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SUSTAINABILITY INSTITUTE

Internship Programme 2010

The Sustainability Institute is offering an exciting Internship Programme open from 01 August to 13 September 2010 for interested students passionate about sustainable development and seeking an opportunity for a hands-on experience in a unique, South African setting. This flexible programme can be designed to suit each intern's interests and availability, and is currently open for applications. The Sustainability Institute is looking for enthusiastic, flexible and dynamic young people to work with their team through this internship programme.

The Sustainability Institute

The Sustainability Institute is an international living and learning centre located outside the South African university town of Stellenbosch. Surrounded by the breathtaking beauty of the Cape's towering mountains and rooted in an agricultural community needing to break free from its' racial past, the Sustainability Institute provides a space for people to explore an approach to creating a more equitable society that lives in a way that sustains rather than destroys the eco-system within which all society is embedded. Much of the work taking place at the Sustainability Institute is supported by a strong partnership with the Lexi Cinema.

The Sustainability Institute forms part of the wider Lynedoch Ecovillage. This is an emerging ecologically designed socially mixed community built around a learning precinct, the heart of which is the Lynedoch pre- and Primary School attended by 450 children who come mainly from the families of farm workers. This emerging community offers a unique African setting where creative work and learning can be inspired by the joys and challenges of sustainability in practice. Founded in 1999, the Sustainability Institute provides residential accommodation for visiting writers, artists, activists, volunteers and scholars, and a learning space for participants in the Institute's various educational programmes.

Interns are asked to work for a minimum of 20 hours per week and will have the opportunity to get involved with a number of Sustainability Institute initiatives, including assisting with programmes at the SI (Sustainable Neighbourhoods, Development Practice, Sustainable Agriculture, Sustainable Stellenbosch etc); at the Crèche or Primary School; in the Lynedoch food & indigenous gardens; on Eric's organic Farm; in the kitchen / restaurant; with the Farm to Fork local food initiative and with the youth groups & outdoor classroom / nature trails programme.

Interns are also able to join courses running at the Sustainability Institute during their stay at a maximum of one course per three weeks of stay, subject to availability and at a minimum cost to cover the course materials and other operational costs.

Expectations

The Interns will be asked to:

- Cover the cost of the travel to and from Cape Town International Airport
- Cover their own living expenses (accommodation provided on site at subsidised rates)
- Take responsibility for their own travel and medical insurance for the duration of their stay (copies of insurance must be submitted prior to departure)
- Work at the SI for a minimum of 20 hours a week
- Adhere to the Internship Code of Conduct

Rates

Accommodation at the Farm House	R120 / night
Attending course during stay	R1000 / course

Applications

Interested applicants to please send CV and motivation letter to Chiedza Matimba (chiedza@sustainabilityinstitute.net) by 31 March 2010.
For more information about the Sustainability Institute, visit www.sustainabilityinstitute.net