

## CENTRO DE TRABAJADORES UNIDOS | UNITED WORKERS' CENTER



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### ECONOMIC JUSTICE ORGANIZER JOB DESCRIPTION

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**JOB TYPE** - Full time, salaried with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois health insurance; workers' compensation insurance; and generous benefits including paid vacation and paid sick leave. This position has a 6-month probation period. A commitment of at least 2 years is desired.

**POSITION DESCRIPTION** The Economic Justice Organizer will be responsible for creating an opportunity for organization members and community at large to plug into cooperative and solidarity economy organizing. The Economic Justice Organizer will collaborate with the Organizing Team to do outreach to low-wage workers and coordinate campaign strategy and organizational leadership activities.

#### Responsibilities:

- Assist with the creation of a popular education-style, Worker Cooperative Development **curriculum**
- Facilitate worker co-op training series for up to 20 members, using the created curriculum
- Partner with the Organizing Director, Associate Director and the Executive Director to develop and implement CTU's strategic vision for a Cooperative Incubator housed at CTU
- Assist with incubation of 2-4 worker cooperatives in the next two years, some which will be located in the South Suburbs
- Work closely with all staff involved in the worker cooperative Incubator
- Develop and strengthen relationships with key allies, community organizations, community leaders, others in the Chicagoland cooperative ecosystem, and national solidarity economy organizations
- Support Organizing Director and Organizing Team, and provide support on immigration and labor campaigns as needed
- Work closely with the Organizing Team to increase outreach and new membership engagement
- Attend CTU's weekly staff meetings, organizers' meetings and other organizational meetings
- Maintain and update all relevant databases & reporting systems
- Assist with the organizations fundraising efforts, the annual dinner
- Other duties as assigned

#### PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Demonstrated 2+ years of experience in community and/or labor organizing with commitment to social, economic & racial justice
- Experience or background in business development
- Innovative, creative and strong interpersonal skills
- Must be a motivated self-starter with the ability to meet deadlines
- Bilingual in English and Spanish
- Excellent written and verbal communication ability
- Basic computer skills
- Bachelor's degree or equivalent work experience preferred

- Driver's license and reliable access to a vehicle

**HOW TO APPLY** Candidates are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. To apply, please send a cover letter and resume to [mestrada@ctu-iwp.org](mailto:mestrada@ctu-iwp.org). Email subject line should read: "Economic Justice Organizer Application-Applicant's Name".

**ORGANIZATION SUMMARY** Centro de Trabajadores Unidos—United Workers' Center (CTU) is a grassroots community organization & worker center based on the southeast side of Chicago and south suburbs that was founded in 2008 after a group of immigrant workers organized against unfair labor practices at a local factory. CTU strives to build power among low wage workers and advance systemic change to stabilize low-income immigrant communities and communities of color. CTU works at the intersection of immigration and labor rights and employs a grassroots, community organizing model to advance social, economic and racial justice by addressing the root causes.

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