Spring 2013 Peacemaker Internship - Research

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 Research Intern will focus on assembling information about the military-industrial complex in Massachusetts.

Responsibilities will include:

- Searching public sources to find information on defense contracts, contractors, and military installations in Massachusetts. What are they doing? Who do they work for? Who do they employ? What is their corporate structure? Who do we know that has information?
- Connecting with peace campaigners and researchers, journalists, legislators, union staff to share information
- Creating and updating a database of information as it comes in and as you gather it
- Writing and presenting a final report
- Possibly Drafting educational and promotional materials (e.g. fact sheets)
- 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; experience with gathering information on the web
- Strong writing, analytical 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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