American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) - Area Office of the Carolinas
Greensboro, NC

Mission Statement: AFSC is a Quaker organization founded in 1917 that includes people of various faiths who are committed to peace and justice. AFSC’s work is based on the Quaker belief in the worth and dignity of every person, and faith in the power of love to overcome violence and injustice. The organization’s mission and achievements won worldwide recognition in 1947 when it accepted the Nobel Peace Prize on behalf of all Quakers. The Greensboro, North Carolina office of AFSC focuses on immigrant rights, peace & economic justice, and youth empowerment.

Internship Title: Immigrant Rights Intern

Responsibilities/ Projects: Our work is very fluid, depending on the current political, social and cultural realities of the moment. You may be working on any of the following projects:

- Know Your Rights: Assist with the holding of workshops in which immigrants learn what their rights are. This could also include performing outreach to places in the immigrant community (including immigrant stores and other businesses) to distribute information about immigrant rights.
- Digital Storytelling: Assist with digital storytelling projects in which immigrant (and other) participants learn the art of telling their stories as well as basic audio and video editing to produce short films about their lives.
- Immigration Reform: Lift up AFSC principles for humane federal immigration policy. Activities may include seeking artistic ways to make our voices heard on immigration reform, meeting with legislators, engaging in public actions, etc.
- Secure Communities: Provide support for campaign opposing Secure Communities deportation program. Activities may include interviewing immigrants in deportation proceedings, researching cost of immigration detainers and other aspects of the program, designing campaign materials, arranging public presentations, and more.
- Let's Learn NC campaign: Participate in and support campaign for undocumented students to gain in-state college tuition in North Carolina. Activities may include visiting legislators, organizing public events, working with undocumented students learn options for their education, and more.
- AFSC-NC Communications: Compile articles and edit for monthly office Newsletter; post regularly about immigration, peace, and economic justice on our Facebook page
- Elimu Camp: Assist with day camp for primarily African refugee students. Focus areas include culture, education, and art.
- Art project: Design and implement an artistic creation that lifts up immigrant voices and stories.

Qualifications:

- Independent, self-starter, takes initiative.
- Spanish speaking and writing abilities are preferred. Other languages also useful and appreciated!
- Interest in peace & justice and immigrant rights issues.
- Creativity and an ability to communicate with diverse groups.
- Openness to learning, flexibility and willingness to work with others.
- A valid driver’s license, auto insurance and/or access to a motor vehicle preferred.

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Language:
Prefer Spanish speaker (high level of proficiency preferred)

Working Conditions:
Small office with two full time staff people and several interns. Access to a computer.

On-site supervisor/ Mentor:
Lori Fernald Khamala, Program Director, NC Immigrant Rights Program
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Additional contact:
Toni Etheridge, Letheridge@afsc.org, 336-854-0633. Toni can be a back up. Lori will be the primary contact.

Mentorship Plan:
The student will participate in an orientation with our other summer interns. We will have weekly full staff meetings and additional individual check-ins as needed.

Preparation:
As the summer draws nearer, we will better be able to prepare the student depending on current realities.

Transportation:
Preferred. Our office is located a distance from all the other participating agencies in Greensboro. The student will be able to participate in more activities if s/he has a car to get around.

FYI re Americorps:
In our office, we do a lot of advocacy including some limited lobbying of policymakers. If Americorps members are not allowed to participate in this sort of advocacy, we might not be the best site for an Americorps placement. However, we are somewhat flexible in the projects.