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Job Posting: Outreach Assistant – Poverty Reduction Strategy for BC Project

(This position is open only to Women's Studies students at Simon Fraser University)

The Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives has partnered with Simon Fraser University and 24 community organizations on a multi-year program called the Economic Security Project (ESP) (www.sfu.ca/economicsecurityproject), which is funded through the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. The ESP is examining the impact of major transformations of public services in British Columbia on vulnerable groups, in the areas of employment standards and barriers to labour market participation; welfare and social policy reform; and community health care restructuring.

The ESP has initiated a *Poverty Reduction Strategy* project. The goal of the project is to develop a poverty reduction strategy in the BC context, based on the ESP's research and in consultation with ESP partners, and various community groups and other targeted communities; and generate support for a poverty reduction strategy in BC.

Skills Requirements

This job will provide an excellent training opportunity. The following qualifications are needed (direct experience working in these areas is an asset, but is not required):

- Strong writing and communication skills;
- Excellent organizational skills, diplomacy and an ability to work with a broad range of groups and people;
- Knowledge of social justice issues in the BC context and experience or interest in social and welfare policy;
- Background in communications and/or campaign work is a strong asset.

Responsibilities

The Outreach Assistant will work with the ESP's Co-Director (Seth Klein), and the Poverty Reduction Strategy Committee, to assist in disseminating the ESP's *Poverty Reduction Strategy for BC* report and building support for the strategy. Responsibilities will include organizing workshops with various community groups and communities; conducting outreach and promoting an "poverty reduction strategy" across the province; and perform other tasks related to the project as needed.

Length of contract/Hours of work:

The contract will be for 10-14 hours per week (depending on successful candidate's availability) at \$18.75 per hour, beginning in January 2009 and continuing through to April 2009. The hours per week will be somewhat flexible.

Interested candidates should forward a cover letter, resume, and two references, by **Monday, December 15, 2008 (5:00 PM)** to:

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