

BIG BROTHER WATCH

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SENIOR ADVOCACY ADVISOR (5 month contract)

Post details

Job title:	Senior Advocacy Advisor
Reports to:	Advocacy Manager
Working hours:	Full time
Remuneration:	Up to £3,000 per month
Location:	Vauxhall, London
Apply by:	ASAP; we are reviewing applications on a rolling basis
Start date:	Monday 13 th May 2024
End date:	Friday 11 th October 2024

To apply

Please send:

- Your CV
- A covering letter (1 page maximum)
- Confirmation of your availability to work 13 May – 11 October

To recruitment@bigbrotherwatch.org.uk

If you would like more information or do discuss the opportunity, please contact silkie.carlo@bigbrotherwatch.org.uk

Due to a high number of applications, unfortunately we cannot inform all candidates whose applications are unsuccessful.

Summary

We are seeking an exceptional person with a legal, policy or digital rights campaigning background to work with us furthering privacy and free speech in the UK (principally, challenging facial recognition surveillance and scrutinising counter-disinformation powers) at one of the UK's leading rights NGOs. The right Advisor will help us to lobby UK Parliament to further privacy, free expression and data protection rights; advise on important litigation on human rights and technology; and help guide public advocacy campaigns for real change. The contract will also cover the party conference season, where the Advisor will help position Big Brother Watch as an influential force on our key issues in a strictly cross-party manner. The contract may require some spokesperson duties. The Advisor will help to cover an organisational capacity gap during staff sabbatical leave.

About you

You'll have 3+ years experience in a legal or policy capacity, or in a comparable advocacy environment that relied on your expertise on technology and rights issues. You'll have a strong track record of advocacy success.

You'll be familiar with key litigation and policy issues in the area. You'll also have excellent knowledge of British politics and UK parliamentary procedures and strong political contacts to match.

You'll be at ease working on a strictly non-partisan, cross-party basis and grounding policy analysis in human rights and liberal principles.

You'll be proactive in pitching policy, litigation and campaign ideas for the organisation to pursue within our work streams.

If you're committed to Big Brother Watch's mission, we'd like to hear from you.

Big Brother Watch

Big Brother Watch is a UK civil liberties campaign group fighting for a free future. We're determined to reclaim our privacy and defend freedoms at this time of enormous technological change. And we fight to win.

We're a fiercely independent, diverse, non-partisan and non-profit group of campaigners and researchers who work to roll back the surveillance state and protect rights in Parliament, the media or the courts if we have to. We publish unique investigations and pursue powerful public campaigns to pursue real change. We work relentlessly to inform and empower the public to collectively reclaim privacy, defend our civil liberties and protect freedoms for the future.

We're a small, dedicated and highly effective team of seven full-time staff.

Advisor role description

Policy

- Produce policy analysis, research, briefings and reports for dissemination
- Develop strategic policy recommendations informed by expertise
- Identify and explore new and emerging policy issues in our key work areas
- Communicate complex policy issues to varied audiences, whether Parliament, the press or the public
- Build strong relationships with parliamentarians and advisors across all parties
- Identify opportunities to further our strategic aims in Parliament, through committees, parliamentary questions and other activities; as well as regional assemblies and on occasion local government
- Work with stakeholders and pursue collaborative campaigns/coalitions on key issues
- Develop Big Brother Watch's relationships with allies across Government, legislative bodies, international organisations, and NGOs
- Draft formal correspondence, blog posts, presentations, and other documents articulating Big Brother Watch's policy positions

Advocacy

- Work with the team to develop campaigns plans to further strategic aims
- Identify campaigns and advocacy opportunities, and feed into campaign materials
- Write articles and give quotes to press
- Give pre-recorded and live interviews for TV and radio
- Uphold Big Brother Watch's reputational excellence in public fora

Legal

- Help co-ordinate Big Brother Watch's strategic litigation where appropriate, liaising with external lawyers
- Manage relationships with external counsel & build strong relationships with partners
- Produce legal and policy analysis and identify strategic litigation opportunities

Person specification

Essential

- Min. 3+ years experience in a similar role
- A degree in a relevant field (e.g. politics, law)
- Familiarity with domestic policy matters relating to privacy, surveillance and/or free expression
- Strong legal and/or policy research skills
- Excellent and persuasive communications skills
- Demonstrable experience in privacy, freedom of expression, or other rights and technology areas
- Aptitude for managing and building relationships with partner organisations, parliamentarians and other stakeholders
- Proven ability to produce high quality work under pressure
- Creativity and energy in approaching a workload consisting of large long-term projects
- Willingness to work in non-partisan environment, and ability to recruit support of MPs across all parties

Desirable

- A track record of successful advocacy experience

- Experience of involvement in litigation, either in a legal or campaigns capacity
- Experience working with parliamentarians and/or producing policy briefings
- Project management experience
- Familiarity with relevant UK surveillance laws, human rights frameworks, and relevant case law