

Internship Position (Communications & Development)

About Defence for Children International (DCI):

Defence for Children International (DCI) is a leading child rights-focused and membership-based grassroots movement placing all members on equal footing. Created during the International Year of the Child (1979), DCI coordinated the NGO input for the drafting of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) - the most widely ratified human rights treaty in history. DCI's mandate is to ensure ongoing, practical, systematic and concerted action directed towards effective implementation of the human rights codified in the UNCRC, by means of its effective coordination between different levels (national, regional and international) and its active membership within key networks and fora. DCI counts with over 35 grassroots organisations (National Sections and Associated Members) in five different continents, involving over 300 trained and specialised local staff and volunteers, who contribute daily to defend and protect the human rights of children.

For more information see www.defenceforchildren.org

Job Description:

- Job Title: Communications & Development Intern (reports to the Outreach and Development Officer)
- Position type: 40 hours/week (100%)
- Duration: 6 months (starting date September 2021)
- Location: DCI International Secretariat based in Geneva, Switzerland
- Internship allowance (600 CHF)

Roles & responsibilities:

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

- Support the internal and external communication through drafting concise texts and translating texts and documents as necessary
- Support the production of DCI communication materials: E-member news, external newsletters, leaflets, brochures, flyers, etc.
- Updating the organization's websites and social media as necessary
- Support the production of the Annual Report
- Support the development and management of DCI's SharePoint platform
- Assist in monitoring and reporting on project activities
- Conduct background research on specific issues
- Liaise with DCI National Sections, particularly in the context of DCI's communication activities
- Assist the DCI International Secretariat in all communications, fundraising and outreach activities.

The International Secretariat is particularly working on the following **priority themes** of the Strategic Framework:

- Justice for Children

- Violence against Children
- Children on the Move
- Children and Armed Conflict
- Gender
- Child Participation
- Deprivation of liberty

Qualifications & Education requirements

Enrolled for the duration of the internship in a University degree in communications, or international relations, human/child rights, or related field, with strong communications and fundraising skills.

Preferred Skills:

- Good communication skills, especially written drafting and editing;
- Good knowledge of website management and related software (WordPress).
- Knowledge of fundraising techniques for civil society (events organization, crowd funding, approaching the private sector, dealing with donors ...)
- A good understanding of the functioning of the United Nations human rights mechanisms
- An excellent command of both written and spoken English as well as very good skills in French and/or Spanish; other DCI languages and translation experience welcome (Arabic would be an asset)
- Fully computer literate; skilled and confident user of Microsoft 365; knowledge of SharePoint will be a distinct advantage
- Intercultural and interpersonal sensitivity and ability to represent DCI professionally in international fora
- Proactive and can-do attitude, readiness to help other team members as necessary

We offer:

- Insight into the internal and external working of a global grassroots Movement
- Insight into the United Nations' human rights mechanisms and how NGOs can influence international policies
- Insight into the work of National Sections' in 38 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 e-mail their **curriculum vitae** (max. 2 pages) and an **application letter** (max. 1 page, indicating your preferred starting date) in English, to: dcirecruitment@defenceforchildren.org (with the subject line "Application Internship: Communications"). Only complete applications will be considered. Recruitment will be on a rolling basis until the position is filled.