



Advocacy Manager
circa £38,000 annually pro rata
Part-time (3 days per week)

- Working Hours: 3 days a week, flexible timing
- Salary: circa £38,000 annually pro rata (£22,800 for 3 days per week)
- 25 days annual leave per year pro rata, Employer contributions to pension fund of 5% of gross salary
- Reports directly to the CEO

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 a focus on advocacy, research and shared learning through our network.

Job summary

The role of the Advocacy Manager is to lead the development and implementation of CSC's advocacy strategy to ensure that street-connected children are represented at the highest international and national policy levels. 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 also provide the Secretariat to the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Street Children in the UK's Parliament.

The Advocacy Manager is a senior staff member who will lead on human rights analysis for street-connected children, promoting human rights based policy solutions that respect their rights in full. The Advocacy Manager will be outward focussing – working with our network members, governments, UN bodies and other stakeholders (e.g., lawyers, businesses or other civil society groups). The Advocacy Manager will line-manage the Advocacy Officer.

Specific responsibilities

- Strategy – Lead development of CSC's Advocacy Strategy, in the imminent future reviewing and updating the strategy in collaboration with the CSC Executive team and CSC network members once the UN General Comment on Children in Street Situations is published

- General Comment: Lead CSC's engagement with governments to ensure national-level implementation of the General Comment, driving forward CSC's Early Implementer project in Uruguay; co-ordinate CSC's plans to launch the General Comment once it is published; oversee the production of materials to communicate the General Comment to CSC's different stakeholders
- High level external representation, including engagement with: UN agencies, Special Representatives and Rapporteurs, Permanent Missions and I/NGOs building close working relationships and establishing strategic partnerships to ensure street-connected children are included in global initiatives; represent CSC at various national and international conferences and events, including public speaking arrangements; represent CSC on networks, coalitions, working groups and campaigns as appropriate;
- Work in partnership with CSC's Communications Manager to ensure CSC's advocacy has excellent external visibility.
- Work in partnership with CSC's Research Manager and Network Development Manager to ensure current research and good practice from CSC network members are represented in policy fora, ;
- Work in partnership with CSC's Fundraising Manager supporting the development of project proposals and fundraising bids and activities where relevant
- Provide wider support to CSC Executive team as appropriate
- Ensure CSC's continued UN access by complying with the reporting rules of ECOSOC status.
- Manage CSC's Advocacy Officer, ensuring their appropriate professional development
- Recruit and manage advocacy volunteers and interns

Person specification

	CRITERIA (essential unless otherwise stated)
EXPERIENCE	<p>Five + years' experience in a similar role including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing and implementing international human rights/development advocacy strategies with clear evidence of success • Relationship building and collaborative working across sectors • Writing papers and reports for different stakeholders with clear evidence of their use informing policy development or change • Public speaking • Budget and Project management, specifically working with donor-funded projects • Working in a human rights/international development NGO environment) • Working directly with street-connected children (desirable)
SKILLS AND ABILITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent written and verbal communication skills, including the ability to represent the views of street-connected children and CSC network members to a wide range of stakeholders • Excellent analytical skills • Strategic thinker • Work well under pressure, can multi-task and meet deadlines • Act on own initiative/self-motivator • Solid team player with adaptable, flexible and pragmatic approach to work • Sound ICT skills
KNOWLEDGE	<p>Knowledge of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The structure and working of UN human rights bodies and mechanisms • International human rights law and policy • International child rights (desirable)
EDUCATION/ TRAINING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educated to degree level or equivalent

OTHER REQUIREMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commitment to realising street-connected children's rights• Demonstrable advocacy achievements and successes• Highly motivated self-starter• Keen to be part of a small team making a big difference
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If you believe that you have the necessary skills, desire and experience and would like to apply for the role, please send your CV and a covering letter to Chris Poole, Finance and Operations Manager, chris@streetchildren.org by Sunday April 30th. Only applicants selected for interview will be contacted.