Head of Modern Slavery Policy Unit

Introduction

The joint policy unit exists to ensure that fighting modern slavery remains a political priority in the UK. The Head of Unit will be a strategically-minded individual, experienced in political engagement. While experience and knowledge of the modern slavery issue is preferable, we will consider excellent candidates from other backgrounds who fit the skills profile of the role.

Job description

- Lead the joint JCUK/CSJ policy unit, recruiting and building a team to deliver a high-profile policy and advocacy programme to tackle modern slavery in the UK.
- Launch and support initiatives to embed modern slavery into the mainstream political discussion.
- Write and implement a strategy for modern slavery policy implementation, including legal reform and campaigns.
- Engage with high-level politicians and influencers to maintain political accountability on the subject of modern slavery. This will include writing briefs and speeches for parliamentarians.
- Engage with other senior positions including the Anti-Slavery Commissioner and the Children's Commissioner.
- Oversee all work produced by the Policy Researchers to meet programme goals.
- Develop sustained public interest in this issue.
- Strategically engage with the media to increase coverage of research; this will include giving interviews and drafting press releases.
- Manage the policy unit Advisory Board
- Support fundraising efforts for the Unit.
- The Head of Unit will report to the CSJ Policy Director and the JCUK and CSJ CEOs.

Experience and skills

- Excellent leadership skills, with experience in strategic thinking and planning and experience in leading high-performing teams.
• Ability to drive commitment and actions towards a common goal and build productive partnerships which deliver the unit's objectives.
• Considerable proven experience in leading the development of research, policy and advocacy and achieving change.
• Proven experience with a successful track record of dealing with key influencers from other organisations.
• Excellent knowledge of the modern slavery issue, with experience working in this field.
• Excellent communication skills, written and verbal.
• Excellent prior political engagement experience.
• Experience engaging with policy experts.
• Experience in implementation of policy (and preferably legal) reform.
• Experience in media engagement (preferable).

Additional information

• To apply, please send a covering letter and a copy of your CV to apply@justiceandcare.org
• The closing date for applications is 5pm on Wednesday 31 July 2019.
• Interview dates for selected candidates will be confirmed after 31 July.
• Salary will be subject to experience.

Background to the organisations

The Centre for Social Justice

The Centre for Social Justice (CSJ) was established as an independent think-tank in 2004 to put social justice at the heart of British politics and make policy recommendations to tackle the root causes of poverty.

Justice and Care

Justice and Care helps rescue victims of modern slavery, empowering them to rebuild their lives. Working with police to pursue and dismantle criminal networks, Justice and Care ensures perpetrators are brought to justice. At a systemic level, Justice and Care brings together governments and specialists to achieve national and international change.