

Vacancy Internship NIMD on political youth participation

The Netherlands Institute for Multiparty Democracy (NIMD) is a democracy assistance organisation of political parties in The Netherlands for political parties in young democracies. Founded in 2000, NIMD currently works with more than 150 political parties from 17 countries in Africa, Latin America, Asia and Eastern Europe.

NIMD supports joint initiatives of political parties to improve the democratic system in their country. NIMD also supports the institutional development of political parties - helping them develop party programmes and assisting their efforts to enhance relations with civil society organizations and the media.

Young NIMD is the youth platform of the Netherlands Institute for Multiparty Democracy (NIMD). The political youth organisations affiliated with the political parties cooperating in the NIMD together form the Young NIMD. Profiting from first-hand experiences held within the Dutch political youth organisations, NIMD and Young NIMD aim to incorporate the component of political youth participation in NIMD programmes. The mission of Young NIMD, therefore, is to add value to NIMD programmes by contributing knowledge and participation on the component of political youth participation.

The NIMD is looking for candidates for the following position:

Intern Young NIMD: political youth participation in young democracies

The main responsibilities of the position are:

- Stock-taking of state of political youth participation in young democracies (review of literature);
- The conduction of one or two case studies, including field work in NIMD programme countries, e.g. by means of an interactive assessment;
- An analysis on the role of youth participation, including obstacles, benefits and current and potential strategies;
- A reflection on potential (Young) NIMD intervention strategies, including a cost-benefits analysis;
- Stimulation of discussion within NIMD and Young NIMD on the role of (Dutch) youth within NIMD programmes;
- Presentation and communication of results by interactive and attractive means, such as video and website material.

The position in the organization:

The Intern Young NIMD is accountable to the Coordinator Young NIMD, in cooperation with the Chair of Young NIMD and the Coordinator Communication & Knowledge. Furthermore, a reference group consisting of a number of NIMD staff members and Young NIMD members will convene a number of times during the trajectory to provide input and feedback to the intern's progress.

The requirements for the position:

The candidate should have:

- Knowledge on and/or experience with political youth participation in young democracies;
- A basic understanding of democratization processes;
- Knowledge of political parties and party systems in one or more (Young) NIMD programme countries;
- Outstanding analytical and social skills;
- Experience with new media and communication;
- Proficiency in the English language is required;
- This position requires a part-time availability of approximately 5 months and full-time field work of approximately one month.

Interested candidates are requested to submit their applications before 1 December 2008 to the Coordinator Young NIMD at jeroenmimpen@nimd.org or at postal address: NIMD, attn. Coordinator Young NIMD, Mr. Jeroen Mimpen, Passage 31, 2511 AB The Hague, The Netherlands. More information can also be found on www.nimd.org.