

## **Position: Co-op placement: Labour Beat reporter**

**Anticipated Hours:** 12 hours per week, mid October – mid April

**Location:** Ottawa or Toronto

### **The placement**

In partnership with the Canadian Auto Workers union, *rabble.ca* is pleased to launch our first annual **labour beat co-op placement**. The placement will provide the successful candidate with unique opportunities to develop a grounding for reporting on national labour issues. The placement will involve access to meetings, conferences, media briefings and interviews with leaders in the labour movement; shadowing rabble's Parliament Hill reporter to committees and scrums.

In addition, the successful candidate will become familiar with some of the daily tasks involved in producing a daily national news site. The successful candidate will work one-on-one with rabble's editors, and will have opportunities to participate in the production of multimedia storytelling. Working independently from our desks in Ottawa and Toronto, the candidate will be expected to pitch news stories, take regular news writing assignments and work with the editor to prepare articles for publication. The labour beat reporter will also gain experience in research and fact-checking. Strong writing, editing and research skills are a must, as are an interest in the labour movement, current affairs and the ability to meet quick deadlines and to work independently.

### **Responsibilities**

- 1) Assist with copyediting and fact checking of news articles
- 2) Assist with Labour Issue page, blogs and Activist Toolkit
- 3) Attending weekly story meetings and monthly editorial meetings
- 4) Contribute weekly news stories to rabble.ca
- 5) Researching, editing labour related stories events listing
- 6) Other tasks as required.

### **Supervision and reporting**

The labour beat reporter will report to rabble.ca editors and Parliamentary Reporter on a rotating schedule. Location of supervisors: Vancouver, Toronto and Ottawa.

### **Qualifications:**

- Journalism degree and/or working experience in the field

- Proven interest in online media and the labour movement
- Creative problem-solving and decision-making skills for a virtual office
- Strong oral and written communication skills
- Familiarity with internet and related technology
- Capacity to work independently
- Must have computer and high speed internet access

### **To apply**

Applications are accepted by email only and should be sent to [jobs@rabble.ca](mailto:jobs@rabble.ca) by October 10, 2012.

Applications must include:

- A cover letter, indicating why you are interested in the Labour Internship
- Your resume
- Three writing samples (published or unpublished)

### **Remuneration**

This is a paid internship placement, sponsored in partnership with the CAW.

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### **About *rabble.ca***

*rabble.ca* is a Canadian independent media success story. Built on the efforts of progressive journalists, writers, artists and progressives across the country, *rabble* launched on April 18, 2001, just before the protests against the Summit of the Americas in Quebec City.

*rabble.ca* is a registered not-for-profit organization. We rely on the support of individual and organization donors and our sustaining partners.

The site gets up to 350,000 visitors monthly, and we are growing. *rabble.ca* features some of the best new and emerging progressive voices in Canada. *rabble.ca* is 100 per cent free to

read, watch, listen, post and discuss the news of the day—the “news for the rest of us.”

*rabble.ca* delivers intentionally progressive journalism. The *rabble.ca* site aims to present a range of opinion from people who are engaged in struggles for social justice, workers’ rights, peace, and an inclusive society. *rabble.ca* is committed reflecting current events accurately from a progressive point of view. *rabble.ca*’s role is to report on stories and viewpoints that are underreported, not reported, or mis-reported in mainstream media. The need for accurate, current reporting on issues concerning the labour movement is a key example of *rabble.ca*’s mandate.

### **About the CAW**

The Canadian Auto Workers union is one of the country’s largest private sector unions with approximately 193,000 members from coast to coast to coast.

Since the CAW’s founding convention in 1985, the CAW has continued to grow through organizing and mergers with other unions into a diverse and progressive organization representing workers throughout virtually every sector of the Canadian economy.

CAW members work in aerospace, mining, fishing, auto and specialty vehicle assembly, auto parts, hotels, airlines, rail, education, hospitality, retail, road transportation, health care, manufacturing, shipbuilding and other sectors of the economy.

The CAW is not only dedicated to fighting for workers rights at the bargaining table, it’s equally committed to taking on economic, political and social issues that affect its members and their families in the broader community.