



## **Friends of the Earth International is looking for a: CLIMATE JUSTICE & ENERGY ADVOCACY OFFICER**

**(80-100% FTE dependent upon location/salary)  
(can be based in a FoE member group across the world)**

Friends of the Earth International (FoEI) is the world's largest grassroots environmental network, uniting 73 national member groups and some 5,000 local activist groups on every continent. With over 2 million members and supporters around the world, we campaign on today's most urgent environmental and social issues. We challenge the current model of economic and corporate globalization and promote solutions that will help to create environmentally sustainable and socially just societies.

Our decentralized and democratic structure allows all member groups to participate in decision-making. We strive for gender equity in all of our campaigns and structures. Our international positions are informed and strengthened by our work with communities, and our alliances with indigenous peoples, farmers' movements, trade unions, human rights groups and others.

### **Background on climate justice and energy:**

We are facing a planetary emergency that is causing devastation around the world. The climate crisis is inherently unjust. It is already affecting the poorest and most vulnerable peoples (especially women and children) the hardest, even though they didn't create this crisis.

Tackling the climate crisis requires a radical and immediate shift away from fossil fuels and other dirty and harmful energy, industrial agribusiness and large-scale deforestation. Climate justice demands that we accomplish this while addressing the systemic root causes, inequality and inequity at the core of the climate, covid and ecological crises, and protect peoples and the planet. We cannot rely on 'false solutions' - costly, risky and unproven schemes and technologies like ['Net zero' pledges](#), [carbon markets and offsetting](#), geoengineering, and ['Nature Based Solutions'](#) that will allow continued polluting and can cause grave harm to communities in the global South in the form of landgrabbing and rights violations.

In the coming period, the FoEI Climate Justice and Energy program is looking to strengthen our advocacy work around false solutions. The new Advocacy Officer will develop advocacy capacity to support Friends of the Earth groups around the world to oppose national and regional carbon markets and offset mechanisms; scale up our work opposing geoengineering at regional and international level and knowledge and capacity building within FoE groups; and build our evidence base around carbon market impacts. We anticipate a rapid expansion in carbon markets in response to agreement being reached agreed at the Glasgow Climate Talks, and we need to build opposition to offsets at national level, which could involve supporting FoE groups to develop advocacy, awareness building and campaign strategies. To a lesser extent the role also supports a project on renewables and land which is led by an external consultant, which works specifically with a small number of FoE groups to identify barriers to the scale up of renewables and which will form the basis for future advocacy and campaign work.

**About the position:**

Friends of the Earth International (FoEI) is seeking an experienced and motivated person to join our Climate Justice and Energy (CJE) program team as CJE Research and Advocacy Officer. The Officer will work closely with the [two Climate Justice and Energy International Program Coordinators](#) and will be managed by the [International Programs Facilitator](#).

The successful candidate can be hosted in a [Friends of the Earth group, located around the world](#), or at the FoEI [International Secretariat in Amsterdam](#).

**KEY JOB RESPONSIBILITIES*****Advocacy against ‘false solutions’:***

- Supports development of national advocacy plans on net zero, carbon markets, geoengineering and nature based solutions with Friends of the Earth groups. Monitors implementation and progress towards objectives, including developing a simple tracking system to record and monitor national FoE group advocacy efforts.
- Contributes to ongoing strategy development on false solutions alongside the two CJE Program Coordinators.
- Provides strategic resources for FoE groups to do advocacy at fora such as UNFCCC COP and others, against dirty energy and false solutions, and for an energy transformation and real zero.
- Develops and implements advocacy training activities around net zero, geoengineering, carbon markets, and nature based solutions for Friends of the Earth national member groups.
- Completes a piece of desk research and writing to consolidate knowledge of carbon market impacts on the ground using existing sources, to provide an evidence base for FoE groups doing advocacy, and for eventual FoEI campaigning.
- Supports writing and production of external reports, fact sheets, position papers on Climate Justice & Energy issues to support national member group advocacy, and international campaigning.
- Represents FoEI in the Steering Committee of the “Hands off Mother Earth” (HOME) campaign against geoengineering (<https://www.handsoffmotherearth.org>), helps FoEI to play a support role on this campaign and ensures that the FoEI federation is informed and has opportunities to engage where possible.
- Organizes webinar(s) for Friends of the Earth groups and allies on geoengineering run by HOME Campaign, disseminates materials on geoengineering, including advocacy around United National Environment Assembly.
- Supports FoE groups and program coordinators on research/messaging around IPCC reports.

