



Job Opening

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Online Leadership Program Associate – Gaming and Social Networks Specialist

Global Kids, Inc., a New York City based non-profit organization dedicated to transforming urban youth into successful students and global and community leaders, is seeking to fill an full-time staff position as **Online Leadership Program Associate – Gaming and Social Network Specialist**.

This is a part-time staff position within Global Kids' Playing 4 Keeps (P4K) program, a successful after school game development program funded by the Microsoft Corporation. The position is responsible for collaborating with other staff to develop and facilitated the after school program and liaison with the funder. In the first year of the program P4k collaborated with GameLab to develop Ayiti: The Cost of Life, a fun and challenging web-based game about poverty as an obstacle to education in Haiti. The second year, just now concluding, has worked with three groups of teens to create a game in Teen Second Life about the history of prison medical research of African American males. Both programs were based in a high school in Brooklyn. P4K, in its third year, will be placed at a new school and the game development platform is still under discussion.

The associate will join GK's rapidly expanding Online Leadership Program (OLP) in New York City, where the position will be based. GK's work in TSL is on the cutting-edge of developing best practices in applying global youth development practices and educational in virtual worlds.

This is an excellent position for someone interested in games for change, global issues, and games as a form of youth media.

Applications are strongly encouraged to apply as well for the part-time staff position **Video Specialist**, so they could be combined into one full-time staff position. However, should this position be filled within a part-time staff capacity, this candidate is strongly encouraged to express interest and display the capabilities for working fulltime at Global Kids by filling an upcoming part-time position at Global Kids as the Social Networking Specialist. More specifically, Global Kids is anticipating September funding for the development of a social networking site for teens passionate in creating, sharing and thinking critically about the roles digital media play in their lives.

The ideal candidate is tech-savvy, resourceful, creative, and a team-player who possess the following capabilities and experiences:

- Experience working with digital media as a vehicle for education with youth.
- Familiarity with gaming industry and game design.
- Experience developing curriculum and/or interactive workshops around game design and global issues.
- Ability to self-teach the skills required to use a variety of games, virtual worlds, and game development programs.
- A college degree.

In addition, we prefer a candidate with:

- Familiarity with public policy, global, and digital media issues.
- A passion for developing youth leaders.
- The ability to take initiative.
- Strong communication, writing, organizational, and computer skills.
- A short learning curve around new digital and Internet tools and applications.
- The ability to work remotely with others.
- The ability to manage multiple streams of net-based interactivity and communication at the same time.
- Accessibility to downtown Manhattan.
- A willingness to travel.
- Ability to work within a fast-paced, distracting environment.
- A fast typer and an efficient multitasker.
- Skills participating in collaborative partners.
- Experience developing multi-organizational collaborative projects.

More information about Global Kids work in Second Life can be found at: olp.globalkids.org and searching “holymeatballs” at YouTube.com. Ayiti can be found at theCostofLife.org.

Application deadline:

June 15st, but the hire might be offered as resumes arrive; feel free to check the status of positions or ask questions on our blog at olp.globalkids.org.

To Apply

Interested candidates should apply via email and email alone. Email resume, cover letter, work sample, a writing sample (optional) to olpjobopenings@globalkids.org (either as a zipped or stuffed file) with “OLP Associate 6” in the subject line. We encourage applicants to pay particular attention to the cover letter, addressing why the candidate is interested in the position, poses the required skills, and what role it plays in the narrative of the candidate’s career path. In addition, please let us know where you learned of the position and, if a Second Life avatar exists, photos are encouraged.

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