



MINNESOTA IMMIGRANT FREEDOM NETWORK

Are you looking for a way to make your school experience connect to the real world?

By taking advantage of the opportunities below you can gain a wealth of knowledge about today's pressing struggle for immigrant rights and human rights while sharpening your academic skills on current issues. This is a great way to get to know the non-profit community and gain valuable references for your future. Check us out!

The **Minnesota Immigrant Freedom Network** is seeking Interns and Volunteers for the Spring 2008 semester. The areas of work include **Art for Social Change, Immigrant Youth Leadership, Media Justice, and Public Policy for Immigrant Communities**. Depending on the intern's expertise, ability to work independently or area of interest, the MIFN in conjunction with the intern will decide in which area to place the intern and together will plan the work strategy to implement for the semester and/or year. If you are interested in applying for any of the positions below, please contact us by calling 651-287-0660 or send an email to freedomnetwork@gmail.com

Students who are looking to get **school credit** for their time on this project can call us to get guidance on how to work with a professor on an independent study course or you can call the Department of Chicano Studies at 612-624-6309 to work with the MIFN by enrolling in the Chicano Studies Internship Program.

U of M Students may get **some financial compensation** for their work through the Multicultural Civic Engagement Program (MCEP) which offers full-time undergraduate U of M students a \$300 scholarship for doing a minimum of 30 hours of community service during the semester. Contact Juavah Lee (612-626-3780, leexx048@umn.edu) or Cindy Armijo (612-625-8334, armij001@umn.edu) to apply.

Description of Volunteer and Intern Opportunities

ART for Social Justice: documenting via photographs the immigrant rights movement (intern must provide their own camera); finding creative ways to utilize existing photographs to help the MIFN with its funding strategy; helping the MIFN staff to create flyers, brochures, cards and postcards with existing and new photographs of the movement; help the MIFN foster relationships with other key arts organizations in the state for future collaboration; help set the framework through research and relationship building for a yearly summer artists in residence program for the MIFN; researching ways to utilize art (not just photos) for social justice in the movement; some video editing skills are favorable.

IMMIGRANT Youth Leadership: volunteer as coach to work in the high schools during the spring 2008 semester, this includes: attending the coaches training on Saturday February 2nd (from 9am-4pm); implementing the Dream Curriculum in a public high school with immigrant youth (about a 4 hour per week for 6-8 week commitment) to discuss immigrant rights, immigration history and access to higher education; and volunteering to help for the Student Day at the Capitol on Wednesday March 5th (from 7am-3pm).

MEDIA Justice: help monitor and archive mainstream media stories about immigrants in Minnesota; create an information module that tackles the myths of immigration; translate various documents from

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English to Spanish to inform more Latino immigrants on issues that impact them; researching grass-roots and ethnic youth radio program models for future implementation; interview students who are involved in the immigrant rights struggle, edit and post the video on various internet websites and access points; and through research and graphic design help build the infrastructure for the “We are Human Beings” media campaign to abolish the term “illegal immigrant.”

PUBLIC POLICY for Immigrant Communities: help maintain relationships with legislative staff at the state Capitol; arrange for appointments between legislators and immigrant community members; deliver information to legislative contacts; observe hearings and prepare report on their outcomes; monitor the process of immigrant related policy proposals; communicate policy outcomes or processes to MIFN staff and greater immigrant rights community.

Community Action Research Projects are available, these semester long research projects are aimed at uncovering information that will fuel the work of the immigrant rights movements for future months and years to come. These research projects have a social justice heart and an analyst brain – in other words, this research will make sound public policy happen in collaboration with a popular movement. Please set up a meeting with us to discuss your ideas and our needs to find a perfect action research project.

Who We Are

The Minnesota Immigrant Freedom Network is a grassroots, nonpartisan organization whose mission is to fix the broken immigration system in this country. Although we are a young organization, our creative and successful organizing projects along with the dynamic growth of the immigrant rights movement have positioned us in the heart of a burgeoning movement, join us!