



LIGHT FOR THE WORLD is an international disability and development organisation whose vision is an inclusive society where no one is left behind. We strive for accessible eye care services and support inclusive education, empowering persons with disabilities to participate equally in society.

The LIGHT FOR THE WORLD EU Office in Brussels aims to ensure the inclusion of persons with disabilities and the respect, protection, and promotion of their rights in all international cooperation policies of the EU, including in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Therefore we work together with all EU institutions and civil society networks.

Currently we are looking for an EU Advocacy Coordinator for our EU Liaison Office in Brussels. We strongly encourage persons with disabilities to apply for this position.

EU Advocacy Coordinator based in Brussels, Belgium

Role profile:

You are responsible for the overall development and implementation of the advocacy work towards the European Institutions to promote inclusive development and the rights of persons with disabilities in European Development Cooperation. Based on the overall strategy and focus of Light for the World, in this position, you will further develop the strategy for the LIGHT FOR THE WORLD EU office, in cooperation with the EU policy officer and in line with the overall LIGHT FOR THE WORLD framework. The implementation of the advocacy strategy is also one of your key responsibilities.

The key international frameworks for our work are the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Within these frameworks we focus on pertinent topics, such as the EU budget and financial instruments, and disability-inclusive indicators. Furthermore in our advocacy work we want to support Light for the World's focus topics: inclusive education, health (including eye health), employment and decent work, and overall the rights of persons with disabilities, without prejudice to other associated relevant topics on an ad hoc basis.

Among your most important tasks will be policy work (drafting and communicating position papers, identifying key actors and building networks), but you will also be responsible for organising events (including the corresponding logistical issues). In your role you will also be the focal point for a number of cross-cutting issues, such as monitoring and evaluation.

As the EU advocacy coordinator, you will manage the EU office, including the EU advocacy budget, and you will be responsible for the line management of the policy officer and prospective interns. In addition to working closely with the EU policy officer based in Brussels, you will also be part of the wider international advocacy team whose members are based internationally through Light for the World offices.

Much of the work of the EU office happens via international CSO networks and you are responsible for maintaining working relationships with these networks, as well as identifying potential partners.

The working language of the position is English.

Your profile:

- Minimum of three years of work experience in a similar position within civil society or other relevant institutions
- Very good knowledge of International Cooperation in general and at EU level specifically, and sound understanding of the EU institutions and their decision-making processes
- Proven expertise in EU external relations, policies and trends
- Commitment to human rights, the rights of persons with disabilities and non-discrimination
- Knowledge of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and other rights, education and health frameworks and instruments at global and EU level is considered an asset
- Experience on EU co-funding mechanisms is beneficial
- Experience in working with NGOs and working in partnerships within different networks
- Fluency in English, good knowledge of French
- Good interpersonal skills, including excellent communication skills
- Strong organisational skills and the skills to work both independently as well as in an international team
- The ability to work in a flexible manner and willingness to take up various tasks as appropriate in a small office
- Capacity to work in a multi-cultural, diverse environment

What we can offer as an employer:

We are offering an outstanding opportunity to bring about change through an international development organisation with strong expertise and a growing profile. We are committed to giving our colleagues space to explore new directions, test new ideas and to excel as individuals through and with their team. We are a professional team that strives towards continuous development. We believe in participatory leadership and expect you to contribute your expertise and ideas. We believe that learning from mistakes is an important way of developing and put emphasis on our culture of learning.

We are initially offering a one-year contract (full-time) with the possibility of renewal for an unlimited period.

The location of employment is Brussels; some international travel will be required.

We are looking forward to receiving your application **latest by January 31st 2018** online under <https://www.light-for-the-world.org/work-with-us>. A complete CV and an indication of your salary requirements are important parts of this. Please also let us know why you would like to join our team and why you consider yourself suitable.

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