



ESC volunteer vacancy Changemaker Fair ICT: Campaigning and Education

CATAPA

CATAPA is a volunteer movement which strives for a world in which the extraction of non-renewable resources is no longer necessary. The extraction of such materials always entails major social and environmental impacts and fuels conflict. In working towards global social and environmental justice, we focus on mining issues (ecological disasters, human rights violations, etc.) in Latin America, where we support local communities in Ecuador, Bolivia, Peru and Colombia who are threatened by large-scale mining projects.

Our main activities are:

- Internationalisation of the struggle of our partners in Latin-America and capacity building
- Awareness raising on the impact of metal consumption amongst Belgian population
- Creating a movement for sustainable consumption and production
- Lobby and research

CATAPA is a grassroots movement, which means that we are mostly dependent on the work of our volunteers - the Catapistas. As a grassroots movement, we also work together with other grassroots movements in our partner countries.

Fair ICT

CATAPA is currently engaged in a European Union campaign called '[Make ICT Fair](#)' together with 10 European partners. The goal of this project is to make the entire supply chain of ICT devices (smartphones, laptops, etc.) more sustainable. CATAPA focuses on the very first part of the global ICT supply chain: the extraction of metals and minerals. ICT devices contain a wide range of metals, which are extracted across the globe, causing harm to the environment and human rights.

Details

Volunteering contract:

4 working days/week (30 hours)

Apply until: **21 July 2019**

Start date: 2 September 2019

Period: 12 months

More information

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We aim to achieve this goal through:

- Awareness raising with the broader public
- Advocacy towards public institutions for more sustainable ICT procurement
- Supply chain research
- Lobby activities for better legislation within the bigger consortium

In addition, the [Fair ICT Flanders](#) campaign wants companies, governments and higher education institutions in Flanders to take specific steps to develop a sustainable ICT purchasing and reuse policy. All this with a view to a more sustainable future and the improvement of the working and living conditions of affected communities in the extractivist and ICT production sector.

Who are we looking for?

We are looking for an ESC (European Solidarity Corps) volunteer to support the CATAPA movement, and in particular the campaigns about fair ICT. The volunteer will be trained to think critically and spread knowledge of these issues and to encourage other young people to become active EU citizens. The tasks are flexible depending on your learning goals and the needs of the organisation.

You will mainly be working in our office team (4 part-time staff + 2 ESC volunteers + variable number of interns) which supports the work of the movement. Since CATAPA is a volunteer movement, you will be working in close collaboration with motivated and enthusiastic volunteers.

Possible tasks

- Take part in our [Changemakers programme](#)
- Organise awareness raising and training activities for a variety of target groups (training weekends, documentary screenings, workshops, info evenings, public actions...)
- Develop educational tools and manuals
- Help out with organising our International Speakers Tour: Open Min(e)d
- Write, revise and proofread articles, educational tools and research reports
- Participate actively in meetings of the Education working group
- Possibility to do research linked to mining and/or the ICT supply chain
- Some administrative tasks related to the daily functioning of our office with the possibility to get an insight in the management of a non-profit organisation
- Contribute to the functioning of the movement
- Possibility to develop and implement your own projects

Requirements

Essential

- Interest in learning about the social and environmental movement and mining issues
- Good command of English
- Independent, proactive worker
- Motivated to work with volunteers
- Take your own initiative
- Good communication skills
- Will to contribute to positive change in the world we live in
- Team player with a flexible attitude and plenty of humour
- Age: below 31 years

Desirable:

- Knowledge/experience on or interest to learn about:
 - Circular and degrowth economy, environmental movements and/or international development
 - Developing educational material (e.g. workshops)
 - Organizing events
 - Project management and volunteer management
 - Designing promotional material
- Good knowledge of either Dutch or Spanish

What do we offer?

- A warm welcome in our movement with plenty of learning opportunities and new connections
- A young, motivated team of employees and volunteers
- A monthly fee of (at least) 707* Euros to cover accommodation and daily expenses
- One language course (Dutch, English or Spanish)

This call is part of the European Solidarity Corps. It's a European Union initiative which creates opportunities for young people to volunteer in projects abroad. This means Belgian people can't apply for this vacancy. Expenses of the volunteers are paid. Accommodation, food and daily expenses are covered by a fee of 707* EUR which you can use according to your own needs and wishes. One language course (Dutch, English or Spanish) is covered by CATAPA, as well as work-related transport.

Interested or more information?

Please send your CV and motivation letter to info@catapa.be **before the 21st of July 2019**. If you have any questions concerning this vacancy, don't hesitate to email truike.geerts@catapa.be or call +32477845729.

More information: www.catapa.be

(*: depending on final project grants)