

“Darfur Challenge” Positions

~ Become part of the Darfur Challenge team! ~

The Darfur Challenge is a campaign for Canadian students to help make a difference for young people in Darfur. This exciting campaign will run from October/November 2009 to May 2010. Teams of participants from schools across Canada will compete to raise funds for Darfur, and top fundraisers will win prizes. While raising money, participants will also increase awareness about the Darfur crisis in their schools and communities using a variety of resources, including campaign and learning materials found on the Darfur Challenge website. Campaign proceeds will support Save Darfur Canada's advocacy work to help end the crisis and will also be used for humanitarian relief in Darfur.

For more information on the Darfur Challenge, check out www.DarfurChallenge.org.

Darfur Challenge Team Positions

The Darfur/Sudan Peace Network (DSPN) is seeking applicants to be part of a team of committed volunteers who will be responsible for the smooth functioning from start to finish of the 2009-2010 Darfur Challenge. A successful campaign will ensure the continuation of the DSPN's current projects and will allow the DSPN to increase its advocacy efforts. The DSPN is searching for volunteers to fill the following roles:

- Press Relations – 1 team member
- Professional Outreach Communications (English) – 1 team member
- Professional Outreach Communications (French) – 1 team member
- General Communications with student participants – 1 team member
- Regional Contacts overseeing the campaign in different areas across Canada – exact number to be determined

In addition to individual roles, team members will be responsible for collaborating on communications strategies, organising special campaign events (eg. for International Human Rights Day), and deciding on and distributing campaign merchandise.

- Application deadline:** Positions will be removed from the website as soon as they are filled
- Start and end dates:** October/November 2009 – May 2010; some team members will be considered for shorter time periods of a minimum of 3 months.
- Hourly commitment:** Depends on the role in the team; in general, the time commitment will be at least 5-7 hours per week.
- Location:** The DSPN Office in Montréal; Regional contacts across Canada will communicate with the Montréal office on a regular basis.
- Remuneration:** Volunteer positions (Please note these positions can be treated as internships for school credit if approved by the institution attended.)

Qualifications

- Strong English communication skills (print, telephone, in-person)
- Friendly and professional manner
- Ability to keep track of and balance multiple priorities
- Good time management skills
- Ability to work in a team environment with limited supervision
- French language skills are valuable
- Communications and/or campaign experience is an asset but is not required
- Background understanding of the Darfur crisis and the issues surrounding it is an asset

Applicants should e-mail an application package consisting of cover letter, resume, and completed [Volunteer Information Form](#) to interns@sudan.peacenetWORK.ca. **Please clearly indicate the team position for which you are applying.** You will receive a response within two weeks of submitting your application package. We will arrange interviews for selected candidates.

If you are not available to volunteer at this time but are interested in joining the DSPN team at a later date, please feel free to submit an application package which we will look over and keep on file.