



ELECTORAL POWER & IMMIGRANT RIGHTS INTERNS WANTED

Our non-profit grassroots organization working for justice for immigrants and working-class people of color – the Long Island Civic Engagement Table (LICET) – is seeking interns for the fall, spring, or summer. Interns will work with LICET on its 2014 non-partisan voter mobilization and community organizing efforts across Long Island: from grassroots voter engagement, to helping coordinate the local piece comprehensive immigration reform. LICET is a small, multi-faceted organization with a broad portfolio of work in Nassau and Suffolk Counties; this position requires flexibility, a positive attitude, and a passion for our work. You will be rewarded with the opportunity to plan and execute a broad variety of projects, empowering thousands and earning media coverage across the island. Tasks will be catered to each intern’s skill set and personal goals:

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Supporting issue-based campaigns for justice for immigrants and working-class people of color (for instance, to ensure language access services in government offices and push back against the “Secure Communities” program)
- Electoral organizing, including voter registration and Get Out the Vote
- Data analysis to plan for, implement, and analyze the impact of, electoral organizing efforts
- Online organizing to expand LICET’s universe of online supporters
- Materials production, including design; report and press release writing

We’re looking for students who are available part- or full-time for at least ten weeks this summer. All students are encouraged to apply. Preference will be given to applicants with experience living and/or working in African-American, Latino, or immigrant communities; a strong belief in – and desire to learn about – community organizing; and proficiency in Spanish. Please note that, for students living in New York City, our office is reachable by the Long Island Railroad – no car necessary.

COMPENSATION:

Internships are unpaid. We are happy to fill out necessary paperwork for interns who qualify for work-study compensation or on-campus funding for public service work. We also take seriously our role fostering student growth and are committed to providing professional guidance for interns interested in finding ongoing work in progressive organizing and/or advocacy.

HOW TO APPLY:

To apply, please submit a cover letter, resume, and at least three design samples via email to steve.mcfarland@maketheroadny.org.

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WHAT IS THE LONG ISLAND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT TABLE?

LICET is an initiative to transform the culture of civic participation and government accountability in Long Island. LICET does this by nurturing grassroots participation and leadership in working-class communities, particularly in communities of color. LICET seeks to work with these communities to turn the tide of anti-working class and anti-immigrant politics and build a common platform for working people. We focus on Suffolk County, in particular, because it has been a laboratory for anti-immigrant policies and, in the last decade, the site of a series of hate crimes targeting Latinos.

To address these ongoing problems, LICET was formed to build power among together communities of color. For too long, these communities have been variously ignored, vilified, and pitted against one another. Our work seeks to build sufficient grassroots and electoral power to win on issues of racial and economic justice.

LICET is led by community organizations working on advancing social and economic justice and supporting the integration of immigrant communities. LICET is led by some of the most dynamic progressive organizations in New York State, including: Make the Road New York, New York Communities for Change, the Long Island Immigrant Alliance, and CARECEN-NY.

RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Over the past two years, LICET has achieved an impressive range of objectives, including:

- Implemented a Get Out The Vote (GOTV) program that has reached more than 60,000 voters in African-American and Latino communities, primarily in the Towns of Islip and Brookhaven, and Hempstead;
- Registered 12,000 new voters in immigrant, Latino, and African-American communities;
- Won countywide executive orders on language access for county government services in both Suffolk and Nassau Counties;
- Launched the first-ever bilingual candidate forum series on Long Island, which has forced candidates to confront the needs of working-class communities of color;
- Coordinated a campaign for fair redistricting in New York State and co-led similar efforts in Nassau County;
- Trained representatives of over 75 community organizations on community and electoral organizing and how non-profits can engage in electoral work;
- Created a Movement Building Fellowship Program that has trained 9 Long Island residents in community and electoral organizing and led to the recruitment of hundreds of volunteers;
- Provided assistance for citizenship applications to more than 300 immigrants; and
- Generated widespread media attention (over 300 press pieces) for its work.

To learn more about LICET, please visit: www.licivicengagement.org.