



Legal Seat – Helsinki, Finland

WORLD FEDERATION OF THE DEAF

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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

WORLD FEDERATION OF THE DEAF (WFD) INTERNSHIP

World Federation of the Deaf (WFD) is seeking a qualified intern to work in the WFD's General Secretariat, based in Helsinki, Finland, for a period of three months. The preferred timing for the internship would be 1 September-30 November 2012.

DESCRIPTION OF INTERNSHIP

The intern will gain familiarity with the WFD's international human rights work, especially in the framework of the United Nations Human Rights system. The intern will, based on his/her personal competences,

- write articles and assist in compiling the WFD Newsletter
- gain knowledge on the most relevant human rights themes for deaf people and be responsible for coordination and contribution of this information to WFD's website
- follow closely the preparations and outcome of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and assist in reporting of it to the WFD members
- do small scale research on different fundraising opportunities
- participate in the daily work of the General Secretariat, including meetings
- other tasks as required

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS AND COMPETENCIES

- completed Bachelor's degree preferably in social sciences, law, deaf studies or communication
- fluency of written English and sufficient International Sign skills
- familiarity with the basic computer skills (word, excel, power point)

ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS AND COMPETENCIES

- proven expertise of the international human rights system
- any other written or sign language skills
- strong willingness to work for the improvement of human rights of deaf people around the world

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Unfortunately WFD is not able to offer remuneration, meals or travel for the intern. The intern is required to arrange his/her own accommodation as well as health and travel insurance and visa. The General Secretariat can assist in putting the intern into contact with a possible provider of accommodation and write a letter of support to obtain a visa. The intern may be able to receive academic credit from the internship, as approved by his/her university. The intern will be designated a supervisor with whom a working plan will be established at the beginning of the internship. An evaluation of the intern's performance and the programme will be conducted at the end.

To apply, please send a letter of interest (max 1 page), a CV and at least one letter of recommendation in English to the WFD General Secretariat ([meri.hyske-fischer\[at\]kl-deaf.fi](mailto:meri.hyske-fischer[at]kl-deaf.fi)), no later than 10 May 2012. All enquiries about the internship should be addressed to Ms Hyske-Fischer.