compiling relevant training / information materials from internet to build the data base for the organization. Constant consultations and joint reflections with staff and members working on thematic committees.

**What are some possible weekend excursions/activities for young people?**

50-100 km distance driving or taking the bus to week-end resorts; tennis, bowling, swimming, church activities in Addis Ababa. The Hilton, Sheraton, other smaller hotels have shows and night entertainments. NGO and UN staff often have private house parties. Eat out places are many according to pocket, with Italian food even in smallest road-side restaurants outside Addis Ababa.

**Any other helpful descriptions and comments:**

Big Sister project type of support services are being initiated with young girls from poor families which might be interesting for an intern to fill in as mentors/coaches as well.

## **The Pachamama Alliance**

**Location of organization:** Thoreau Center for Sustainability, San Francisco, California

**Description of organization (history, mission focus, goals, accomplishments):**

The mission of The Pachamama Alliance is: to preserve the Earth's tropical rainforests by empowering the indigenous people who are its natural custodians and to contribute to the creation of a new global vision of equity and sustainability for all.

The Pachamama Alliance was born out of a partnership developed between the Achuar, an indigenous tribe of the Amazon region of Ecuador, and a group of leaders in the United States. The primary purpose of our work in Ecuador, or "the South", is to empower and support the indigenous tribes in south east Ecuador in protecting the rainforest, their rights and their ancient way of life through a variety of projects including legal and collective rights, mapping and territorial management, capacity building and organization, and economic alternatives including the management of the Kapawi Ecolodge.

Out of the request of the Achuar to address the root causes of the threat to their culture and land we have created an educational workshop called the *Awakening the Dreamer, Changing the Dream Symposium* which is our primary work in the modern world, or "the North." The Symposium is the foundation of an Initiative that is rapidly spreading the message of the Symposium: to bring forth an environmentally sustainable, spiritually fulfilling and socially just human presence on this planet as the guiding principle of our times, across the globe. The Symposium has been presented in Canada, Europe, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Bali, Ecuador, New Zealand and Australia. We seek to build alliances with organizations, businesses, churches and community groups worldwide to bring the Symposium to as many as possible.

Some key accomplishments in 2007 in the South: through the work of Fundacion Pachamama, our partner in Ecuador, we supported the Achuar in transferring over the Kapawi Ecolodge to their ownership and management and will support it's growth and success, the air-service Aerosentsak is under Achuar leadership, the Shuar Federation FIPSE gained formal recognition of over 100,000 acres of primary forest, the Green Plan is now a vital part of Ecuador's national planning, the Confederation of Indigenous Nationalities of the Ecuadorian Amazon (CONFENIAE) is developing policy proposals to be incorporated into the Ecuadorian Constitution for its indigenous constituents and their territories.

Some key accomplishments in 2007 in the North: 10,00 people have attended the Symposium in over 100 cities and 12 countries, it has been presented in Spanish and French, volunteer teams are working on a business and youth version of the Symposium, a video intensive version is being developed, there are close to 600 trained Facilitators of the Symposium with training programs in Europe and Australia, key alliances have been formed with the Transformational Leadership Council, the Ella Baker Center for Human Rights, the PartnerShift Alliance, the Institute of Noetic Sciences and CodePink

**How many interns can you accommodate?** We can accommodate two part time interns.

**Contact person/email/telephone:** Eve Libertone

**Primary language spoken:** English

**Is it necessary to speak the language? If yes, how fluent must the intern be?**

Not Applicable. Spanish is only necessary for volunteers interesting in teaching English in the Achuar communities in Ecuador.

**What is the nearest airport?** San Francisco International Airport

**What are housing options?**

Students will be responsible for arranging their own housing but we will do what I can to support and assist.

**What is appropriate attire? What is the weather like between late June and early September?**

Casual/professional is fine. The weather in San Francisco is cool in the summer, students should plan to dress for fall like weather, it tends to be cloudy and foggy frequently. In September there is warmer weather. Layers is always a good idea.

**Rough estimates of costs (to be paid by intern)**

**Food:** \$300/month

**Transportation (during the day, to and from airport):** \$45 for city bus pass, airport shuttle is approx. \$18.00. City Car Share and other similar programs are another options to access cars in the city for errands, etc.

**Other:** Rent \$600-900 per month, other options may be available. Craigslist is a good source to locate a room for rent and offer to house sit, etc.

**What will the student intern be doing? Internship No. 1**

Development Dept. Administrative Support

In this internship the student will be assisting the Development Associates and taking on various projects as needed to support fundraising. The intern will call donors, input funding and personal data in the database, process mail, sending mailings, filing, research, event production assistance, creating spreadsheets and other documents, taking notes and other work as needed.

**Is it a paid or unpaid internship? If paid, how much?** Unpaid

**What helpful talents and/or skills should the student intern possess, if any?**

We are looking for students who have excellent computer skills, time management, can multi-task and change focus when necessary, have a friendly and positive attitude phone manner and work well on a team. We prefer students who have some office experience.

**What would a typical day be like?**

A typical day for staff involves working in the office on external and internal communications, project management, data management, meetings and occasionally workshops or special events.

**In a typical day a student**

For the intern a typical day would involve orientation and training to begin with. Then the student will have their own desk and phone and be working closely with other staff learning about the organization and our work, learning about fundraising and about the day to day work of our office. She will be performing administrative support duties including going to get the mail, posting mail and making copies, taking and typing up notes, assisting in mailings, research, and data entry. As the intern learns more she will be able to take be trained in further areas and take on more responsibilities including sending emails, making phone

calls to donors and in service of planning events, participating in meetings, creating documents, assisting in planning events and other projects as needed.

