TITLE: Youth Leadership Officer

PARTNER(S): Art and Global Health Centre Africa (AGHCA)

COUNTRY AND PLACE OF ASSIGNMENT: Malawi, Zomba

CONTRACT DURATION: 12 weeks

DESCRIPTION:

Uniterra is a leading Canadian international volunteer cooperation and development program, jointly implemented by the Centre for International Studies and Cooperation (CECI) and World University Service of Canada (WUSC). Uniterra contributes to improving the socio-economic conditions of poor and marginalized communities in 14 countries and with over 170 partners in Africa, Asia and the Americas through the exchange of expertise and knowledge of Canadian and international volunteers. Uniterra believes that economic growth, when inclusive, is the most powerful driver of poverty reduction. The purpose of the Uniterra program is to improve the lives of some of the world’s most vulnerable populations by stimulating growth and facilitating access to the benefits of growing and diversified markets. To make this happen, we are working with our local partners to enhance the income of poor and marginalized women and youth through better access to employment and income generation opportunities. Uniterra country program staff work with our local partners to design Uniterra assignments in the context of the country strategy, supporting the inclusion of women and youth in key economic subsectors.

For more information on the Uniterra program, our approach and countries of focus please visit: Uniterra.ca.

The Art and Global Health Centre Africa (AGHCA) is a non-profit organisation committed to nurturing healthy, empowered, open and active communities in Malawi. Their mission is to foster creative leadership in Malawian youth and implement innovative arts-based health-oriented programs; AGHCA values creativity and innovation, and strongly believes in the power of collaboration and the transformative influence of the arts. All of the Centre’s programs are developed organically based on the needs and assets of the communities they serve, and they include: Make Art / Stop AIDS; Students with Dreams; Umunthu; Theatre for Healthy Living and Special Initiatives programs. The Centre works with university students and communities in the southern part of Malawi. For more information on AGHCA programs please visit: http://www.aghcafrica.org

The Youth Leadership Officer volunteer will contribute to the achievement of Uniterra objectives by supporting staff in youth empowerment and developing a range of youth leadership opportunities and youth action programs.
RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Mentor young people in leadership toward achieving their goals;
- Support the development and sharing of best practices in youth programming;
- Support the development of resources and materials on youth social action and leadership;
- Assist in promoting and facilitating engagement opportunities for youth;
- Promote the perspectives of youth at key strategic meetings;
- Develop and deliver youth empowerment and leadership trainings;
- Assist with the collection and analysis of youth leadership impact information;
- Maintain relationships with youth forums and community groups;
- Support grant writing and research;
- Ensure the representation and participation of women and youth in all activities of and program benefits;
- Write reports required by AGHCA and the Uniterra program.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Excellent oral communication skills, experience and confidence speaking publicly
- Experience working with young people and developing relevant materials
- Ability to work in an intercultural environment
- Experience in fundraising or working with donor agencies is an asset