



Job Description: Project Director, International Network of Jewish Social and Environmental Activists

Bema'aglei Tzedek is an Israeli NGO that uses cutting-edge educational tools and social action campaigns to create a more just Israeli society inspired by Jewish values.

Background

Bema'aglei Tzedek has partnered with two other leading Jewish social and environmental justice organizations – one in North America and one in the UK - to launch a global network of Jewish social and environmental activists that will:

- build meaningful relationships between activists and their organizations,
- highlight proven initiatives to affect change and foster collaborative efforts to meet pressing needs,
- provide a forum for dialogue on the complicated issues of our time,
- contribute to a heightened awareness of and commitment to Jewish Peoplehood.

In order to jumpstart and build this network, an annual conference will be convened, bringing together 150-200 Jewish environmental and social activists from around the world. The conference will include a range of sessions and skill-building workshops, site visits, hands-on social action, and informal networking. In a three-year cycle, the conference will shift locations: first in the U.S., second in Israel, and third in Europe. The first conference is tentatively scheduled for late spring / early summer 2010.

Following the first conference, an internet-based platform will be launched, facilitating webinars and distance learning and housing resources, articles, activist profiles, and a discussion forum. In addition, five to ten grants will be awarded annually to international projects proposed by conference participants, as another means of promoting year-round relationships among Jewish social and environmental activists from around the world.

Responsibilities

- Staffing and representing Bema'aglei Tzedek on an international steering committee along with the funders and other lead partner organizations behind this initiative
- Convening and staffing an Israeli steering committee comprised of professionals and lay people from leading Israeli Jewish social and environmental organizations
- Working with the Israeli steering committee members to recruit, screen, and select Israeli applicants
- Taking the lead on the content for the first annual conference (i.e. building the general concept as well as specific sessions, recruiting speakers/presenters, overseeing the development of content materials) in close coordination and consultation with the members of the international steering committee
- Heading the Israeli delegation to the conference (addressing pre-conference concerns for Israeli participants; running a pre- and post-conference meeting for



Israeli participants; dealing with certain logistical aspects of the conference vis-à-vis Israeli participants, such as securing discounted flight tickets)

- Overseeing the development of an internet-based learning platform
- Providing educational enrichment and support programming for the collaborative initiative grantees in between conferences

Authorities:

- Reports to the Executive Director of Bema'aglei Tzedek and maintains close relationships with members of the international steering committee, the Israeli steering committee, and colleagues in partner organizations around the world

Time Requirements: Full-time for the next 8 months, with the possibility of extension

Location: Jerusalem

Requirements

- Interest in social ventures and a desire to change the world
- Deep understanding of the global Jewish community, Jewish communal structures, and the Jewish social and environmental justice field
- Knowledge of the philanthropic community
- Experience working with lay people and volunteers
- Experience in event planning and conference coordination
- Fluency in English and Hebrew
- Three to five years of professional experience
- Ability to work independently and multi-task
- A passion for engaging people
- Excellent strategic planning skills

Email relevant CVs to drushim.mtzedek@gmail.com. Please write “International Network of Jewish Social and Environmental Activists” in the subject line.