



## Advocacy Manager

### Job Description and Person Specification

#### Job summary

This exciting role is mission-critical for the Consortium for Street Children (CSC). The Advocacy Manager will have the opportunity to make a significant difference to the lives of many children living in street situations through the organisation's advocacy agenda. Our advocacy goal is to close the gap between the rights afforded to street-connected children by the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, specifically General Comment 21 on the rights of children in street situations, and their lived realities on the street. We do this both by advocating directly with appropriate UN agencies and through international structures for the rights of street-connected children, and by supporting locally-led action and accountability through training, capacity building and technical support to CSC network members. We promote and support child-led advocacy where children develop and deliver advocacy activities that are of major interest to them, and adults support them to carry out the advocacy.

The Advocacy Manager's remit includes close collaboration with established network members in West Africa, which has some of the highest populations of street-connected children as well as some of the greatest opportunities to drive change and make a positive difference for and with street-connected children.

This is a flexible role within a small dynamic team. Our office is London based; and while we really value face to face time with each other, most team members have a hybrid working pattern.

- **Reporting:** Director of Programmes: Partnerships, Advocacy and Learning
- **Working hours:** Full time: 5 days a week
- **Salary:** £38,000
- **Annual leave:** 25 days + Bank Holidays (pro-rata)
- **Pension:** Employer contribution of 5% of gross salary
- **Location:** CSC's offices at St Margaret's House 15 Old Ford Road, Bethnal Green E2 9PJ. Hybrid working is available.
- **Duration:** Permanent

#### About Consortium for Street Children

Consortium for Street Children is the only global network of organisations working to change the world for street children. We do this by working together on advocacy, research and innovative projects to support street children and improve their lives. We have approximately 200 network members working in 111 countries around the world.

For more information, visit [www.streetchildren.org](http://www.streetchildren.org).

#### Specific responsibilities

**As Advocacy Manager you will play a key role in the shaping and delivery of CSC's advocacy strategy, including:**

- **Collaborating with our established network members in West Africa (including Francophone countries) to deliver the West Africa Advocacy Strategy**
  - Support the group to come together through online meetings and in-person workshops
  - Work with the group to develop and deliver a joint campaign in West Africa
  - Provide strategic inputs and capacity building support for advocacy and meaningful child participation
  - Lead programme management, including budgeting, work planning and monitoring, evaluation and learning for the West Africa programme
- **Leading on advocacy capacity building for the network**
  - Further develop CSC's advocacy training, including through e-learning
  - Create engaging and accessible content to enable stakeholders (including network members, partners and decision-makers) to utilise the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child General Comment No. 21 (2017) on Children in Street Situations
- **Developing a planned programme of engagement within which CSC can maintain a global focus on street-connected children's rights issues**
  - Collaborate with partners, including the Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights, UN Special Representative of the Secretary General on Violence Against Children, to influence through high level events and other activities
  - Represent CSC in strategic working groups and events
  - Lead targeted submissions to relevant UN bodies, including UN Special Procedures, Universal Periodic Review and Committee on the Rights of the Child
  - Maintain and promote uptake of CSC's Legal Atlas on Street Children
- **Other:**
  - Contribute content and insights for our wider Communications Strategy
  - Support the CEO with expertise and guidance on advocacy strategies to inform resource mobilization and proposal development
  - Carry out any other duties within the scope, spirit and purpose of the position including supporting design of our new programmatic work
  - Abide by all CSC Policies, Regulations and Procedures, including our Safeguarding Policy and Code of Conduct

## Person specification

This is an ideal role for someone with demonstrable experience of campaigns, advocacy and/or human rights policy work.

The Advocacy Manager should have:

- An understanding and curiosity about the key issues for street connected children and the organisations that support them
- A commitment to children's rights, including good understanding of government processes, approaches to working with children, international UN systems and/or human rights processes
- Knowledge and ability to develop and deliver advocacy strategies, including conducting and using policy analysis, designing campaigns, and building the capacity of organisations or other actors to undertake advocacy
- An understanding of participatory advocacy, including child-led and/or child-centred advocacy and the key considerations when designing and supporting such initiatives
- Strong communication skills, including working with a wide range of stakeholders, ability to comprehend complex information and communicate confidently to different audiences, represent the Consortium for Street Children in high-profile settings and public speaking

- Capability in project management, including budget management, donor requirements and proposal writing, establishment of common goals/aims; development of strategic and programme plans; programme design and project budgeting; implementation (including financial management); monitoring, evaluation and learning
- Excellent English language skills, with working knowledge of French desirable

## **Diversity and inclusion**

We are committed to having varied perspectives and welcoming all forms of diversity; we know that will bring power to our purpose and ensure our work has the impact we desire. As a result, we actively encourage a diverse range of candidates to apply for roles with CSC, ensuring our work reflects a range of different cultures, approaches, and thinking styles including but not limited to diversity in age, ethnicity, gender identity and sexual orientation, life experience, physical and mental ability.

## **Application**

To apply for this role, please email the following to [recruitment@streetchildren.org](mailto:recruitment@streetchildren.org).

- Your CV (no more than two sides of A4)
- A cover letter (no more than two sides of A4)
- Details for two references including their name, role, relationship to you, email address and telephone number

We will process applications as they come in. This recruitment will close on the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025.

Please note that you must have the legal right to work in the UK to apply for this role.