

CSU & Imani Village/Trinity UCC /Nehemiah

Social Justice Internship

Project: Chicago Alliance Against Racist & Political Repression: An Analysis

The following is the job description for an intern working with the Chicago Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression (CAARPR). The purpose of CAARPR is to work for the freedom of all political prisoners; to work to preserve the Bill of Rights of the U. S. and Illinois State Constitutions; to work to abolish white supremacy and racial discrimination; to work for the brotherhood and sisterhood of all people, regardless of race, religion, ethnic background, gender or sexual orientation. The home site is located at 6353 S. Cottage Grove Avenue in Chicago. (Work site(s) during this internship will be governed by COVID-19 protocols and advisories in place). In all internships the **CAARPR and Trinity United Church of Christ** are responsible for logging and approving hours spent with the organization and, where stipulated as part of the intern agreement, and will complete professional performance reviews of interns.

The duties of interns include:

1. Learning or reviewing as a way of orientation, and context for the position, the origins, mission, goals, objectives and methodology of the Chicago Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression, including, but not limited to interviews/conversations with local leaders of the organization.
2. Working with indigenous neighborhood activists, including door-to-door canvassing and staffing tables in busy community centers for the purpose of gathering information relating to police accountability. *Intern activity limited to observing and documenting interactions between activist, community and receiving information only; no specific activist role – rather neutral observation and documentation.*
3. Phone banking in support of Alliance activities, calling activists and supporters. *Calls made will be in the name of CAARPR only, with no reference being made during the calls to intern's CSU affiliation. Intern activity will also include documentation of community response to phone calls and methodology used by CAARPR.*
4. Helping to log and maintain a database of Alliance members and supporters.
5. Working with documented police torture survivors and others wrongfully convicted and their families in support of their appeals in court and the movement for pardons by the Governor.
6. Researching and writing fact sheets on cases of police torture survivors and others wrongfully convicted for the Alliance web site.
7. Graphic design of educational material regarding Alliance campaigns.
8. Attending and participating in some weekly meetings of activists planning next steps and actions in community campaigns of the Alliance, as well as some meetings of the Alliance Steering Committee. *Intern activity limited to observing and documenting interactions between activist, community and receiving information only; no specific activist role – rather neutral observation and documentation*

In all cases the emphasis has been/*will be* on understanding and overcoming cultural biases and developing inter-personal relationships in a united multi-racial, multi-ethnic, gender neutral and age neutral collective group with a focus on developing organizing, writing, research and methodology evaluation skills.

To apply, email your resume, a cover letter expressing your interest in the internship, and a letter of recommendation from a CSU faculty member to Kevin Tyson: amandlakt@ameritech.net.

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