



# Union Summer '16

## *Information for applicants*

### About VTHC

Victorian Trades Hall Council (VTHC) is the peak union body representing unions and over 350,000 union members in Victoria. With over 40 affiliated unions, a huge variety of industries and occupations are represented in the work we do.

### About Union Summer

Union Summer is a three week internship program coordinated by VTHC. The program intends to develop interns' experience and skills in areas such as advocacy, union organising, industrial relations and activism within a trade union setting. The program combines specific training by VTHC and a work placement with a Victorian union. The program intends to provide individuals with an understanding of the Australian industrial relations system as well as hands-on experience in organising.

### Key information

The program will run 25<sup>th</sup> January-12<sup>th</sup> February 2016. The internship is full time and includes several days of training at VTHC. Interns are paid an allowance to cover meal and travel costs. Whilst there are no prerequisites for the internship, a proven interest in social justice and workers' rights will be beneficial. The internship is intended to be diverse and rewarding. Depending on the union placement, potential intern activities will include workplace visits, conducting research and participating in meetings, rallies and events.

Applications close **11:59pm Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2015** and interviews will be held with candidates who have made it to the next stage in early November.

**Applications should be returned to the Youth Organisers at VTHC by 11:59pm  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2015**

**Post:** Union Summer c/- VTHC, 54 Victoria Street, Carlton South 3053

**Email:** unionsummer@vthc.org.au

**Fax:** 03 9659 3577

### **Personal Details**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth** \_\_\_\_\_ **Gender** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mobile No.** \_\_\_\_\_ **Home No.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you have a disability?** (optional)  Yes  No

**Are you Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?** (optional)  Yes  No

**Do you speak any languages other than English?** (optional)  Yes  No

**Specify** \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you currently studying?**  Yes  No

**Course you are studying** \_\_\_\_\_

**Place of study** \_\_\_\_\_

**Driver's License**  Yes  No



### Work experience & training

<b>Employer/ educational institution</b>	<b>Position/training/course</b>	<b>FT/PT/ casual</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>

### Trade union/community/political involvement

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Position/involvement</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>

**Briefly outline your experience in organising, campaigning and/or activism for an organisation or group and why you got involved.**

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**What do you understand to be the role and significance of unions in Australia?**

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**Please briefly outline why you would like to participate in Union Summer.**

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**Is there a particular industry or area of union work you would like to intern in?**

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