



ESC volunteer vacancy Changemaker Fair ICT: Communication

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 two campaigns at EU level and one at regional level, together with European and local partners. The main goal of these campaigns is to make the supply chain of ICT devices, which includes smartphones, laptops, etc. more sustainable and fair.

CATAPA focuses on the very first part of the global ICT supply chain: the extraction of metals and minerals. The first stage of electronic devices' supply chain is raw materials extraction, since they contain a wide range of different metals and minerals. Extractivism causes devastating environmental impacts and human rights violations across the globe. Also the ICT production sector is characterized by inhuman and dangerous working conditions, strongly affecting workers' physical and mental health. Both individuals and

Details

Volunteering contract:

4 working days/week (30 hours)

Apply until: **7 June 2020**

Starting date: 1 September 2020

Period: 12 months

More information

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public consumers have an essential role in influencing the supply chain because they may make decisions and ask for policies that can change the current unsustainable system.

Catapa works to reach fair ICT through:

- Awareness raising of the broader public
- Advocacy towards public and private institutions for more sustainable ICT procurement (from purchasing to reuse policy)
- Supply chain research
- Searching and supporting solutions & alternatives
- Supporting organisations to develop a more sustainable ICT purchasing policy

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](#)
- Write, review and proofread articles
- Assist with creating promotional material for social media and posters
- Help with the communication and promotion tasks for events
- Contribute in managing our social media channels (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter)
- Help in keeping our website updated
- Participate actively in the Communication working group and its activities
- Support volunteers and contribute to volunteer management tasks
- Assist in the organisation of various educational activities (International Speakers Tour 'Open Min(e)d', training weekends, public actions, info-evenings, documentary screenings...)
- 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
- Develop and implement your own ideas (for activities) into the work of CATAPA.

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
- 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
 - Volunteer management
 - Communication strategies
 - Design and layouting
 - Managing social media and websites
- Good knowledge of Dutch and/or Spanish

What do we offer?

- A warm welcome in our horizontally organized movement with plenty of learning opportunities and new connections
- A young, motivated team of employees and volunteers
- A monthly fee of 750 Euros to cover accommodation and daily expenses
- One language course (Dutch, English or Spanish) and options to follow trainings to develop your personal skills.
- Work-related expenses are paid by CATAPA

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.

Interested or more information?

Please send your CV and motivation letter to communication@catapa.be before the **7th of June 2020**. If you have any questions concerning this vacancy, don't hesitate to email daniela.marques@catapa.be

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