Position Announcement: Youth Climate Justice Coach – Part time

This is a grant-funded position that will run December 2018 through June 2019, at approximately 20 hrs/week. Deadline for application is December 3, 2018.

Be part of our exciting new Young Leaders for Climate Justice (YLCJ) program, coaching high school teams in local climate action projects in their own communities! The YLCJ program consists of three phases that will take place over six months in 2019. First, student teams from local high schools and organizations in the Greater Boston area will gather in January for a day of learning and inspiration around climate justice and civic engagement. Second, teams will return to their schools/communities to plan and carry out an action project over the course of the spring, with ongoing coaching from Mass Audubon. Finally, students will regather in May for a showcase of their projects with other teams and community members. Along the way, the groups will connect, share resources, and cheer each other on via an online community.

Responsibilities
• Build on the recruitment efforts we have already begun to secure commitment of 6-10 high school teams.
• Work with our Education Manager and team of environmental educators to plan and professionally implement the two in-person events described above, including management of logistics and day-of details.
• Communicate regularly, both digitally and in person, with busy high school students and adult club sponsors to keep them inspired and engaged in their action projects
• Work with the Mass Audubon statewide climate change and advocacy staff to connect local teams to community officials and climate advocates who can help them with their projects
• Work with Education Manager and Mass Audubon staff to network with elected officials, school officials, and others to build enthusiasm for the project and recruit them to attend the showcase.

Qualifications
• Experience and comfort working with groups of high school students
• Knowledge about and deep commitment to climate change education, social justice, and their intersection
• Strong communication and facilitation skills, including the ability to work across differences in background to create community and common purpose; friendly and professional speaking and writing skills; and comfort speaking with groups of high school students
• Ability to create and administer a web-based community, such as a social media page or website with forum
• Excellent organizational skills
• Ability to both work collaboratively and to be self-directed in project management
• Fluency in Spanish, Haitian Creole, Vietnamese or other language spoken by regional communities a plus.

Hours are flexible, but must include after-school time to meet with high school teams on some days. To apply, please send a letter of interest with relevant experience and resume by December 3 2018 to Sandy Verger, sverger@massaudubon.org.