

*Skilled in **Ruby on Rails**?
Interested in cutting-edge work on **collective intelligence**?
Want to make a **difference in corporate behavior**?*



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Volunteer Your Rails Skills for Social Impact

The private sector has phenomenal power to change the world, for good or for ill. Many of our most pressing societal issues are profoundly impacted by the private sector: pollution and global warming; economic opportunities for women and minorities; labor practices in developing countries; special interest lobbying and campaign financing.

As consumers, we often fail to reward companies with strong performance on these issues – or punish companies with poor performance. We have the leverage to change business incentives, but not the information.

Our all-volunteer team of seven professionals and students is launching Citizens Market, an exciting nonprofit with a mission to empower consumers with user-generated information about the social and environmental performance of companies. We've designed a collaborative online database with community oversight mechanisms. Now we need your help to build it.

We're looking for a **web developer** with strong experience in Ruby on Rails to join our team, collaborate on strategy and develop our prototype into an operational pilot. We're based in Cambridge, Massachusetts with a preference for local candidates, though we welcome applications from virtual candidates. The time commitment and schedule is flexible; we usually ask for a minimum of three hours per week for at least three months. Please see full description of the volunteer position below.

Please send resumes / portfolios to: Stéphane de Messières, sdemessieres@citizensmarket.org

You can learn more about us at www.citizensmarket.org.

Or view this summary: http://www.citizensmarket.org/Citizens_Market_Executive_Summary.pdf.

Consumers can make an enormous difference – with the right tools.

Join us in our mission to empower them.

Volunteer Web Developer, Citizens Market

LOCATION: Cambridge, MA (local candidates preferred; remote candidates welcome)

MEMBER OF: Web Team

PURPOSE OF POSITION:

The Web Developers are embedded within the Web Team and report to the broader Citizens Market Team during meetings every other week. The Web Developers are responsible for building the functionality of the site.

SCOPE OF COMMITMENT:

- **Contribute three hours per week, divided among the responsibilities below**
- Hours are flexible; bi-weekly team meetings are scheduled outside of business hours
- Duration of role is flexible; we usually ask that you commit to our team for at least three months

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Gain a thorough understanding of our strategic plan, application concept and proposed user stories
- Work with designers to develop our database and web application
- Contribute to broader discussions about Citizens Market product and communications strategy
- Attend team meetings
- Respond to e-mails from teammates in a timely manner to facilitate virtual collaboration

QUALIFICATIONS:

Education:

- Bachelor's degree in Computer Science or related discipline, or equivalent experience

Required:

- Minimum 6 months experience in Ruby on Rails
- Strong skills in database design for highly interactive web applications
- Strong initiative and ability to work effectively in a "flat," non-hierarchical, all-volunteer organization
- Ability to work and communicate effectively in a virtual team environment
- Attention to detail, customer-service orientation and creativity in problem-solving
- Fluency in English

Preferred:

- Demonstrated interest in corporate social responsibility issues
- Demonstrated interest in user-generated information and collective intelligence models
- Comfort with XHTML, CSS, MVC, MySQL, PHP, JavaScript
- Experience with programming widgets and/or mobile data applications
- Location near Cambridge, MA and ability to attend meetings in person

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