

Field: Communications & PR, Government Relations, Research/Analysis, Communications/Public Relations, Community/Economic Development, Consulting / Public-Nonprofit Sector Focus, Consulting/Private Sector Focus, Policy, Environment/Natural Resources, Policy and Research

Name: Empower Dalit Women of Nepal (EDWON)

Location: Kathmandu/Rural Nepal

Name of Position: Intern, Women's Rights

Brief Description of the Organization:

Since 2003, Empower Dalit Women of Nepal (EDWON) has been assisting rural Dalit women to become agents of change. EDWON enables Dalit women, repressed by caste and gender, to claim their human rights, gain economic empowerment and live in dignity.

Our mission addresses the root causes of gender and caste-based discrimination—and poverty—by organizing women into empowerment groups. In these groups women develop solidarity and EDWON offers access to training and savings and loan activities, because economic and social empowerment go hand in hand. Dalit women are the leaders and decision-makers in their groups. Together they build solidarity and confidence, problem-solve, educate their children and take collective action.

EDWON's bottom-up approach focuses directly on the United Nations Millennium Goals of women's empowerment, gender equality, poverty reduction, and universal education.

<http://www.edwon.org>

Internship Position: Intern, Women's Rights

The Association of Dalit Women Advancement of Nepal, a Kathmandu-based gender empowerment organization and its sister affiliate in Cambridge, Empower Dalit Women of Nepal, are accepting applications from highly motivated, adaptable, cooperative and detail-oriented students for our 2014 internship program in Nepal.

This 12-week program focuses on working with women and women's groups in Nepal, developing curriculum and managerial tasks to strengthen and empower women whose dignity and human rights have been compromised under the caste system of Nepal. Students with prior experience in international development or international women's human rights are encouraged to apply, but we will consider applications from students interested in research, nonprofit management and/or human rights. Flexibility is key as are writing and researching skills. Language skills in Nepali or Hindi are a plus.

Interns can expect to work on various projects related to women's rights and nonprofit management throughout the summer with seasoned advocates and community experts.

80% Engage with women's groups to ensure effectiveness and program continuity

- Interview participants to understand their challenges and barriers to living with dignity as Dalit women. Some travel to rural Nepal required.
- Compile report for distribution.

- Research recent legislation that has been passed concerning discrimination against Dalits. Interns will be expected to collect primary source data from women in the field. Some travel to rural Nepal required.

20% Office Management

- Interface with the Executive Director in Kathmandu to streamline office processes
- Coordinate with staff on education and empowerment programs
- Minimal data entry
- This is an excellent opportunity for aspiring consultants, nonprofit managers and gender rights activists.

To be eligible, you must be an undergraduate or graduate student who is available to work full time in Nepal.

Eva Kasell, Ram Pariyar, edwonus@gmail.com

To apply, please submit your resume, cover letter and list of three references to the emails listed.

Address letters to Eva Kasell, EDWON Co-President.

Budgeting for EDWON:

Accommodation: \$300

Daily Transportation: \$100

Food: \$150

EDWON will provide assistance in finding housing and cultural excursions.