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LANGUAGES SERVICES FOR MIGRANTS

In the context of the "Language chaperon service" for non-French speaking migrants in Geneva, we have put together for the year 2009-2010 a second community interpreters group. Community language chaperones will assist migrant families in their encounters with schools. This new group of interpreters will receive training on techniques such as triologue and will receive all relevant information about the Geneva school system and its way of operating. Today, more than 30 volunteer interpreters are committed to facilitating dialogue among migrant families and school. In this way, we are looking for motivated volunteers community interpreters. If you are interested in collaborating on this project, please do not hesitate to contact us.

More: <http://www.icvolunteers.org/projectslong/359>

CALL FOR CREATION GALLERY

"Different views on the environment, citizenship and volunteering"

In 2009, ICV has organized a call for creative photography and a photo exhibition to the theme of "Environment, Citizenship and Volunteering". As a result, we received close to 350 images providing a perspective from 60 countries. 80 of 350 photographs were exhibited at "La Galerie" in Geneva, a journey from China to Peru, from India to Kazakhstan and Nigeria. Given the success of this project, we decided to launch a second call for creative photography, this time in collaboration with our network of schools. We focus on photography by students and young people. ICV invites schools and students to share their vision and look on the theme: "Diverse perspectives on the environment, citizenship and volunteerism".

More: <http://www.icvolunteers.org/news/384>

E-TIC ... MORE

Teaching in Mali and Senegal

This project is taking shape with ongoing commitment in the field (Mali and Senegal) of our coordinators. They have collected a range of social and economic information about agriculture and husbandry in the Sahel region. Interviews were conducted with village leaders and communities (see website: www.E-TIC.net). After discussions with our teams on site and our office in Barcelona with "water" specialists, we plan to introduce this project a new dimension related to "water for all". Improving quality of life in communities through education, awareness about hygiene and clean water, as well as the management and maintenance of facilities is incorporated into this project a vital issue. The focus of the project remains, however, the link between new technologies and information for farmers and herders to help them meet their needs and improve their living conditions (self-reliance and autonomy) in a perspective of sustainable development. We also wish to encourage the marketing of farm products to generate more economic resources. The link between water and the enhancement of farm land find its full meaning.

More: <http://www.icvolunteers.org/projectslong/370>

SWITZERLAND

Volunteerism Conference

Since the beginning of 2010, ICV has been involved in a number of conferences in Geneva and its surroundings. Following the terrible earthquake in Haiti on 12th January 2010, volunteers mobilized to help with the logistics of "**Rock for Haiti**", a concert in Ferney-Voltaire (France): a success. The **4th World Congress Against the Death Penalty** was held in Geneva from 24 to 26 February 2010. This conference brought together abolitionist groups and strengthens the international dimension of the fight against the death penalty. 16 volunteer interpreters covered interpretation needs from and to English, French and Spanish.

Upcoming events: from 22 to 23 March 2010 will take place the "**2nd International Congress to Fight Poverty and Exclusion**". Volunteers will be in charge of interpretation. During the same period (21 to 23 March 2010) the Earth Focus Foundation is organising the "**Global Issues Network**" conference in Geneva and welcoming volunteers will assist with organizational tasks. During April 2010, ICV will collaborate with the "**3rd Geneva Health Forum**" (19 to 21 April 2010). For this event, we are looking for reporters and a welcome team. The "**Global Investigative Journalism Conference**" will be held from 22 to 25 April 2010. Volunteer interpreters (English-French) will be involved in this event.

For further information concerning our next conferences, please refer to our website.

More: <http://www.icvolunteers.org/projects/>

HONORS AND SPECIAL THANKS

The distinction of **Volunteer of the Month** goes to **Ben Murray Dixon**. Since last year, he has been involved in ICV's activities. He participated in various international conferences, as well as regional events in logistics, including "The Kenya National Dialogue and Reconciliation," "The Global Humanitarian Forum," "Calvin and His Influence 1509-2009" and the "*Fête de la Musique*" in Geneva in June 2009. He is currently project assistant for the upcoming "Global Humanitarian Forum" in 2010.

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

ICV is offering internships in **project coordination** in our **Geneva's office** (Switzerland). This position involves the coordination of conference project. We are also looking for translation and interpretation volunteers who wish to collaborate in our language and migration project, providing migrants with community language support.

Other internship opportunities are open to our regional offices of:

- **Yoff (Senegal)** in particular to collaborate on the E-TIC project (see above for more details);
- **Barcelona (Spain)** to collaborate in Migralingua project.

We are looking for candidates who:

- Possess good knowledge of Spanish / French (respectively), as well as English, other languages are an asset
- Have good communication and interpersonal skills
- Having a good sense of organization and a sense of coordination
- For the E-TIC project, have experience with research and/or interest in the information and communication technologies are an asset
- Have the ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Be able to take initiatives, with an open mind and a good dose of flexibility

Interested (e)? Please send your CV and letter of motivation to volunteer [at] icvolunteers.org

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