Dorchester Bay Economic Development Corp.
Boston, MA

Mission Statement:
Dorchester Bay Economic Development Corporation is a non-profit community development corporation whose mission is to provide educational and economic opportunities to residents in the Upham’s Corner community of Boston, MA. The Dorchester Bay Small Business Assistance Program offers technical assistance and access to financing for small businesses in the Dorchester and lower Roxbury neighborhoods. In addition, DBEDC operates the Dorchester Bay Neighborhood Loan Fund, a non-profit micro loan program offering loans up to $50,000.

Internship Title:
Youth Force intern

Responsibilities/Projects:
Want to be part of something powerful? Want to grow your own leadership while supporting teenagers to grow theirs? Want to make concrete changes around youth violence and the lack of youth opportunities? Do you believe that youth ought to have more power? Want to get some experience in the same field that our current president used to work in? Come intern at Youth Force! Youth Force is a youth-led, adult-supported community organizing program that is part of Dorchester Bay Economic Development Corporation located in Uphams Corner, Dorchester. Come fight with us as we win more youth jobs (see article: http://www.baystatebanner.com/local15-2009-06-18). Join us as we build power in our neighborhood through weekly community organizing trainings and voter outreach. Learn with us as we explore the history of social movements and how we can be part of a movement for change.

We are looking for a few good interns who want to change the world through grassroots community organizing and who have the passion and talents to work with teenagers on creating these changes.

Details:
 Intern would assist the program director in supporting a group of teen leaders in their organizing work
 Intern would help to develop and lead community organizing trainings
 Intern would get hands on support from program director, an experienced educator, youth worker and community organizer
 Intern would learn the ins and outs of community organizing by being an essential part of our organizing work

Qualifications:
We are seeking an intern who is:
 Past work experience with teenagers

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- Knowledge of community organizing or other forms of social change theory
- Interest in and passion for youth organizing

Dorchester Bay serves a diverse clientele and an applicant proficient in a second language may have the opportunity to utilize those skills.

**Working Conditions:**
Professional office atmosphere, with a 37.5-hour workweek. Flexible schedule with occasional early morning, evening and weekend obligations. Requires casual attire for professional work. Office is located in an urban neighborhood business district 3 miles from downtown Boston

**On-site Supervisor/Mentor:**
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**Mentorship Plan:**
Meet weekly to schedule week’s activities. Supervision/meetings available on an as-needed basis.

**Preparation:**
Students should have coursework or other experience relevant to small business.

**Transportation**
Our office is well served by public transportation (both bus and train), but a car or bicycle may come in handy at times.