## **What will the student intern be doing? Internship No. 2**

### **Media Relations Intern**

The student will be working with Jon Symes in the outreach/marketing area of the Awakening the Dreamer Symposium. She will be researching and creating a system to manage and access content, store video, A/V and sound files and other documents which is searchable and multi-usable to support external and internal communications. The student will receive orientation and some training from staff as to technical issues, etc.

## **Is it a paid or unpaid internship? If paid, how much?**

Unpaid

## **What helpful talents and/or skills should the student intern possess, if any?**

We are looking for students who have excellent computer skills, time management, can multi-task and change focus when necessary, good research skills, fast learner, have a friendly and positive attitude phone manner and work well with multiple staff in various areas. We prefer students who have some office experience.

## **What would a typical day be like?**

A typical day for staff involves working in the office on external and internal communications, project management, data management, meeting, planning events and occasionally workshops or other special events.

## **In a typical day a student**

For the intern a typical day would involve orientation and training to begin with. Then the student will have their own desk and phone and be working closely with other staff learning about the organization and our work, learning about the outreach area of the Awakenign the Dreamer Initiative and about the day to day work of our office.

She will be leaning the content management system we need and talking to various staff about how to create this. The student may also be doing some research and will be working on a computer and with various people to coordinate the acquisition of material and will look at how to manage this material and provide suggestions based on our needs and the student's research if needed. The student will assist with other needs in the area of outreach and marketing as needed. She will attend meetings as necessary.

### **What are some possible weekend excursions/activities for young people?**

Students will generally be working in the office but we encourage all to attend an Awakening the Dreamer Symposium which is part of the core of our work and if there is a planned fundraising event in the area during the summer the student would be involved in producing this event.

### **Any other helpful descriptions and comments:**

This intern will gain valuable marketable skills and experience, learn about tools and practices of effective fundraising, learn about the inner workings of a nonprofit and learn about environmental education, indigenous issues, social change and personal transformation. She will make valuable connections and will likely have a valuable recommendation/reference upon completion of the internship.

### **Pictures would be very helpful if possible!**

I do not have any particularly relevant pictures to include here but recommend all interested students review our websites thoroughly: [www.pachamama.org](http://www.pachamama.org) and [www.awakeningthedreamer.org](http://www.awakeningthedreamer.org) which have some images.

## **The Young Women's Christian Association of Ethiopia (YWCA)**

**Location of organization:** Addis Ababa , Ethiopia .

### **Description of organization (history, mission focus, goals, accomplishments):**

**Short History :** the Young Women's Christian Association of Ethiopia(YWCA) is a local Association affiliated to the World YWCA. Ethiopia is one of the 120 countries around the world in which YWCAs are operating and providing services to all members of society regardless of gender, ethnic origin, religious affiliation and nationality. The YWCA of Ethiopia was founded in 1960, 46 years ago. It was one of the Associations that accelerated the emancipation of women by enhancing the economic, social, political and cultural status of Ethiopian women. It had achieved exceptional success in conducting adult education, classes in different decorative art, working on various artifacts, training in child care, dress making school, vocational school, gymnastics, giving training on uses of cooperative work, teaching basic English, running kindergartens (for children of poor mothers), running hostels for girls and providing training in secretarial and

related fields. Unfortunately in 1976, the YWCA was closed down by the Communist regime and its assets confiscated. The YWCA was reestablished again 6 years ago.

### **Current programs**

Since its reestablishment, the YWCA has been carrying out programme activities responding to current problems of women mainly in the areas of skill training, reproductive health, leadership training, provision of library facilities and computer literacy program. It is also running a volunteers program to increase the participation of its members.

### **Achievements -- Skill training projects**

The YWCA is providing opportunities for young women who do not have any means of employment. At present training has been provided for

- 30 young women in child care
- 26 women in food preparation and home management
- 32 women in Constructions, dress making, electricity, wood work and plumbing
- 120 women (some of whom are HIV positive) in basic business skills
- providing seed money to women to begin their own business
- Conducting Cooking classes

### **Organizing Awareness creating and informative workshops on HIV/AIDS**

In August 2002, the YWCA of Ethiopia hosted a four days Pan African Conference on the theme Sex, stigma, religion and HIV/AIDS in collaboration with the World YWCA. In this conference, 100 overseas African women theologians and 20 local women had participated. Other informative workshops are being organized on prevention and control of HIV/AIDS.

### **The GOH library and Information center**

The YWCA's GOH Library and Information center was inaugurated on July 7, 2001. This program has the objective of developing the reading habit of young girls and boys. GOH library is visited by about 50-60 young people a day from grades, 7th -12th. GOH, which means dawn, is offering a conducive reading environment with no distractions.

### **Summer Youth Volunteers Program**

In the YWCA, young volunteers from different high schools of Addis take active participation by organizing summer tutorial classes during school breaks and Saturday classes during the school year for children of the poor in the Kassanchis area.

**How many interns can you accommodate?** Maximum 2

**Contact person/email/telephone:** Melat Tekletsadik

**Primary language spoken:** Amharic

**Is it necessary to speak the language? If yes, how fluent must the intern be?**

English is the working language.

**What is the nearest airport?** Bole International Airport , Addis Ababa , Ethiopia  
**Housing options?** Guest houses, rented villa, family attachment, hotels.