



<b>Job Title:</b> Labor Communications Intern
<b>Department:</b> Communications Department

**Teamsters Local 117** represents 16,000 working people at more than 200 public and private sector employers throughout the Pacific Northwest. Our mission is to organize, educate, and lead collective and political action to protect and expand the rights, wages, and benefits of working families.

The active participation of the men and women in our union is instrumental in helping to achieve industry-leading contracts that ensure that our members' wages, hours, and working conditions are protected. For more information, visit our website at [www.teamsters117.org](http://www.teamsters117.org).

### Position Overview

Teamsters Local 117 is seeking a **Labor Communications Intern** to assist in implementing a communications strategy for the organization. Work may involve web, social media, video, and print communications designed to engage, inform, and organize our membership. This is a part-time, short-term position, ideally suited for a student in political science, communications, journalism, or related field. Candidate should have a commitment to workers' rights and an interest in labor unions. Successful candidate will receive a monthly stipend as determined by the Local 117 Executive Board. Start date for the position is January 6, 2014 through March 28, 2014, with the option to continue until June 13th if agreed upon by both parties.

### Possible Job Functions

- Expand social media networks for members of Local 117;
- Research, write, and post articles to the Local 117 website;
- Cover labor-related stories during the 2014 legislative session in Olympia;
- Develop story ideas, write stories for Local 117 newsletters;
- Photograph and video interview Local 117 members at events and in the workplace;
- Produce videos for contract and organizing campaigns;
- Design and create content for flyers, postings, postcards, leaflets, etc.;
- Draft letters to the editor, talking points, press releases, etc.;
- Website updates and web-based research.

### Skills

- Commitment to workers' rights issues and an interest in labor unions;
- Excellent written and oral communication skills;
- Experience using social media sites;
- Experience using systems to manage web content a plus;
- Experience in video production and using video editing tools a plus;
- Graphic design, photography, and/or Photoshop skills a plus.

### Contact

Send cover letter and resume to Local 117 Director of Communications Paul Zilly at [paul.zilly@teamsters117.org](mailto:paul.zilly@teamsters117.org).