Vacancy: Senior Advocacy Officer

Location: This role is based in London with travel required

Duration: Full time, 12 months, with the possibility of extension

Deadline for applications: Rolling basis

Start date: As soon as possible

Overview

Lawyers for Justice in Libya (LFJL) is a Libyan and international independent non-governmental organisation, committed to achieving justice and respect for human rights in Libya. We do this through advocacy and outreach, accountability, transitional justice initiatives and capacity building, underpinned by our own independent research.

We are looking for an enthusiastic, driven and strategic thinking Senior Advocacy Officer to join our close-knit team and be at the heart of our advocacy work in Libya and internationally. The key role of our advocacy programme is to translate and deliver LFJL’s key policy priorities and recommendations at the domestic, regional and international levels, ensuring that human rights concerns are prioritised during decision making processes. Through strategic advocacy activities we aim to ensure a rights-based approach is taken in the political transitional process, in Libya’s institutions and international engagement in Libya. The advocacy program also seeks to strengthen the representation of Libyan civil society at regional and international forums.

The position reports to the Head of Advocacy and Outreach.

The Senior Advocacy Officer will help develop and implement LFJL’s advocacy strategies that build on our strategic priorities. You will work collaboratively with our Research and Capacity Building and Law programmes.

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Work towards building LFJL’s credibility, influence and relationships with international stakeholders including governments, Parliamentarians, UN country delegations, special procedures, media outlets and other key interlocutors in support of LFJL’s priorities and overall advocacy strategy.
- Work with the Head of Advocacy and Outreach to develop high impact advocacy strategies and oversee and deliver their implementation including coordination, information sharing and product development.
- Maintain a strategic overview of political trends, and the latest developments in Libya developing a sound expert understanding of the Libya context.
- Draft high-level briefings, statements and press releases, working alongside the other programmes and our communications team to ensure LFJL’s policies and positions are communicated widely and clearly.
Develop and deliver regular written and oral briefings at the UN Human Rights Council, and African Commission to Government officials and other key decision-makers on key issues in line with LFJL’s strategic priorities.

Identify opportunities to influence processes through networking, consultations, inquiries, and other mechanisms that will advance LFJL’s policy positions and key priorities.

Provide input into policy analysis around key developments in Libya alongside the other programmes to produce advocacy briefings, reports and other materials.

Provide project management support for the various projects around advocacy.

Represent LFJL externally and work alongside colleagues in other NGOs in both formal and informal coalitions to advance joint advocacy objectives.

Maintain a social media presence as a key tool for advocacy and communicating LFJL’s policies and key positions.

Attend and participate in advocacy missions and assist with facilitating the presence of local partner organisations on such missions.

Develop materials for, and assist with, side events, capacity building workshops, advocacy campaigns and other related activities.

Assist the Head of Advocacy and Outreach to develop new projects.

Assist the Head of Advocacy and Outreach with programme reporting.

Any other tasks appropriate to the role.

Education

A postgraduate degree in Law, International Relations, Politics, or a related subject is required.

Experience

At least four years’ experience in advocacy, using both online and offline technologies, and an understanding of and commitment to working on conflict and post-conflict contexts.

Skills and Knowledge

- Knowledge of international human rights and familiarity with the workings of regional and international human rights mechanisms including the United Nations, African and European human rights systems.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills in English are required; fluency in Arabic is desired.
- Comfortable speaking in public events, on camera and with media outlets. Ability to produce high-quality written material under tight deadlines is required.
- Understanding of Libyan human rights issues at domestic, regional and international levels.
- Ability to take initiative to establish new networks, contacts and coalitions to help further the advocacy cause in various contexts.
- Ability to take initiative to establish new responsive activities is highly desired.
- Strong interpersonal skills to work collaboratively with partners and colleagues are essential.
- Proven ability to establish and meet deadlines effectively and remain organised with multiple tasks.

Remuneration

Pay will be determined subject to the experience and qualifications of the applicant.

How to apply
Please email a copy of your CV, a brief cover letter, and an example of your unedited written work to jobs@libyanjustice.org with the title of the vacancy in the subject line.