

# Global Opportunities

## Volunteer Opportunities

### **The Advocates for Human Rights**

310 Fourth Avenue South, Suite 1000

Minneapolis, MN 55415

**Program Contact: Tim Tennant-Jayne, (612) 341-3302, x100**

<http://www.theadvocatesforhumanrights.org>

MN Advocates is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the promotion and the protection of human rights. Volunteers are needed for research on human rights issues, for translation, and for teaching a human rights curriculum in schools. Volunteer needs for special projects are regularly updated on the website.

### **Center for Victims of Torture**

717 East River Road

Minneapolis, MN 55455

**Vol. Coord.: Beth Wickum, (612) 436-4800**

<http://www.cvt.org>

The Center serves survivors of politically motivated torture now living in the United States. Volunteers may work directly with clients or serve as administrative support to the Center's efforts. Easily reached by bus.

### **Friends for a Non-Violent World**

1050 Selby Avenue

St. Paul, MN 55104

**Program Contact: Matt Hunter, (651) 917-0383**

<http://www.fnvw.org>

This organization supports a variety of short-term and long-term projects to promote peace and non-violence locally and globally. Volunteers can develop their own projects as well as assist with peace projects and facilitate "alternatives to violence" trainings.

### **Minnesota Housing Partnership**

2446 University Ave, Suite 140

St. Paul, MN 55114

**Program Contact: Leigh Rosenberg, (651) 925-5543**

<http://www.mhponline.org>

MHP's mission is to promote homes for all Minnesotans and assist communities in the creation and preservation of affordable housing to low and moderate income people. Volunteers help with mailings, fundraising, and research.

### **TakeAction Minnesota**

1821 University Avenue W, Suite S-137

St. Paul, MN 55104

**Program Contact: Pamela Twiss, (651) 379-0748**

<http://www.takeactionminnesota.org>

TakeAction Minnesota is committed to bringing about social and economic justice and grassroots democracy through community organizing, education, coalition building and elections. Volunteers knock on doors, attend rallies, speak publicly, write letters to the editors, call voters and elected officials, and more!

### **Ten Thousand Villages**

867 Grand Avenue

St. Paul, MN 55105

**Contact: Mary Harder, (651) 225-1043**

<http://www.tenthousandvillages.com>

As a nonprofit store, volunteers enable the store to keep overhead costs lower, providing more income to Third World artisans. As Ten Thousand Villages volunteers greet and interact with customers, unpack and check orders, assist with displays and operate the cash register.

### **Worker's Interfaith Network**

2511 E. Franklin Ave.

Minneapolis, MN 55406

**Vol. Coord.: Matt Gladue, (612) 332-2055**

<http://www.tcrln.org>

This organization fosters understanding and promotes dialogue and cooperative action between religious communities and organized labor for the promotion of economic and social justice. Volunteers can organize religious congregations around labor issues, serve as worker advocates, and help develop curricula for congregation-based trainings.

### **Women Against Military Madness (WAMM)**

310 East 38th Street, Suite 222

Minneapolis, MN 55409

**Program Contact: Mary Beaudoin, (612) 827-5364**

<http://www.worldwidewamm.org>

WAMM is a nonviolent feminist organization that works to create a system of social equity, self-determination, and justice through education and empowerment of women. WAMM's purpose is to dismantle systems of militarism and global oppression.

Volunteers participate in demonstrations, vigils, marches, and educational events.

Issue Area Organizer: Maria Princen, x6040 or [mprincen@macalester.edu](mailto:mprincen@macalester.edu)

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# RELATED LINKS

## **Human Progress Network**

<http://www.hpn.org>

The Human Progress Network (HPN) is an educational organization dedicated to promoting human progress and survival by correcting the worldwide condition of political mismanagement. This objective would be achieved by advancing the traditional state to the next higher level of governments: the common good state.

## **Peace Action**

<http://www.peace-action.org>

PA has effectively mobilized for peace and disarmament for over forty years. As the nation's largest grassroots peace group we get results: from the 1963 treaty to ban above ground nuclear testing, to the 1996 signing of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, from ending the war in Vietnam, to blocking weapons sales to human rights abusing countries.

## **Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change**

<http://www.thekingcenter.org>

This Atlanta center is dedicated to research, education, and training in the principles, philosophy, and methods of Martin Luther King Jr. nonviolence. The center was established to preserve and advance Dr. King's unfinished work through teaching, interpreting, and promoting nonviolently the elimination of poverty, racism, violence and war.

## **Mobilization for Global Justice**

<http://www.globalizethis.org>

The Mobilization for Global Justice is a group that works on issues of global economic and social justice and sustainability. We envision a world free of corporate domination and crushing debt, particularly in communities of color. We act to expose and change the institutionalized violence wrought by international financial and trade institutions such as the World Bank, International Monetary Fund, and World Trade Organization.

## **Pax Christi - USA**

<http://www.paxchristiusa.org>

Pax Christi USA strives to create a world that reflects the Peace of Christ by exploring, articulating, and witnessing to the call of Christian nonviolence. This work begins in personal life and extends to communities of reflection and action to transform structures of society. It advocates primacy of conscience, economic and social justice, and respect for creation.

## **Center for Neighborhoods**

<http://www.center4neighborhoods.org>

The Center was formed in 1994 to find ways to strengthen neighborhoods, to help them develop a more effective voice and to facilitate cooperation among neighborhoods and city and regional policymakers.

## **Declare Yourself**

<http://www.declareyourself.com/>

Declare Yourself is a national nonpartisan, nonprofit campaign to energize and empower every eligible 18-year-old in America to register and vote in the 2008 presidential election.

## ***Universal Declaration of Human Rights***

Article 1: All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood...

Article 3: Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person.

Article 4: No one shall be held in slavery or servitude; slavery shall be prohibited in all its forms.

Article 5: No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

Article 6: Everyone has the right to recognition everywhere as a person before the law...

Article 9: No one shall be subjected to arbitrary arrest, detention or exile.

Article 10: Everyone is entitled in full equality to a fair and public hearing by an independent and impartial tribunal, in the determination of his rights and obligations and of any criminal charge against him...

Article 12: No one shall be subjected to arbitrary interference with his privacy, family, home or correspondence, nor to attacks upon his honor and reputation.

Article 13: Everyone has the right to freedom of movement and residence within the borders of each State.

Article 14: Everyone has the right to seek and to enjoy in other countries asylum from persecution...

Article 16: Men and women of full age, without any limitation due to race, nationality or religion, have the right to marry and to found a family...

Article 18: Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion...

Article 21: The will of the people shall be the basis of the authority of government, and shall be expressed in periodic and genuine elections by universal and equal suffrage...

Article 23: Everyone has the right to work, to free choice of employment, to just and favorable conditions of work and to protection against unemployment...

Article 25: Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of himself and of his family ...

Article 26: Everyone has the right to education.

Article 27: Everyone has the right freely to participate in the cultural life of the community, to enjoy the arts and to share in scientific advancement and its benefits...

