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| **TITLE:** Policy & Advocacy Adviser, Children’s Rights in the Digital Environment - subject to successful grant application | | |
| **TEAM/PROGRAMME:** SC Europe and Policy and Advocacy Team in SCI PAC Department | **LOCATION:** SC Europe in Brussels | |
| **GRADE**: CTR C / NAT 3  Mid-Senior level | **CONTRACT LENGTH: 2** years with possibility of extension | |
| **CHILD SAFEGUARDING:**  Level 2: *either* the post holder will have access to personal data about children and/or young people as part of their work; *or* the post holder will be working  in a ‘regulated’ position (accountant, barrister, solicitor, legal executive); therefore a police check  will be required (at ‘standard’ level in the UK or equivalent in other countries). | | |
| **ROLE PURPOSE:**  The protection of children’s rights in the digital environment is at the centre of Save the Children members’ programming & national advocacy. Save the Children has put together its global advocacy strategy for children’s rights in the digital environment and is scaling up our advocacy to ensure children’s rights are upheld in the digital environment and that children are protected from online harm. A similar advocacy strategy is being finalised in the European context.  In Europe, SC members run programmes, often funded by the EU, to protect children’s rights in the digital environment. EU decision makers are currently negotiating the proposed regulation which will be outlining rules to prevent and combat child sexual abuse (the CSA regulation). The European Commission’s proposal for this regulation was launched already in May 2022 and finding agreement within the Parliament and Council on their positions has been a lengthy process. The regulation is expected to have an impact on the lives of million of children in the EU and around the world. At the same time, the EU is in the process of updating the directive 2011/93/EU (CSA directive), which aims to, for example, expand the definitions of child sexual abuse and exploitation offences.  The post holder will lead Save the Children's advocacy on the CSA regulation and the CSA directive, coordinate messaging with members and, where needed, build the capacity of members to influence national decision makers. At the same time, the post holder will map out current and upcoming opportunities to influence at EU level, implement the SC European advocacy strategy on children’s rights online, connect SC members with EU decision makers, and support coordination of efforts to implement SC’s Global advocacy strategy.  The post holder will be part of SC Europe but will have a dotted line to the Head of Policy and Advocacy, Child Protection, in the SCI PAC Department and co-lead an internal global Digital Advocacy Working Group with the purpose of coordinating advocacy on child rights in the digital environment within the movement. | | |
| **SCOPE OF ROLE:**  **Reports to:** Head of EU Domestic Advocacy and Partnerships at SC Europe with a dotted line to the Head of Policy and Advocacy, Child Protection, in the SCI PAC Department  **Staff reporting to this post: n/a**  **Key internal relationships:** Senior Child Participation Officer at SC Europe, SC European members and offices in Europe, SC Policy Advocacy & Campaigns Department, including Geneva, Addis and New York advocacy offices, Child Protection Core Team, The Safe Digital Childhood Taskforce, Education and Digital & Data teams and other relevant technical working groups within Save the Children.  **Budget Responsibilities:** n/a | | |
| **KEY AREAS OF ACCOUNTABILITY:**   * Implement the SC European advocacy strategy on children’s rights online. * Develop relevant policy messages and draft policy briefs, briefings, news and information briefs, social media and other advocacy documents. * Provide intelligence, guidance and coordinate messaging on influencing the CSA regulation, the CSA directive, and any other relevant policies. * Support SC members and offices in the monitoring of the eventual implementation of the CSA regulation, the CSA directive, and any other relevant policies. * Strengthen capacity of interested SC colleagues in members and offices in Europe on advocacy related to child rights online, and specifically related to the CSA regulation and the CSA directive. * Lead and further develop the SC European working group on child rights online to engage with interested SC members and offices, collaborate, and ensure policy messages have buy-in. * Support coordination and implementation of SC’s global advocacy strategy on protecting children’s rights in the digital environment, respecting their rights and ensuring their participation. 10% LoE. * Build and maintain advocacy networks internally within SC and externally with influential allies, including within the EU and among civil society and UN agencies based in Brussels, recognising that we cannot achieve the change we want by ourselves. * Represent SC externally, including with relevant NGO networks and coalitions. * Liaise and coordinate across multiple stakeholders in the SC movement, including advocacy colleagues in member offices, SCI’s PAC team, SC’s Live Free from Violence Global Goal Team, Safe Back to School and Learning Goal Team, the Digital & Data team and other key stakeholders. * Monitor and regularly contribute information on advocacy achievements to relevant monitoring systems and report achievements to the Global Policy, Advocacy and Campaigns Steering Group and other relevant groups. | | |
| **SKILLS AND BEHAVIOURS (SCI Values in Practice**)  **Accountability:**   * holds self accountable for making decisions, managing resources efficiently, achieving and role modelling Save the Children values * holds the team and partners accountable to deliver on their responsibilities - giving them the freedom to deliver in the best way they see fit, providing the necessary development to improve performance and applying appropriate consequences when results are not achieved.   **Ambition:**   * sets ambitious and challenging goals for themselves and their team, takes responsibility for their own personal development and encourages their team to do the same * widely shares their personal vision for Save the Children, engages and motivates others * future orientated, thinks strategically and on a global scale.   **Collaboration:**   * builds and maintains effective relationships, with their team, colleagues, Members and external partners and supporters * values diversity, sees it as a source of competitive strength * approachable, good listener, easy to talk to.   **Creativity:**   * develops and encourages new and innovative solutions * willing to take disciplined risks.   **Integrity:**   * honest, encourages openness and transparency; demonstrates highest levels of integrity | | |
| **QUALIFICATIONS**   * Education to Master’s level, with a qualification in international relations, economics, politics, law, or a related EU policy field is desirable. Education to Bachelor’s degree level is essential. | | |
| **EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS:**  Required:   * Demonstrable advocacy experience in child rights, protection, and online protection. * Knowledge and understanding of EU policies on children’s rights in the digital environment. * Networks of influence, and an ability to manage diverse professional relationships, thereby securing significant new opportunities for the organisation. * A proven advocacy track record; the ability to speak and communicate effectively, and to tailor messages to different audiences. * Experience of successfully operating in an international environment with people from diverse backgrounds and cultures. * A full appreciation of the value of cooperation within a team environment. * Experience of solving complex issues through analysis, definition of a clear way forward and ensuring buy in. * Commitment to Save the Children’s values. * Ability to work and write in English.   Beneficial:   * Experience in preventing and combatting child sexual abuse, e.g. giving trainings, planning campaigns, or providing support. * Knowledge and experience of child participation and/or child led advocacy. * Ability to speak and write French | | |
| **Additional job responsibilities**  The duties and responsibilities as set out above are not exhaustive and the role holder may be required to carry out additional duties within reasonableness of their level of skills and experience. | | |
| **Equal Opportunities**  The role holder is required to carry out the duties in accordance with the SCI Equal Opportunities and Diversity policies and procedures. | | |
| **Child Safeguarding:**  We need to keep children safe so our selection process, which includes rigorous background checks, reflects our commitment to the protection of children from abuse. | | |
| **Safeguarding our Staff:**  The post holder is required to carry out the duties in accordance with the SCI anti-harassment policy. | | |
| **Health and Safety**  The role holder is required to carry out the duties in accordance with SCI Health and Safety policies and procedures. | | |
| **JD written by: Katerina Nanou** | | **Date: 18 July 2023** |
| **JD agreed by:** | | **Date:** |
| **Job Description updated by:** | | **Date:** |
| **Evaluated:** | | **Date:** |