

Campaigns, Communication and Policy Intern (6 months - Paid)

An opportunity to acquire skills and experience with a charity which challenges investment and business practices that are negligent to people and environment.

FairPensions seeks to harness the shareholder power of large investors to target corporations on their environmental and human rights impacts. The substantial shareholdings of investors such as pension funds means that they can use their influence to (for example) encourage lower greenhouse gas emissions or better pay and working conditions for vulnerable workers - but many are failing to do so. FairPensions is changing this.

Our paid intern roles provide an opportunity for individuals who wish to combine practical experience of campaigns with research and analysis. You will be given clear, structured projects to suit your interests and develop your skills, although you will also be involved in a variety of activities arising on an ad hoc basis and undertake some administrative work.

The role will be varied but tasks are likely to include:

- Assisting with FairPensions' current campaigns and policy work.
- Researching environmental and social issues for new FairPensions' campaigns.
- Compiling and writing reports.
- Assisting with social media.
- Weekly parliamentary and public affairs monitoring.
- Assisting with preparation of briefings and consultation submissions.
- Daily media monitoring for relevant news stories.
- Developing publicity and materials for supporters.
- Campaigns and fundraising administration.

The position is based in FairPensions' office near London Bridge. The start date for the job is 19th March 2012.

Pay: £8.30 / hour

Hours: 28 hours per week (4 days)

Applications

Please fill in the application form and send to matthew.butcher@fairpensions.org.uk by 4pm on Friday 2nd March 2012. Interviews will take place during the following week. We are looking for people who are willing to learn as well as those with lots of prior experience so don't be afraid to show your enthusiasm!

Person Specification

Experience

Essential

- Experience of campaigning and/or demonstrable interest in policy.
- Experience of undertaking internet based research.

Desirable

- A track record of being part of successful and innovative environmental or human rights campaigns.
- Use of social media as part of a campaign.
- Experience of working with local, regional or national media.

Knowledge and Skills

Essential

- The ability to work by yourself or as part of a team.
- A basic understanding of the work that FairPensions does.
- An understanding of key social and environmental issues.
- A willingness to roll up your sleeves and get the work done.

Desirable

- Knowledge of responsible investment and/or corporate social responsibility.
- An understanding or willingness to learn about the world of finance.
- Knowledge of the media landscape in the UK.
- An understanding of the British and European political systems

Tip: Be sure to show us why FairPensions is the right organisation for you and how this position fits into your career development.

No prior work experience is required. However we welcome applications from more experienced individuals who are seeking a change in career direction. We value diversity and welcome applications from all sections of the community. We are proud of the fact that previous volunteers have gone on to excellent jobs in areas including charities and NGOs, consulting, research and investment.

"My internship at FairPensions was a valuable and worthwhile experience - I loved being part of an exciting campaign, and I would highly recommend it to anyone interested in campaigning/research and FairPensions' objectives."

~ April Williams, former volunteer (2009)