Friends of the Earth International is looking for an:
International Program Officer – Food Sovereignty
Amsterdam-based, EU work permit required

Friends of the Earth International (FoEI) is the world’s largest grassroots environmental federation with 72 autonomous member groups around the world. We focus on climate justice and energy, forests and biodiversity, food sovereignty, and economic justice.

A small International Secretariat (IS) in Amsterdam and a team of global staff supports the member groups, campaigns, programs, and other activities of the federation through fundraising, program coordination, trainings, communications, and information management. Two International Program Coordinators (IPCs), based in Uruguay and Scotland, act as content leads and spokespersons for the Food Sovereignty (FS) program. A Steering Group with member group representatives oversees the work of the FS program.

Your role
As International Program Officer, you support and improve a broad range of planning, budgeting, monitoring & evaluation, learning and reporting processes, to help ensure the integrated and coherent functioning of the FS program. In close collaboration with the IPCs, you convene various meetings and contribute to (cross-)program discussions. You work closely with FoEI’s finance, communications, and fundraising teams.

The work of the FS program is funded through the Fair, Green and Global Alliance (FGG), funded by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Bread for the World (BftW). You will engage in FGG processes as needed on behalf of FoEI and will serve as grant manager for FoEI’s grant with BftW, as well as the budget holder for the FS program.

Responsibilities
- Work with the IPCs to support implementation of program activities, such as trainings, program meetings, development of communications materials and lobby and advocacy efforts;
- Work with the IPCs to ensure compliance with the requirements of the program's funders, including gender justice-focused outcomes, monitoring and narrative reporting on outcomes and lessons learned;
- Represent FoEI in the FGG Alliance, including taking part in discussions and activities related to FS program planning, reporting, evaluation and learning;
- Manage FoEI’s FS program grant from BftW;
- Subgranting to national member groups for lobby and advocacy work, including calls for proposals, reviewing proposed work plans and budgets, contracting and monitoring the work;
Monitor the budget for program activities, track expenses and follow up with the IPCs, member groups, consultants and suppliers as needed to ensure spending is on track; and

Clear Terms of Reference and contracts for freelancers hired to implement program work.

Your profile

Essential:

- At least three years of experience in multinational projects, including experience with planning, budgeting, monitoring, evaluation, learning and reporting cycles; excellent strategic thinking and planning skills, with experience in applying these in a complex and shifting international context;
- Ability to work in collaborative decision-making processes in a global, decentralized environment and to manage and prioritize a variety of key initiatives concurrently;
- Strong attention to detail and ability to meet deadlines;
- Strong affinity with the mission, vision, values and objectives of Friends of the Earth International and with a Theory of Change that includes movement building strategies as well as lobbying and advocacy strategies;
- Excellent English (C1 level or higher) and Spanish (current B1 level or higher) language skills (see here, for example). Proven writing skills; ability to summarize and distribute information quickly and succinctly; and
- Strong interpersonal, inter-cultural and organizational skills.

Would be an advantage:

- Knowledge of the food sovereignty movement and related issues;
- Experience working on lobbying and advocacy campaigns and movement building tactics and strategies focused on environmental or social justice objectives (including addressing gender inequalities and other forms of oppression); and
- Fluency in French.

Join us and our movement to mobilize, resist and transform!

We are a mission-driven, collaborative, international and diverse work environment at a great location in Amsterdam. Salary, based on experience and qualifications, is between €4,071 and €4,830 gross per month based on full time (37.5 hours per week). We offer a one-year contract for 30 hours per week (4 days a week), to be renewed upon positive performance evaluation. Our intention is to engage you on a long-term basis. You will participate in our collective pension arrangement. Applicants must hold a valid work permit for the EU.
Friends of the Earth International is an equal opportunities employer. Diversity and inclusion are important values for FoEI. We aim to have a FoEI team that reflects the composition of our diverse, global federation. We strongly encourage applications from people currently under-represented in the environmental justice movement. We can offer assistance with the strengthening of Spanish and French language skills.

In this procedure, we are working with Sustainability Works. Please send your CV and motivation letter no later than 28 January 2024 to application@sustainabilityworks.eu mentioning ‘International Program Officer Food Sovereignty’ in the subject line. Please feel free to email or call Annelies Pijnenburg should you have any questions: annelies.pijnenburg@sustainabilityworks.eu or +31646680191. Applicants from earlier calls for this vacancy: thank you for not applying again. Checking references is part of the selection procedure.

Please note that, in compliance with the GDPR, FoEI will keep your application in its protected files for a maximum of four weeks after the successful closure of this vacancy.