2022 - 2023 Paradise Parking Plots Community Garden Internship

Project Manager Intern

A 12-month Paid Internship for rising leaders committed to their community

Internship Description:

This paid position focuses on mentoring and developing young leaders in the environmental field. This is done by creating an environmental science-based curriculum for our Refugee Youth Summer Academy. This intern will oversee our Equity & Sustainability Interns while also managing various other projects such as: local environmental advocacy efforts, outreach development, and creation of other educational materials. As a refugee resettlement and services organization, World Relief Seattle focuses on empowering those we serve to use their inherent gifts and abilities to develop their surrounding community. For this reason, we give strong preference to those that are representative to whom we serve such as from refugee and immigrant lived experiences, though anyone is welcome to apply.

What You’ll Be Doing:

- Understand World Relief Seattle’s organizational mission and how this translates to the services we offer to the immigrant and refugee community.
- Understand how Paradise Parking Plots aligns with World Relief Seattle’s mission, its impact on our community, and the health of the environment we share.
- Recruit and assist in training a cohort of 3 local (Kent) high school students of refugee or immigrant background in developing skills and knowledge in environmental science and sustainable systems thinking.
- Adapt and develop an environmental science-based curriculum that will be taught at World Relief Seattle’s Refugee Youth Summer Academy for local K-8th refugee youth.
- Develop an understanding of how Paradise Parking Plots connects to policy frameworks and performance measures at the city and county level.
- Advocate for your community through engaging stakeholders (invested individuals and community organizations) on key issues around food security, environmental justice, and green stormwater infrastructure.
- Develop WRS social media presence and content marketing strategy.
Is This You:

- Currently between the ages of 16-23 (flexible)
- Strong preference for those with refugee or immigrant lived experience
- Live locally in Kent or highly invested in the local community
- Self-motivated, flexible and able to stay on task with minimal supervision
- Open to giving and receiving feedback/coaching
- Interest in growing leadership and mentorship skills through leading and managing a cohort of local high school students.
- Capable of thinking systematically (big picture) about complex issues and coming up with creative solutions
- Ability to clearly communicate complex ideas to diverse audiences
- Passion for teaching younger students
- A desire to see and be a part of positive change in your community

Helpful Experience to Have:

- Previous public speaking experience
- Teaching experience with youth K – 8th grade
- Education or experience in the environmental science field

We Invite You to Apply!

Interested in applying for the Paradise Parking Plots Internship? Please complete the application found at the link below. The priority consideration date is February 15th

Click for Application or scan the QR code below

If you have any questions about the application process or would like further information about the internship, please feel free to email or call Lucas McClish (Lmcclish@wr.org; 253-277-1121).
About the Organization

World Relief Seattle, envisions every local refugee and vulnerable immigrant welcomed by the community, rooted in community, and empowered for community. Paradise Parking Plots is a project of World Relief Seattle which seeks to address stated community needs through providing greater food access, food sovereignty, and community space for the people we serve. Learn more at https://worldrelief.org/seattle/our-work/resiliency/garden/

EDI Statement

We believe in centering this program on equity, diversity, and inclusion. Through equity, people of all backgrounds and experiences are treated with fairness, and by seeking to create an inclusive space where all people are embraced, we are interconnected through diversity as others’ unique perspectives and identities make us stronger, more creative and resilient. We are strengthened as we embody these principles, and further equipped to see our vision fulfilled of every local refugee and immigrant welcomed by community, rooted in community, and empowered for community.