



Job Vacancy: Advocacy and Communications Consultant

Location: Geneva, Switzerland

Consultancy period: 10-month consultancy contract (July 2021 – May 2022) at 60 percent, with option to renew and/or to make permanent should fundraising targets be met

Level: Mid-career (minimum 5-10 years relevant experience)

Deadline: 18 June 2021 – although applications will be considered on a rolling basis.

To Apply: Please send a CV and one-page cover letter to admin@globaldetentionproject.org

The Global Detention Project (GDP) is a non-profit organisation based in Geneva that promotes the human rights of people who have been detained for reasons related to their non-citizen status. Our mission is:

- To **promote the human rights** of detained migrants, refugees, and asylum seekers;
- To **ensure transparency** in the treatment of detainees;
- To **reinforce advocacy** aimed at reforming detention systems;
- To **nurture policy-relevant scholarship** on the causes and consequences of migration control policies.

The GDP's activities include: **(1)** providing policy-makers, civil society actors, and human rights institutions with a source of accurate information and analysis about detention and other immigration control regimes, with a particular focus on the impact these policies have on the health, human rights, and well-being of undocumented migrants, asylum seekers, and refugees; **(2)** developing and maintaining a measurable and regularly updated database that can be used to assess the evolution of detention practices, provide an evidentiary base for advocating reforms, and serve as a framework for comparative analysis; **(3)** working with academics and practitioners to develop policy relevant scholarship about detention systems; and **(4)** collaborating with advocacy organisations to document policies and practices.

THE ROLE

The Global Detention Project is seeking an experienced Geneva-based advocacy and communications professional to assist the organisation in meeting publishing and outreach targets. The ideal candidate will have at least 5-10 years of experience working in the international human rights system, expertise in working with a team to create effective media products, and knowledge of migrant and refugee rights. The candidate must be bi-lingual English and French (additional languages desired but not required) and be able to demonstrate superior English-language drafting and editing skills.

KEY DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Working directly with the organisation's Executive Director, the consultant will be required to:

Advocacy:

- Participate in key working groups, civil society meetings, and briefing sessions (English and French), where they will be required to present the GDP's latest data and research, and advance key strategic issues.
- Monitor and evaluate the impact of GDP interventions and submissions.
- Draft and co-author op-eds and other articles with the GDP's Executive Director.
- Contribute to the drafting of joint advocacy reports and collaborate with other organisations in launching advocacy initiatives.

Communications:

- Draft, edit, design, and publish in-depth reports and newsletters.
- Oversee and maintain a timely production schedule.
- Manage and update the GDP's website (Wordpress) and social media channels, and regularly contribute to the organisation's online database (the Global Immigration Detention Observatory).
- Monitor and analyse statistics related to the GDP's website and social media channels.
- Research immigration detention-related issues around the world, and contribute blog entries to the GDP's COVID-19 Immigration Detention Platform.
- Assist with donor reporting and grant applications.

SKILLS

Essential:

- Fluency in English (native or equivalent) – written and oral, with exceptional English-language drafting and editing skills.
- Fluency in French (native or equivalent)–written and oral.
- Demonstrated knowledge of international human rights, including experience working with or within the international human rights mechanism.
- Experience in managing production schedules.
- Knowledge and familiarity of:

- Wordpress (or another similar CMS platform)
- Adobe – including InDesign
- Social media platforms (Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn)

Desired:

- Experience working in the field of refugee and/or migrant rights.
- Advanced degree in international law or social sciences.
- Additional language(s).

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