



MEDIA, COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH ASSOCIATE

Focus on the Global South Philippines Programme is in need of a *MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH ASSOCIATE* to join a team working on various thematic programmes – deglobalization and trade, the commons, alternatives, peace and security and climate justice.

The organization strives to develop and enhance the interface between and among its many programmes, both in country-specific and regional/global work areas. Hence, while we value specific capabilities, we prize multi-skilled individuals who can co-exist in a dynamic and evolving work setting. The staff we are looking for must have strong foundations in journalism, mass communications, media work and/or the social sciences. She or he must be action-oriented and resourceful fast-learners who can switch from one work assignment to the next with relative ease and evident competence.

The MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH ASSOCIATE will be tasked to ensure the effective dissemination of FOCUS work. She or He will be in charge of regular publications of FOCUS as well as the team's media work. In close coordination with Focus programme staff, the Media person will be packaging research output, campaigns and other activities into web content, press statements, media releases, and/or blog entries, and also organize occasional forums and media events.

We are looking for somebody who possesses the following qualifications:

- *Excellent writing and editing skills*
- *Creativity and imagination, particularly in making use of different forms of media and different modes of conveying key focus advocacies to the general public*
- *Ability to express self well (orally and in writing) to and to interact with a wide range of audiences and social/political actors*
- *Ability to write content for different platforms, especially new media*
- *Familiarity with historical and contemporary issues as they relate to any, preferably a combination, of the broad programmatic areas outlined above*
- *Facility for data reading, processing and interpretation*
- *Good organizing and administrative skills*

- *Ability to work under pressure and with minimum supervision*
- *Computer skills in word processing, spreadsheets, database and email applications.*
- *Willingness and ability to travel on work assignments*
- *Video Documentary skills will be an advantage*

The ideal candidate has at least 5 years experience in Media work and a degree in the social sciences, journalism and/or mass communications. **We will prioritize candidates who can begin working by May 2010 (please state this in your cover letter).**

Successful applicants can expect a healthy, collegial team environment that celebrates staff strengths and encourages personal and professional growth and development. There will be a probationary period of six months where the successful applicants are given the room to realize their strengths. Focus offers a reasonable salary and benefits package, which is augmented upon the successful completion of the probation period.

Applications, including a resumé, a cover letter, transcripts of academic record, a letter of reference, sample work (written work, videos, blogs, and other forms), and a colored 2x2 photograph should be sent by email to:

Aya Fabros (aya@focusweb.org) or delivered to 19 Maginhawa St. UP Village, QC (c/o Lou Torres or Lyn Dela Cruz) by March 26, 2010, 5 pm.

Short-listed applicants will be notified by phone and/or email and will be scheduled for interview by April 19-22.

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<http://www.focusweb.org>.