



Community Engagement Officer

VALUING LIVED EXPERIENCES

EAC's vision is of a just and vibrant world of respect, belonging and ecological resilience. As a team we are working to decolonize, further equity and dismantle the harmful systems at the root of the interconnected crises of environment and justice that we tackle every day. We strive to bring an equity lens to all that we do including by building a strong and diverse team.

We encourage applications from individuals from equity-deserving groups including, but not limited to: African Nova Scotian and other racialized people, Mi'kmaq and other Indigenous people, lesbian, bisexual, gay, transgender and queer people, and persons with disabilities. If you are a member of an equity-deserving group, and feel comfortable doing so, we encourage you to self-identify in your cover letter or application. We prioritize diversity in our selection process.

ABOUT US

The Ecology Action Centre is a dynamic and vibrant environmental charity based in Nova Scotia. This year the Ecology Action Centre is celebrating 50 years of taking action and leadership on critical issues from biodiversity protection to climate change to environmental justice. We are grounded in community and act as strong watchdog for a just and sustainable society.

Ecology Action Centre | Action is our middle name

Our Energy team strives to promote policy changes which move Nova Scotia towards a fossil-fuel free future. We work closely with the sustainable transportation team to increase the use of transportation modes in Nova Scotia, like walking, cycling, and transit use, that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, promote healthy communities, and ensure equitable access for all.

ABOUT YOU

You have a keen interest in faith communities and building efficiency, and a broader interest in transitioning to a green economy and energy systems in Nova Scotia. You love working with diverse groups of people and you approach environmental work through an equity lens. Your experience in supporting communities, convening stakeholders, and mobilizing supporters will allow you to assist with the implementation of the EAC's work with an array of partners including Faith & the Common Good, Faithful Footprints, the Clean Foundation, the United Church, the Spiritual Coalition on Climate Action Nova Scotia, and our Energy Action Team of volunteers dedicated to energy transition.

YOUR FOCUS AND KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

The Community Engagement Officer will focus on supporting United Church of Canada congregations in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland



and Labrador in their efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, especially in funding and executing energy retrofits on their buildings. This work will include:

- Coordinating regular meetings with regional ministers, program managers, and the Faithful Footprints grant manager
- Supporting the creation of new connections between congregations.
- Working with members of SCOCANS (the Spiritual Coalition on Climate Action Nova Scotia) to develop interfaith collaboration and climate-related initiatives
- Coordinate and facilitate an Atlantic "Been There Done That" Road Show to encourage churches to meet with their boards, learn about their buildings, consider their energy bills and GHG emissions and take the first step of completing the Faithful Footprints Expression of Interest form online.
- Respond to questions and concerns by phone and/or email from United Church members.
- Support Energy Coordinator and partners in educating all faith groups about energy audits for their buildings
- Promoting local opportunities for energy efficiency rebates in each of the four Atlantic provinces
- Coordinating and attending monthly meetings of the Energy Action Team of volunteers
- Blog posts and other social and mainstream multimedia promoting the successes of faith groups in climate change mitigation (greenhouse gas reduction) work
- Coordinate the development of supportive materials aimed at demonstrating support for faith building efficiency retrofits, including videos, open letters, op-eds and briefings
- Support the EAC's advocacy work relating to other building efficiency policy changes, including support for renters, building owners, and low-income households (particularly those struggling with energy poverty).

WHAT YOU WILL BRING

- At least 2 years of experience supporting public education campaigns, including giving public presentations, project administration, volunteer management, and communications
- A degree or equivalent experience-based learning connected to education, administration, environmental science, planning, engineering, public policy or related field
- Demonstrated capability to synthesize and distill large amounts of detailed information over a broad range of research related to building science and related policy
- Excellent written and oral communication skills, including comfort with media appearances
- Experience supporting community and public engagement efforts, including meeting and group facilitation and event planning



- Demonstrated ability to work independently and effectively allocate your time to complete important productive tasks
- Contribute to a collaborative team environment
- Commitment to environmental justice
- Willingness to participate in and support the overall work of the Ecology Action Centre, including but not limited to community queries, engagement organizing, and promoting our overall impact
- Experience with video editing through Canva or Adobe is considered an asset
- French is considered an asset

TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT

- A full-time (4-day work week, M-Th, 30 hours/week), 1-year fixed term position
- Starting wage range is \$26.50/hr
- Four weeks of paid vacation, 10 paid health days, 12 paid Holidays, cost-shared benefits plan
- Flexibility to work from home with a requirement for on-site days at our renovated, energy-efficient green office building located in the North end of Halifax at 2705 Fern Lane.
- The first floor of our building is designed to be universally accessible.

TO APPLY

Please submit your resume and cover [HERE](#). The closing date is July 21, 2024.

We thank everyone who applied; however, we will only be contacting those who will be interviewed.