

SAMPLE INTERNSHIP DESCRIPTION – NOT CURRENTLY OPEN – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Internship TransitionPDX

Transition PDX, a Portland expression of the global Transition Town initiative was organized in mid 2008 and now has steering committee and an office in SE Portland. See TPD's mission at transitionpdx.org. Given Portland's advanced status as a city working toward sustainability, opportunities abound for partnerships, collaborations, project development, building organizational capacity, membership recruitment and training. The internship provide experience in grassroots organizing and non-profit organization development. Ideal for students of social permaculture, ecological sociology, ecopsychology, environmental studies, social work, especially those who see the interconnectedness of self, community, nature, and economy.

The internship does not pay. Two or three interns will be working with you on flexible schedules.

Possible activities, depending on skills and interest, include:

Development of TransitionPDX.org website. Assist with mapping of community assets relevant to community resilience and energy descent. Networking and cross-pollinating among existing sustainability projects. Plan and organize high school and senior citizen outreach for Fall 2009.

A typical 20-hr. week, for example, might include 2 hours of planning, 4 hours of office work, 4 hours of research, and 10 hours of outreach and networking.

Relevant skills include:

Video production Website design Public Communication (in various media) Social marketing and networking Event organizing, publicity, and logistics.

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