

Community to Community (C2C)

Practicum: **Just Transition for Climate Justice and the Food System**

Salary: \$13.69 per hour, 24 hours/week for 10 weeks (*paid by the Office of Sustainability*)

Supervisor: Rosalinda Guillen, Executive Director

Period of Employment: June 21, 2021 – August 27, 2021

Overview: C2C is a women-led, place based, grassroots organization working for a just society and healthy communities. We are committed to systemic change and to creating strategic alliances that strengthen local and global movements towards social, economic and environmental justice.

We accomplish this, using inclusive strategies to:

- Empower under-represented peoples to have an equal voice in decision making processes
- Develop cross-cultural awareness
- Restore justice to our food, land and cultural practices
- Promote community relationships towards self-reliance
- Work in solidarity with those that strive towards human rights for all
- Rescue the value of feminine intellect and work

General Description of work: Develop an overview with links to data, science and facts of how the current food production economic system is impacting climate change and farmworkers in rural communities. This will include C2C's alternative vision within the Just Transition Framework, cooperative development and policy efforts.

Responsibilities

- Reorganize and categorize information and data and create a timeline of C2C climate justice work from 2014 to the present. This will include policy work, media as well as actions on the ground.
- Conduct interviews with C2C leadership about how they think C2C should address climate change
- Reorganize, review and create timeline of C2C's co-op development process
- Support marketing and sales operations of C2C's new berry growing co-op Tierra y Libertad

Required Qualifications and Experience

- Ability to work some nights and/or weekends/ some long days
- Valid drivers license and reliable vehicle
- Ideally have a farmworker background or come from a farm worker family
- Bilingual Eng/Sp – ideally also Mixteco or Triqui
- Familiarity with social media platforms, skilled with technology in general, Microsoft, QuikBooks a plus
- Some knowledge of economics, business and basic bookkeeping
- Basic understanding of energy and food production alternatives, costs, different models that have worked or not, and their development from operational to policy
- Basic understanding of the US electoral system, budget and governance in Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham (charters etc.)

Educational/Professional Benefits

The student will leave with a clear understanding of what it means to change a policy structure that truly creates the opportunity for protecting Mother earth and our food system. They will be versed in what we mean by a Just Transition. They will have hands on experience in the alternatives that C2C is creating with farmworkers towards climate justice.