

## CALL FOR PROJECT PROPOSALS

### **Advocacy Clinic Department of Environmental Studies Antioch University New England**

The Antioch University New England Advocacy Clinic, based in the Department of Environmental Studies, is pleased to invite project proposals for its Fall 2009 Docket. Launched in September 2003, the Clinic is part of a faculty-supervised course for master's degree candidates in environmental studies. The Advocacy Clinic is the recipient of the **2006 President's Leadership Award**, through Campus Compact of New Hampshire, recognizing Clinic participants' outstanding community service and civic engagement.

**WHAT WE DO:** Clinic participants provide *pro bono* advocacy work on behalf of Clinic clients -- organizations at the local, state, national or international level working for sustainability and environmental protection, corporate accountability, democratic governance and social justice. We pursue purposeful results for clients that gain access and provide voice in the decision-making process, change power relations and serve the public interest. **The Clinic brings the community into the classroom and the classroom into the community.**

Grounded in their substantive knowledge of environmental science and advocacy skills gained in their first year at Antioch, Clinic participants provide advocacy research, public policy critiques and analysis, strategic planning, issue and corporate campaign materials, action planning, and communications and membership development plans to Clinic clients.

#### **Examples of Clinic work to date include:**

- \* Bringing the award-winning radio news show "**Democracy Now!**" to the Monadnock Region on behalf of a local civic education group and building a sustainable support base for community radio;
- \* Researching and drafting communications pieces for UN advocacy and corporate engagement & shareholder activism in support of the **Western Shoshone Defense Project's** efforts to stop expansion of gold mining operations onto sacred tribal lands by Canada-based Barrick Gold Corporation.
- \* Providing research and advocacy support for two natural resource extraction corporate shareholder proposals by the **New York City Employees Retirement System;**
- \* Successful advocacy for the **establishment of a Connecticut town conservation commission;**
- \* Building effective grassroots campaigns for passage of legislation supporting **New Hampshire's Land and Community Heritage Program (LCHIP)** and a **Maine** ballot initiative to grant **current-use tax status to working waterfronts;**
- \* Developing, piloting and strengthening a **carbon-reduction program** for local businesses in Keene, NH;
- \* **Documenting** – through video – **the stories of individuals adversely affected by chloramine** in a public water system

- \* Identifying “**best practices**” for farmers’ market operations and municipal arrangements
- \* Research to support passage of federal legislation for **rebuilding of public infrastructure** damaged by hurricanes along the **Gulf Coast**
- \* Developing an advocacy strategy and materials to **protect water quality and public health** through amending current NH septic system laws;
- \* Researching **organic standards for lawn and garden care** for the **Northeast Organic Farming Association Organic Land Care Program**;
- \* Organizing a **state-wide strategy meeting** for Vermonters working to challenge the harms of **genetically modified seeds and foods**;
- \* **Rights-based community organizing and advocacy** to challenge a polluting power plant and to strengthen democratic governance in **Russell, Massachusetts**;
- \* Creating a low-interest bank loan program for energy-efficient property improvements through two southern **Vermont** financial institutions, on behalf of **Brattleboro Climate Protection**.
- \* Preparing recommendations to the **Wolfeboro, NH, Planning Board** for **strengthening sustainability initiatives** in America’s oldest summer resort town’s new Master Plan;
- \* Developing a media strategy for a Connecticut-based **healthy schools grassroots organization**;
- \* Designing/testing a member outreach strategy for a **national campaign finance reform group**;
- \* Completing research on access to municipal water systems on behalf of **Public Citizen**;
- \* Developing a template for municipal climate change action plans on behalf of **Massachusetts Climate Action Network**;
- \* Completing research on alternative pest control models for the Boston-based **Neighborhood Pesticide Action Committee**;
- \* Creating mission and vision statements for a start-up nonprofit **renewable energy program**.
- \* Providing **campaign strategy & corporate profile** to a Massachusetts' North Shore citizens' organization seeking better environmental practices by a multinational mining corporation operating in their town; and
- \* Developing a **corporate profile of Wal-Mart** for national organizations campaigning to pass federal legislation mandating greater transparency of U.S.-based multinationals' overseas operations.

