

# Vacant human rights position in the Norwegian Helsinki Committee

The [International Panel of Parliamentarians for Freedom of Religion or Belief \(IPPFoRB\)](#) is an informal global network of parliamentarians and legislators committed to combatting religious persecution and advancing freedom of religion or belief, as defined by Article 18 of the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The Norwegian Helsinki Committee houses the supporting secretariat of the network and is responsible for administering the budget and implementing activities of the network.

The IPPFoRB has grown considerably in the four years of its existence and is in need of a highly qualified and motivated communications/advocacy adviser. The ideal candidate will demonstrate abilities in the following areas:

#### Knowledge:

- Good understanding of world religions and life-stances;
- Good grasp of international human rights standards, with a special focus on freedom of religion or belief;
- High level of fluency in English as this is the main language of communication with the international team. Other languages are a benefit.
- Good understanding of and ability to use social media
- Experience with initiating and organizing human rights advocacy campaigns

#### Skillset:

- Experience with interacting within complex international fora, including international organisations, civil society platforms, religious bodies, etc.;
- Good interpersonal, intercultural and network building skills;

#### Personal attributes:

- Ability to work closely in an international, multi-cultural, multi-religious team,
- Flexible, open and tolerant

Some of the key tasks will be:

- Drafting/Ghost writing op-eds, and press releases etc for network members
- Researching, quality assuring and writing advocacy letters
- Research and casework assistance for network members
- Helping to develop a platform for network members to engage in advocacy campaigns

- Editing social platforms (website, blog, twitter, etc.)
- Developing further and implementing of the communication's strategy of the network
- Developing and coordinating the use of resources for use in support of events (i.e. International FoRB day 27 October)
- Developing educational and advocacy resources for network members
- Providing professional expertise and advice on FoRB issues for members of the network
- Assist with network building and development

Applications should be sent to: Bjørn Engesland, [be@nhc.no](mailto:be@nhc.no)

Deadline: 4 May 2018

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