

Internship Position (Advocacy)

About Defence for Children International (DCI):

Defence for Children International (DCI) is a leading child rights-focused and membership-based grassroots movement, founded in 1979, the first International Year of the Child. DCI promotes and protects the human rights of children at the local, national, regional and international level, and was one of the drafters of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), the most widely ratified human rights treaty in history. DCI has special consultative status with the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), and the Council of Europe. DCI also has observer status with the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACERWC), the Inter-American Court on Human Rights (IACHR) and the League for Arab States (LAS), among others. Moreover, DCI maintains a close relation with the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child and other key agencies and experts working on ensuring the human rights of children. The DCI - International Secretariat, based in Geneva, communicates in three languages (English, French, and Spanish) to its National Sections and consists of four permanent staff (Executive Director, Advocacy Officer, Project and Capacity-Building Officer, and Outreach and Development Officer).

Job Description:

- Job Title: Advocacy Intern (reports to the Advocacy Officer)
- Position type: 40 hours/week (100%)
- Duration: 6 months (start date: early-mid April 2019)
- Location: DCI International Secretariat based in Geneva, Switzerland
- Internship allowance (600 CHF/month)

Roles & responsibilities:

The intern will be working particularly on the following **priority themes and cross-cutting issues**:

- ✓ Deprivation of Liberty
- ✓ Justice for Children
- ✓ Children on the Move

The intern will be carrying out the following main activities, among others:

- Attend and report on relevant UN Human Rights mechanisms, such as the Committee of the Rights of the Child (CRC) and the Human Rights Council (HRC);
- Assist in the preparation of side events, statements, reports, etc. to be delivered to UN Human Rights mechanisms and support the follow-up of country reviews where DCI has presence;
- Assist in advocacy, communications and social media, and research activities in support of the Global Study on Children Deprived of Liberty (GSCDL);
- Conduct background research on specific issues;

- Liaise with DCI National Sections, particularly in the context of DCI's Strategic Framework 2017-2021, including translation;
- Assist in monitoring and reporting on project activities;
- Communication in one or more of the DCI languages is expected.

Qualifications & Education requirements:

- University degree in international/human rights law, international relations or related field.

Preferred Skills:

- An excellent command of both written and spoken English; good knowledge of written and spoken Spanish; proficiency in other DCI languages (French/Arabic) is welcome;
- A good understanding of the functioning of the United Nations human rights mechanisms;
- Project cycle knowledge and/or experience;
- Good communication skills, especially drafting and editing. Social media skills are a plus;
- Fully computer literate; user of Microsoft 365; knowledge of SharePoint welcome;
- Intercultural and interpersonal sensitivity and ability to represent DCI professionally;
- Proactive and can-do attitude, readiness to help out other team members as necessary.

We offer:

- Insight into the internal and external working of a global grassroots Movement;
- Insight into the United Nation's human rights mechanisms and how NGOs can influence international policies;
- Insight into the work of National Sections' in more than 35 countries across the globe;
- International working environment and being part of a small but dynamic team: your motivation decides the role and responsibilities assigned to you;
- Links to other key child rights organizations working in Geneva.

DCI is committed to equality of opportunity for all staff, and applications from individuals are encouraged regardless of sex, age, disability, gender identity, or ethnicity.

Applications:

Interested candidates meeting the qualifications are invited to send their **curriculum vitae** (max. 2 pages) and an **application letter** (max. 1 page, indicating your preferred starting date) in English to: info@defenceforchildren.org by **March 5, 2019** (with the subject line "**Application - Internship: Advocacy**").

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. They should expect to hear about the next stages in mid-March.