ATD Fourth World

We are an international organization that works on poverty issues. Interns would work remotely with the international branch, located near Paris, France. Depending on the intern’s interest and local needs at the time of the internship, there is the possibility of spending some time working on grassroots projects with people in poverty with our local team in Madrid.

The Organization

The ATD international branch works on research, communications, publications, and coordination of work done in national teams. In addition, the international branch does international advocacy on poverty and human rights issues at the UN (New York and Geneva) and with other international institutions.

The ATD Fourth World teams in individual countries function independently but are closely linked to the advocacy, research, and other functions of our international branch. For more information, see http://www.atd-fourthworld.org/. In the “Where We Are” menu, you will find links to information on activities in individual countries.

ATD Fourth World is a unique organization. Our focus is learning from people in extreme poverty and involving them directly in most aspects of our work. Since the 1950’s all our projects have been designed and planned together with people living in persistent poverty, with the goal of leaving no one behind.

ATD’s staff is members of the ATD Volunteer Corps who receive a modest living stipend. Volunteer Corps members generally spend two to five years in each position, doing a variety of jobs over time in different countries.

People living in conditions of extreme poverty rarely have the chance to speak out and be heard yet they have a lot to teach us about how to overcome poverty. Communications and advocacy are an important part of ATD’s work at the international level because these activities allow people experiencing deep and long term poverty to express their thoughts and perspective to a wider audience.

The Internship

Specific intern activities will depend on current organizational needs and the intern’s particular interests. Primary liaison will likely be with the ATD international communications team.

Examples of possible internship projects include:

Translation and editing of articles for our website, blog posts, books, reports, etc.

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We currently need an intern who can assist with translation from French into English of a collection of essays from a recent ATD international seminar that looked at poverty from the perspectives of history, anthropology, psychology, philosophy, etc.

Editing of videos (familiarity with adobe premiere - license to be supplied)

- We are currently producing a series of videos on one of the founding members of ATD Fourth World. We need an intern to assist with translating video scripts from English into French and Spanish, and with adding subtitles to the videos.

Interview individuals involved with ATD Fourth World and write articles for our website about their work.

Read ATD Fourth World research reports and/or books and write website articles and reviews to post on other websites.

Research the impact of climate change on disadvantaged communities around the world. In the last several years ATD has begun to focus on climate justice.

Assist with international communications about articles and reports by identifying and contacting people in particular fields such as poverty research, activism, advocacy and journalism at the national and international levels.

Expand the audience ATD reaches through our website and on Twitter, Facebook, and other social media.

In mid-late 2019, ATD will be launching a major communications effort on results of a multi year international research project on defining poverty, specifically multidimensional aspects of poverty. The research was conducted with people who live in poverty themselves. Definitions of poverty have a tremendous impact on evaluating the UN Sustainable Development Goals and poverty alleviation projects in general.

- Specific internship tasks could involve reading background about the project and results and then collaborating on summaries or press releases, identifying people involved in national and international work on this topic, and other tasks.

In Spain, work with our local team in Madrid on various concrete projects such as Street Library and Fourth World Peoples University. Working knowledge of Spanish required. In collaboration with the Madrid team, write articles for the international website about ATD activities in Spain.

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