

**April 1<sup>st</sup> 2024**

## **The Arava Institute for Environmental Studies seeks Facilitator / Coordinator for their Dialogue Forum**

### **Program Description**

The Arava Institute aims to create a multi-cultural community of students and alumni that has the tools and understanding necessary to foster environmental sustainability, social justice, and respect in the broader society. This builds on the Arava Institute's belief that the social and political relationships within and between groups in this region have a significant influence on environmental practices, public policies, and grassroots activism. The student body at the Arava Institute is comprised of Israelis, Palestinians, and participants from around the world.

All students and interns at the Arava Institute participate in a weekly dialogue forum, which is facilitated by two co-facilitators. The forum reflects the Institute's mission to generate capacity-building for conciliation and cooperation, even during increased violence and conflict.

Together, students discuss the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, including its historical roots, the current situation as experienced by both sides, and possible futures. They share personal experiences and family stories from different sides of the conflict, raising universal questions about identity, national ideologies, power and privilege, coexistence, and personal responsibility. In this process, students are challenged to critically examine their own views, cultural values, and understanding of history.

### **Job Description**

The Dialogue Coordinator works as part of the academic department. The academic department creates a yearly program comprising of academic environmental studies, a community development and environmental leadership program, and a weekly dialogue forum. The position requires weekly travel to the Arava,

### **The Dialogue Coordinator will**

- create and plan the yearly dialogue forum.
- manage the facilitation team and co-facilitate.
- work together with the Program Director and the Campus Life team to create a meaningful community multi-cultural program that is sensitive to the needs of the students.
- arrange content for trips and logistics for dialogue sessions as required , i.e. guest speakers and workshops.
- provide reporting on the Dialogue Forum activities and trips for the development department and other institutional needs.
- providing dialogue programming for other departments, and for activities as required by the institute.
- network with other coexistence professionals to strengthen the relationship with the Arava Institute.

**Requirements:**

- Strong facilitation and communication skills.
- Proven experience multi-cultural groups.
- Knowledge about the Israeli- Palestinian conflict.
- Professional and academic training in a related field.
- Previous facilitation experience - required.
- Experience in managing a team - advantage.
- Fluent English is required. Hebrew and Arabic - advantage.
- Presence at the Arava Institute on Kibbitz Ketura – as necessary to fulfill the position.

**Supervision:** Program Director

**Position:** 65 %

**Commencement of position:** August 2024

**Salary:** according to the salary table of the Arava Institute

**If you are interested in the position, please send your CV to :**

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