***Energy transformation:***

- Works alongside consultant on renewables and land project, providing some support on connecting with national groups, and convening meetings of the wider network of FoE groups working on renewables.
- Connects with groups receiving small grants to work on climate justice and energy to determine where strategic support could be useful.

***Internal governance/program monitoring/ coordination support***

- Supports preparation, facilitation, note-taking and takes part in CJE program monthly Steering Group meetings. Additionally collaborates with the two International Program Coordinators in some coordination, research and administration tasks.
- Takes part in monthly budget and work plan review with CJE program coordinators and International Program Officer and periodic monitoring of the program work plan with the program steering group.
- Internal reporting (mid-term and annual) on the CJE program’s geoengineering and false solutions work; and for the renewables and land project; provide any additional relevant inputs for reporting to FoEI’s funders and represent FoEI in any meetings with funders/funding coalitions related to these areas of work.
- Works with the program coordinators and steering group to develop the program’s annual and multi-year work plans.

- Maintains overview of Climate Justice & Energy activities across the federation.
- Works with relevant colleagues to develop CJE funding proposals.

## QUALIFICATIONS

### *Skills and experience needed:*

- An experienced campaigner/ activist with strong strategic, tactical and networking skills.
- Knowledge of energy and international climate justice issues.
- Fluency in English required.
- Demonstrated experience in making progress towards advocacy objectives and training others to develop and implement advocacy strategies and activities including putting together training programs and webinars.
- Strong facilitation and coordination skills with experience working effectively in multicultural or global alliances.
- A well-organized, committed team player with collaborative working skills.
- An excellent communicator with varied global audiences, from activists and policy specialists to the media and decision-makers.
- Understand alliance building, movement building, organising and mobilising.
- Strong researcher, writer and verbal communicator with experience of reporting back to funding and governance structures as well as allies.
- Strong affinity with Friends of the Earth International's mission, vision and values; especially a justice framing of climate and energy issues.
- Willingness to travel overseas (pandemic permitting).

### *Desirable:*

- Fluency in Spanish or French.
- Experience of working in a multi-cultural decentralised structure.
- Experience with collaborative decision-making processes.
- Budget management skills.

## WHAT FoEI OFFERS

We offer an opportunity to contribute to a better world and work for an inspiring international and culturally diverse network. Salaries are competitive with comparable nonprofit positions and based on experience and qualifications. Salary and benefits packages vary by location and are aligned with the compensation scale and policies of the host FoE group in which the position will be based, adjusted for percentage of time worked. Employment will be based on a 1 year contract. Start date as soon as possible.

Friends of the Earth International is an equal opportunities employer. Diversity and inclusion are important values for FoEI. We aim to have a FoEI team that reflects the diverse composition of our federation. We strongly encourage applications from people currently under-represented in the environmental justice movement. We specifically encourage Global South colleagues to apply, but applicants from all regions are welcome.

### **How to apply**

To apply for this role, please prepare your CV and a motivation letter that summarizes how your profile aligns with the key requirements, skills and abilities of this role. Please be sure to indicate your desired country of location for work. Note: Applicants must be eligible for employment in their proposed country of location.

Application materials should be submitted by email **no later than March 13, 2022** with the subject "Advocacy Officer CJE" to: Nina Ascoly, International Programs Facilitator, at [vacancies@foei.org](mailto:vacancies@foei.org). Interviews will take place March 30th and 31st 2022.

Please note that, in compliance with GDPR, we will keep your application in our protected files for a maximum of four weeks after the successful closure of this vacancy.