



Chun Tae-Il Organizing Fellowship – Summer 2017

The Koreatown Immigrant Workers Alliance (KIWA) is excited to announce the inaugural Chun Tae-Il Organizing Fellowship for Summer 2017. This fellowship seeks to support, train, and connect individuals who have a long-term commitment to labor and immigrant organizing in the Korean community. The Fellows will develop and strengthen their skills as organizers through trainings, political education, and individual mentorship while also directly supporting community outreach, program coordination, organizing, campaign strategy and leadership development at KIWA.

Chun Tae-Il was a garment worker and labor organizer from Daegu, South Korea. He dedicated most of his adult life to transforming the working conditions for garment workers in South Korea, including leading the organizing struggle at the Peace Market clothing manufacturer in Seoul, where he began working at age 16. At the young age of 22, Chun's death protesting the government's inaction to the egregious working conditions at Peace Market galvanized the Korean Labor Movement and resulted in mass organizing and demonstrations never seen before.

KIWA is a multiracial worker center, with roots in the Korean progressive movement. Founded in 1992 in Koreatown, Los Angeles, the mission of KIWA is to build the power of immigrant workers and residents and to organize a progressive grassroots leadership to transform our workplaces and communities, in Koreatown and beyond.

KIWA has achieved victories in the restaurant and market industries and shaped the culture of work in Koreatown. We engage in policy campaigns, affordable housing development, workplace campaigns, and worker- and tenant services in Spanish, Korean, and English. We are a membership-based organization open to all with a mostly Latinx and Korean base. Community organizing and community leadership development are central to our work and key to our vision for a more just society. We work in the areas of workers' rights and workplace justice, tenants' rights and affordable housing, urban green space, and cultural resistance. We are seeking a dynamic individual to join our organization and work as part of a community dedicated to a more just, beautiful, and livable community, city, and world.



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Fellow's responsibilities will include:

- Direct outreach – including door-to-door and street contact with Korean residents in Koreatown and other parts of Los Angeles.
- Recruiting, organizing, and building relationships with immigrant workers and residents to become members and leaders of KIWA.
- Supporting Korean, Latinx, and all members to participate in and lead KIWA's campaigns.
- Active participation in meetings and in ongoing organizing training and development.
- Administrative work, program support, and shared management of our space. Occasional lifting and carrying of materials and supplies.

Some nights, early mornings, and weekends are required. You can expect to have a late schedule (come in late and stay late) at least two days per week for programs and meetings that accommodate workers' schedules.

Requirements:

- An understanding of KIWA's mission and commitment to building the power of immigrant workers and their communities.
- Commitment to organizing for social justice in a multiracial context.
- Familiarity with Korean immigrant community and immigrant, people of color community issues.
- Conversational Korean language skills.
- Ease and familiarity with computers, email, and social media
- Outgoing personality, good listening, and good communication skills.
- Willingness to learn and develop as an organizer.

Korean language fluency and prior organizing experience preferred but not required.

Applications are due by Wednesday May 31, 2017. This is a temporary, hourly position ranging from 20-40 hours per week at \$15.00 per hour. This is a summer fellowship running from June to August (with flexible start and end dates). All interested applicants, please send a resume and letter of interest to José Eduardo Sánchez, KIWA Director of Organizing at jose@kiwa.org.