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Sustainability Officer

RISE is a 501(c)3 public charity and we rely on donations and funding to help us accomplish our mission. The Sustainability Officer will work with RISE Travel Institute's internal departments as well as our external partners and stakeholders to address the organization's approach to systems-thinking sustainability in order to inspire responsible, impactful, sustainable and ethical travel through education.

If you have the passion and the right background, and would like to join our founding team in mainstreaming sustainable travel through education, we'd be happy to have you on board.

Roles and Responsibilities

- Contribute knowledge on sustainability to the RISE Curriculum, working with various instructors to ensure accuracy of sustainability related teachings. This may include introducing new sustainability related concepts that fit in with our current curriculum
- Create a sustainability policy for RISE's general operations, actively assessing company processes for improvements in accordance to our commitment to sustainability
- Create a sustainability policy for our Experiential Journeys, working closely with the EJ team to vet all companies used for the trip from start to finish. This includes transportation, accommodation, tour operators, activities, etc
- Work closely with the Impact Evaluation Specialist on mapping RISE goals with SDGs
- Explore opportunities of signing pledges and joining regional and global sustainability coalitions
- Research and apply for sustainability competitions and awards
- Work with the Partnerships team to vet each prospective partner for truthfully aligned values with RISE's mission and values
- Collaborate with Marketing on creating effective content to publish about RISE's sustainability programs and activities
- When in-person events are safe, assist the Events team in sourcing goods and services that are inclusive and have minimal environmental impact. Certain aspects of this responsibility may apply to virtual events as well



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Education and Experience:

- Bachelor's degree in Sustainability or related field required; Masters Degree in related field highly preferred
- 2-3 years of business management experience required, especially as it relates to sustainability operations
- Professional experience in travel and tourism a plus
- Professional experience in an educational institution a plus

Skills and Abilities:

- Critical thinking for innovative solutions.
- Creativity and adaptability to an ever-evolving sustainable travel industry, as well as a growing organization
- Thorough and current knowledge of sustainability practices
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills both internally and externally
- High level of organization and attention to detail

Time Commitment

The Sustainability Officer is expected to commit 2-4 hours per week. This is an unpaid position. RISE Travel Institute is a 501(c)3 run entirely by volunteers who are dedicated to inspire young travelers to create positive social, economic and environmental impact on travel destinations. If you're interested in this role or have inquires about other volunteer opportunities, please visit risetravelinstitute.org/join-our-team.