Spring 2013 Peacemaker Internship – Campus Organizer

Massachusetts Peace Action is seeking students, recent graduates, or young activists who can commit 8-12 hours per week from February to May. The internship is unpaid. Start and end dates are flexible but the student should be able to work at least 10 weeks during the spring. Our office is located in Harvard Square, Cambridge.

Massachusetts Peace Action is a statewide membership organization working to develop the sustained political power to foster a more just and peaceful U.S. foreign policy. Through grassroots organizing, policy advocacy, and community education, our priority issues for 2013 are: promote reductions in the military budget to fund programs that address jobs, the environment and human needs; end the war in Afghanistan and prevent one with Iran; and abolish nuclear weapons.

The Campus Organizing Intern(s) will focus on promoting peace issues on their own campus and organizing a group of peace supporters on that campus.

Responsibilities will include:

- Evaluate the campus activist scene; choose priority issues to address
- Schedule and carry out film showings, talks by Peace Action speakers bureau members, or similar events
- Attend campus events where like-minded groups or students are participating, distribute information, petitions, etc
- Meet in the office with Peace Action staff and other interns to exchange experiences and ideas
- Assisting with mailings, data entry, vigils, rallies and other general office tasks as needed

Qualifications:

- Demonstrated commitment to grassroots organization for progressive social change
- Understanding of the global and domestic effects of U.S. militarism
- Student at a college or high school in the Greater Boston area
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills
- Word, Excel, Google docs, blogging, Facebook and twitter as organizing tools
- Self starter. Desire to work as part of a small team in a grassroots setting

To apply, please submit a brief cover letter, resume, and (optional) short sample of your writing, creative or community work (e.g. a flyer, fact sheet, blog link, web page, news article, etc. that you have created) to cole@masspeaceaction.org. Include in your cover letter your interest and/or experience with peace and justice work. Applications will be evaluated on a rolling basis.

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