

Internship positions available for sustainable energy systems in South Africa at MpfunekoCS

The foundation Innovative Development Solutions and MPfunekoCS are offering several internship positions in a non-profit organization focusing on supplying biogas systems in South Africa. The internship positions are available for students from professional and higher education, e.g. HBO and Universities. The internships can have an applied focus or a research focus.

We are currently looking for: Students/ trainees who can assist in the further development of the organization with the following tasks:

1. To assist in providing guidance to a team of constructors who build biogas installations

Location: Giyani and surroundings, Limpopo province, about 500 km North East of Pretoria, close to Kruger National Park, South Africa.

Suitable for students in: civil engineering; construction; development studies; development economics; management and planning.

Required skills: basic knowledge of English language; organizational skills; interest development, biogas and/or construction.

Starting date: April 2013 or as soon as possible later

Duration: Minimum stay of 3 months, but preferably longer

2. To assist in the management of the project by developing proposals for funding, supporting in administration, and planning of activities.

Location: Giyani and surroundings, Limpopo province, about 500 km North East of Pretoria, close to Kruger National Park, South Africa.

Suitable for students in: civil engineering; construction; development studies; development economics; management and planning.

Required skills: basic knowledge of English language; organizational skills; interest in development and management

Starting date: April 2013 or as soon as possible

Duration: Minimum stay of 3 months, but preferably longer

3. To assist in the development of a public relations and communication plan for the organization and its implementation

Location: Giyani and surroundings, Limpopo province, about 500 km North East of Pretoria, close to Kruger National Park, South Africa.

Suitable for students in: development studies; communication studies; management and planning.

Required skills: basic knowledge of English language; organizational skills; driving license; interest in pr and communication.

Starting date: April 2013 or as soon as possible

Duration: Minimum stay of 3 months, but preferably longer

The positions offer opportunities for internships focusing on research and academic training or focusing on practical application and gaining management and field experience.

We can offer an interesting project and guidance on the activities during the internship. Guidance will be provided by Jotte van Ierland, Managing director of Mpfuneko Community support. He has an MSC degree in Economics of the University of Amsterdam and experience in the running of the project and the construction of biogas digesters.

Details about accommodation and local transportation in the context of the project can be discussed.

Stichting Innovative Development Solutions (IDS)

Stichting Innovative Development Solutions (IDS Foundation) is an independent Dutch foundation that closely cooperates with MpfunekoCS on reducing poverty and improving environmental quality. IDS Foundation supports African organizations in the following ways:

1. By jointly generating ideas for sustainable development.
2. By supporting African organizations in developing concrete plans and to implement these plans in a sustainable manner.
3. By consultation and supervision during the implementation of the projects.
4. By fundraising and financing the initial phases of the projects.

Mpfuneko Community Support

Mpfuneko Community Support (MpfunekoCS) is a South African (non-profitable) public benefit organisation. It is the primary partner of IDS Foundation and located in Gawula, a village near Giyani, South Africa. Historically many of the people in this area come from the area that is now known as Kruger National Park.



MpfunekoCS is a young organisation that aims to support communities and people in their economic development, in particular through job-creation. MpfunekoCS is currently particularly focusing on domestic biogas supply.

Applications are welcome on a permanent basis.

For further information on the project:

<http://www.idsfoundation.org> or <http://www.mpfuneko.org>

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