**BACKGROUND:** Located in Keene, New Hampshire, Antioch University New England (ANE) has been providing scholarly, practice-oriented, values-based, professional graduate study for more than 40 years. ANE’s Department of Environmental Studies, the oldest in the U.S., integrates content, skills and reflective practice to train environmental professionals active in a variety of arenas. To better serve the environmental field, the Department has established a master’s program in Environmental Advocacy and Organizing of which this course is a key component.

**CONTACT US:** The Clinic accepts project proposals for multifaceted advocacy in domestic and international settings. **The project proposal deadline for the Fall 2009 Clinic docket is Tuesday, August 11, 2009 (see guidelines below).**

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## GUIDELINES FOR PROJECT PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS

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**Please include:**

- 1) 1 paragraph regarding your organization (describe your mission & accomplishments)
- 2) 1 paragraph regarding the proposed project (what it is, how it fits into an overall campaign, how your organization will use the Clinic work product)
- 3) List of any specific project deliverables & any specific deadlines for completion
- 4) Name and contact details for person at your organization who will serve as liaison with the Clinic (periodic communication with your liaison is essential to the success of a Clinic project; please identify a person within your organization who is able to commit to regular check-ins with the Clinic project leader)
- 5) Estimate of how many hours you anticipate this project will take to complete (Clinic participants can offer an average of 5-6 hours/student/week to each project)

Project proposals should be submitted via fax, post or e-mail no later than **August 11, 2009**, to:

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**CLINIC CLIENTS (2003-2009):**

- \* Advocates for Community Empowerment (NH)
- \* ALCRER (Benin)
- \* Americans for Campaign Reform (NH)
- \* American Friends Service Committee (NH)
- \* Antioch New England Student Alliance (NH)
- \* Brattleboro Climate Protection (VT)
- \* Canary Committee (CT)
- \* Center for an Agricultural Economy (VT)
- \* Center for Democracy and the Constitution (MA)
- \* Cheshire County Conservation District (NH)
- \* City of Keene, Cities for Climate Protection Committee (NH)
- \* Claremont Save-As-You-Throw Initiative (NH)
- \* Clean Air-Cool Planet (New England)
- \* Coalition for the Health of Aggregate Industries Neighbors (MA)
- \* Coalition of NH Land Conservation Organizations Advocating for LCHIP Funding
- \* Connecticut (CT) Association of Conservation and Inland Wetland Commissions
- \* CT Northeast Organic Farming Association
- \* Environmental Partnerships (MA)
- \* G.A.L.A. Co-op (NH)
- \* Honor the Earth (MN)
- \* International Labor Rights Fund (Washington, D.C.)
- \* League of Pissed Off Voters (NH)
- \* Maine Congress of Lakes Association
- \* Massachusetts Climate Action Network
- \* Monadnock Community Radio Project (NH)
- \* Native Wind Powering America (VT)
- \* Neighborhood Pesticide Action Committee (MA)
- \* NH Campaign for the U.S. Department of Peace
- \* New Hampshire Council of Churches
- \* New Hampshire Rivers Council
- \* Ocean State Clean Cities Coalition (RI)
- \* People Concerned About Chloramine (VT)
- \* PrioritiesNH (NH)
- \* Public Citizen (Washington, D.C.)
- \* Reclaim Democracy (MA)
- \* Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Center for Human Rights (Washington, D.C.)
- \* Save Our Working Waterfront Jobs Coalition (ME)
- \* The Naked Truth Project (Maine)
- \* Toxics Action Center (VT)
- \* Valley Alliance for Smart Growth (RI)
- \* Watertown Citizens for Environmental Safety (MA)
- \* Western Shoshone Defense Project (NV)
- \* Windham County Genetic Engineering Action Group (VT)
- \* Working Families Win (NH)