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JOB OPENING: ADVOCACY & COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

Legal Centre Lesvos ("LCL") is a civil non-profit organization providing free legal aid and representation in defense of human rights, in particular of migrants, asylum seekers and refugees, which aims to create meaningful change through advocacy, strategic litigation and engagement with migrants' movements.

The Legal Centre Lesvos' specific purposes are:

- 1. Providing legal assistance, legal information, representation and defense to migrants, asylum seekers and refugees;
- 2. Advocating for human rights and the rights of migrants, asylum seekers and refugees, and for equal access to legal and safe routes of migration;
- 3. Raising awareness of the human rights violations, in particular of migrants, asylum seekers and refugees; promoting the support of the human rights of these individuals; and combating marginalization, racism, and xenophobia.

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- Principle contact with media and other stakeholders, including members of parliament, human rights organizations, and international entities;
- Prepare quarterly reports, updates and other reports for publication and advocacy, including on social media;
- Participate in coordinated advocacy with other actors in Greece and throughout Europe;
- Support Lesvos coordinator with fundraising applications and reporting;
- Research, investigation, and drafting of legal documents in order to support cases to litigate
 before both Greek and international fora in order to defend the human rights of migrants,
 including the right to seek asylum, to family reunification, to protection from refoulement and
 collective expulsion, and to freedom from discrimination, arbitrary detention, and inhumane
 and degrading treatment.

Teamwork and Decision Making

- Work as an active, respectful, and equal member of the Legal Centre Lesvos team, made up of attorneys, interpreters, coordinators, and volunteers.
- Represent the Legal Centre Lesvos in external meetings, as agreed with colleagues. Carry out their duties in accordance with the <u>Legal Centre's policies and principles</u>.

Personal Specification – experience and attributes required:

- Fluency in English
- Legal academic background or equivalent experience
- Excellent writing and editorial skills in English, with experience and ability for legal analysis
- Excellent verbal communication in English, in particular for oral advocacy.
- Ability to work independently and in collaboration with others, and with strict and often short deadlines.
- Authorisation to work in Greece

Priority will be given to applicants who fulfill the following criteria:

- Qualified lawyer
- Working knowledge of Greek Asylum Law and the Common European Asylum System
- Experience of conducting research, investigation, and report writing, including legal analysis
- Experience in civil and criminal litigation
- Experience in proceedings before European Courts
- A demonstrated commitment to defending human rights and advocating for principles in line with the Legal Centre Lesvos' purposes
- Additional proficiency in one or more of the following languages preferable: Greek, French, Arabic, Farsi, and/or other languages

This job description is not exhaustive and as such, the individual selected should be flexible, in order to respond to working in a volatile and constantly changing political context. However, any substantive changes will only be made following discussion with the team, and, as appropriate, of further training.

Type of contract and remuneration: Full-time employment contract, 1750 gross (~1300 net) monthly salary. We are seeking to contract an advocacy and communications coordinator for six months, with a potentially renewable contract.

For more information, please email us with your CV, cover letter, a writing sample in English, and any relevant information by 28 August 2022 to info@legalcentrelesvos.org.