MISSION

The Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre is the expertise centre of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent in the field of climate change and climate disasters. The Climate Centre’s mission is to help the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and its partners reduce the impacts of climate change and extreme-weather events on vulnerable people.

BACKGROUND PROJECT

As the impacts of climate change become increasingly severe, today’s youth (defined as from five to 30 years old) have an all-important task. The Climate Centre recognizes the key role that youth play in ensuring that people now and in the future do not suffer the consequences of a worsening climate.

Filled with energy, youth across the world are ready to act and to do so on an unprecedented scale. In the last few years an important shift has taken place in how young people are perceived. Millions of youth from all over the world have expressed their concerns about climate change; more than ever they are listened to.

Youth have drawn more public attention to climate change than their elders have in many years. The Climate Centre supports youth across the world to engage in critically important local and global climate action.

The Red Cross Red Crescent Movement is made up over 12 million volunteers in 192 National Societies, about half of them young people – a vast and engaged network that presents a huge opportunity for youth-led impact on the ground.

The focus of our youth engagement is threefold: focusing on increasing awareness, engaging in practical action and enabling meaningful advocacy.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Climate Centre, together with the IFRC are implementing the Red Cross Red Crescent Strategy for Youth-Led Climate Action, for the years 2021 – 2025. This strategy outlines three dimensions of change, ten key roles for youth to play and ten indicators of success.

Each year the Climate Centre and the IFRC’s Youth Commission commit to organizing a virtual “Climate and YOUth” summit, to track current progress on the strategy; encourage peer exchange; and explore practical engagement.

In addition, the Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre, in collaboration with the IFRC’s Youth Commission, are setting up a new “Youth Advisory Group”, consisting of six young people from around the world. This group is mandated to provide advice on the implementation of the Climate Youth Strategy and coordinate with various Red Cross Red Crescent bodies.

OBJECTIVE

The objective of this Junior Researcher placement is twofold:

1. To support the organizing and hosting of the second RCRC Climate & YOUth Summit
2. To support the set-up of the newly established Youth Advisory Group
Learning Objective
The learning objectives will be determined in collaboration with the Junior Researcher though it is envisaged that the Junior Researcher will learn about current climate and youth initiatives; will engage with members of the Climate Centre team and the IFRC’s Youth Commission; and will learn more about innovative ways to engage diverse audiences in a virtual setting.

Deliverables (tasks, output, milestones)
- Support setting up the logistics, coordination, communication, and reporting of the second Red Cross Red Crescent Climate and YOUth conference, at the end of October 2022.
- Support the Youth Advisory Group and make recommendations to ensure its smooth operation.
- Other tasks as required and agreed between Junior Researcher and supervisor.

We are looking for someone who is:
- Enrolled at a university for the duration of the placement.
- Fluent in English. A working knowledge of French, Spanish and/or Arabic is desirable.
- Enthusiastic and has an interest in climate and youth engagement.
- Very well organised and detail oriented.
- Able to show initiative and work with limited supervision, since this is a home-based placement.
- Available for at least 20 hours per week, preferably 40.

Timeline
This placement will start as soon as possible and will last until the end of November 2022.

Reporting
The Junior Researcher will report to Sanne Hogesteeger, Programme Coordinator

Compensation/Remuneration
Compensation will be 450 EUR per month pro rata (on the basis of a 40 hour work week). This amount will be transferred on a monthly basis.

How to apply
We would like to receive your CV and motivation letter (in English) addressed to HR at the Climate Centre at application@climatecentre.org. Please use “019 Youth Junior Researcher” in the subject line.

Deadline is Wednesday 21st August 2022.
Interviews will take place in the week of the 22nd of August.