

Dear future UNANZ interns

When I moved to New Zealand one of the first things I would do was to start with finding a perspective and interesting non-profit organization where I could do an internship related to my field of interest and study. By searching on the internet I have discovered United Nations Association of New Zealand (UNANZ) based in Wellington. I decided I would have applied for the position of an intern and I was quite sure that UNANZ would provide me with exactly what I was expecting – the experience and skills needed for working in the development area or simply any area fighting for generally recognized values which the United Nations promote.

I was literally amazed how UNANZ, its president and other members were willing to take me into the team and provide me with space and support for my own development and promoting the UN values to the New Zealand's public. I must admit that I was lucky that I have met these people and connected with UNANZ. All of their members are very supportive to young people trying to find their own way within development and they try to find a way how to support and motivate them. You can do your own research, you can organize an event or hold a seminar... There are no boundaries as long as you promote UN values and contribute to a good reputation of UNANZ.

I have to say that so does the Palacky University in Olomouc, the Czech Republic where I study International Development Studies and thanks to grant programme called UP PSTROS I was able to be supported also financially.

The reason why I decided to write these few lines is to admit openly that UNANZ has got a great potential, especially for young interns, to learn, grow and promote values which are being every day doubted or attacked by different entities on different levels and in different parts of the world. I believe that UNANZ is therefore an excellent platform on which we can discuss and repetitively consider the UN values as essential and worth globally to fight for.

Last but not least, I would like to encourage the other students especially from Law, International Relations or International Development Studies to apply for the cooperation with UNANZ.

Thanks for reading and I hope you won't miss this great opportunity to become a new UNANZ intern!

Regards

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