



## **Advocacy Officer – Job Description**

3 days/week

Salary: £24,500 p.a. pro rata

Fixed-term contract until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018

Based at CSC's office near Old Street, London

Application deadline: midnight, Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2017

### **About the role**

The Consortium for Street Children (CSC) is a global network that raises street children's voices, promotes their rights and improves their lives. We do this through our focus on advocacy, research and network development. For more information see [www.streetchildren.org](http://www.streetchildren.org).

In 2017, the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child will finalise its General Comment on Children in Street Situations – the first piece of authoritative international guidance on street-connected children's rights. As the key NGO involved in lobbying for and supporting the development of the General Comment, CSC has played a crucial role, including working with the UN Committee to ensure that a record-breaking number of street-connected children themselves were consulted during the process. We have also provided the Secretariat to the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Street Children in the UK's Parliament since 2009.

As Advocacy Officer, reporting to the Advocacy Manager, you will support all aspects of our advocacy work going forward, primarily focusing on promoting national-level implementation of the General Comment. In particular, you will support development of a Global Atlas – which will become the 'go-to' online source for data on street-connected children and the laws that affect their lives – ensuring a quality product and liaising with the pro bono lawyers researching laws which affect street-connected children. You will also co-ordinate the UK All-Party Parliamentary Group on Street Children and support other aspects of CSC's work to promote implementation of the General Comment.

We are looking for a highly-motivated and versatile individual, with sound analytical skills and the capacity to undertake a wide range of responsibilities across CSC's comprehensive and diverse advocacy programme. The role will be subject to a three month probationary period.

## Specific responsibilities

- Support the development of the Global Atlas, working with colleagues to develop the concept and ensure delivery of a quality product which meets the information needs of civil society and governments
- Co-ordinate the All Party Parliamentary Group on Street Children, organising meetings of the group with CSC network members and maintaining and developing Parliamentarians' engagement on the issue of street-connected children
- Develop materials to support use of the General Comment, including children-friendly and easy-read versions
- Support promotion around the General Comment and the organisation of relevant events, including the General Comment launch
- Support CSC network members to understand and use the General Comment
- Support CSC's work in General Comment Early Adopter countries
- Participate in UK civil society working groups relevant for CSC
- Other duties within the spirit and purpose of the role

## Person specification

### Experience

- Experience of using international human rights law for human rights advocacy
- Experience of presenting complex information clearly and simply for a lay audience
- Experience of working in an international context
- Familiarity with updating websites/databases
- Event organisation
- Experience of carrying out and/or using legal research, ideally in a human rights context (desirable)
- Experience of work within the UK Parliament (desirable)

### Qualifications

- Law degree or equivalent (desirable)

### Skills and Abilities

- Excellent attention to detail
- Ability to summarise complex information on international and national law clearly and simply for a non-legal audience
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills; ability to communicate well with diverse audiences ranging from street children practitioners to Members of Parliament to corporate lawyers
- Excellent oral, written, editorial and presentation skills
- Independent and creative worker with the ability to develop a project within given constraints
- Team player with adaptable and pragmatic approach to work
- Superb time management and prioritisation skills and the ability to meet deadlines and deliver objectives on time despite time constraints

- Excellent organisation skills, capable of delivering objectives independently
- Cultural sensitivity and ability to work with diverse groups

### **Knowledge**

- Understanding of human rights-based approaches to work with children
- Understanding of the importance of the law and legal advocacy for the fulfilment of human rights
- Understanding of international human rights law and UN bodies (desirable)
- Understanding of the issues faced by street-connected children (desirable)
- Spanish language (desirable)

### **Other**

- Commitment to realising street children's rights
- Excited to take innovative approaches to advocacy
- Keen to be part of a small team making a big difference

### **How to apply**

Please send a cover letter (no more than 2 pages) outlining why you are both interested in and suitable for the role and a CV to [elinor@streetchildren.org](mailto:elinor@streetchildren.org) by **midnight on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2017**.

Please note only successful applicants will be notified as to whether they have an interview. The interview will include a written test.