



### **Community Advocate**

DC Greens, a nonprofit organization working to advance food justice in the District of Columbia, is accepting applications for our Community Advocates training program. This program aims to support DC community members with the tools and resources necessary to create a more just food system at the city level.

DC Greens is the champion of Produce Plus, a locally-funded farmers' market nutrition incentive program for low-income individuals that has grown rapidly over the past three years, thanks largely to our advocacy and community engagement efforts.

Our Community Advocates training program supports Advocates to understand the legislative calendar, the city budget, and effective advocacy strategies, while Advocates help our staff understand pressing community concerns, gaps in services, unintended policy outcomes, and emerging issues that could lead to changes in our work.

The growth of Produce Plus offers an opportunity for decision makers to increase broader investments in other food-related spending, such as investments in afterschool food pantries or healthy corner stores, as we are able to continue to demonstrate the importance of the issue to DC residents.

During this training program, Community Advocates will be supported by our Community Engagement Specialist to build their skills and power to affect change at the city level and create a more just food system. We encourage people of all ages to apply. If you care about food and justice, want to change the voices at the table, and are interested in contributing to a dynamic team, read more below!

### **Key Responsibilities:**

- Attend all trainings (approximately twice weekly for two hours each over the first three months)
- Attend and present at select city hearings, community meetings, and events related to food justice
- Work with leading city agencies and private businesses to develop new policies to create
- a more just food system
- Work closely with the Community Engagement Specialist and other members of the DC Greens Community Engagement team
- Build relationships with other community members who care about food and help them
- make sure their voices are heard by decision makers
- Grow your own knowledge about the local food system and local food policy in DC
  - Share your knowledge with others

**Qualifications:**

We're looking for a lot of different types of people--you don't have to have every qualification on this list! The most important quality we are looking for is excitement about and commitment to learning, skill building, and working on these issues as a part of a team.

- Experience and/or interest in advancing social justice and equity in DC
- Lived experience of food insecurity in DC. Food insecurity is the limited or uncertain availability of nutritionally adequate and safe foods or the limited or uncertain ability to acquire acceptable foods in socially acceptable ways. This may mean you have experienced a lack of financial resources to acquire healthy food, or could mean that you live in an area where access to healthy food is unreliable. This may also include experience as a recipient of SNAP, TANF, WIC, Senior Grocery Plus boxes, etc.
- Willingness to develop strong relationships with people and organizations in your community
- Interest in DC food policy and programs
- Interest in public speaking
- Interest in convening community meetings for discussion
- Commitment to ongoing justice work in DC
- Ability to communicate via email preferred

**What You'll Gain:**

- In-depth trainings that will sharpen your professional skills and make you a more effective agent of change
- Meaningful relationships and inclusion in the network of food access and food justice advocates in the city
- Clear, positive action steps towards building a more just food system

**Pay:**

This is a flexible, part-time (~6 hours/week), temporary (7 months October 2017-May 2018) hourly position. The pay is \$20.00 per hour, less applicable withholdings and does not include benefits. A travel stipend will be provided to cover some portion of transportation costs incurred related to program activities. Hiring for this position is contingent on grant funding.

DC Greens is an equal opportunity employer. We strongly encourage and seek applications from people of color, including bilingual and bicultural individuals, as well as women, and members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender communities. Applicants shall not be discriminated against because of race, religion, sex, national origin, ethnicity, age, disability, political affiliation, sexual orientation, gender identity, color, marital status, or medical status. Reasonable accommodation will be made so that qualified disabled applicants may participate in the application process. Please advise in writing of special needs at the time of application.

**Want to Apply?**

Send your contact information and answers to the four questions below **by Friday, September 22, 2017 at 5:00pm** to [asha@dcgreens.org](mailto:asha@dcgreens.org) or mail your response to Asha Carter at 2000 P St NW Suite 240, Washington, DC, 20036. If your application is selected, we will contact you to set up an interview! Call with any questions at 202-601-9200 ext. 212.

Questions:

- What makes access to healthy food important to people's lives?
- What types of injustices do you see when you try to shop for, eat, or sell food in DC?
- What gifts, skills, or talents will you bring to a team of people who will learn and grow together?
- What do you want to gain from your time as a Community Advocate?