



LATIN AMERICA REGIONAL OFFICER

Full-Time Position – Buenos Aires, Argentina

There is an opening for a full-time position of Latin America Regional Officer for the Disability Rights Promotion International (DRPI) project. This position was advertised in August, 2010 but was not filled at that time. If you submitted an application for the position at that time, you do not need to send your application again.

DRPI is a collaborative project working to establish a holistic and sustainable global system to monitor the human rights of people with disabilities. DRPI's International Coordination Centre is based at York University in Toronto, Canada. In collaboration with Red Latinoamericana de Organizaciones No Gubernamentales de Personas con Discapacidad y sus Familias (R.I.A.D.I.S.) and its Argentina member organization, Disability Rights Network (R.E.D.I.), DRPI is establishing a Regional Centre for Latin America in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The Latin America Regional Officer will work from the Buenos Aires office, Monday to Friday, 10am-6pm.

The DRPI project is guided by the principle that people with all types of disabilities and their representative organizations should be actively involved in all aspects of disability rights monitoring. DRPI adopts a holistic approach to monitoring disability rights, focusing on three inter-related areas: individual experiences (gathering information about the personal experiences of people with disabilities), systems (assessing laws, policies and programs impacting the rights of people with disabilities) and societal attitudes (examining the coverage and depiction of disability in the media). Further information may be found on the project website at <http://www.yorku.ca/drpi/>.

Dr. Bengt Lindqvist (UN Special Rapporteur on Disability 1994-2002) and Dr. Marcia Rioux, Professor, School of Health Policy and Management, MA and PhD (Critical Disability Studies), York University co-direct the project.

Duties:

The position will involve working under the direction of DRPI's Co-Directors and with the co-supervision of R.E.D.I. to:

- Collaboration with the DRPI Coordinator and other researchers
- Coordinate a regional disability rights monitoring training including the logistics of organizing the venue; participant travel, board and lodging; printing of materials, etc.;
- Plan and supervise disability rights monitoring projects;
- Liaise with DRPI project personnel and partners;
- Seek funding opportunities for disability rights monitoring activities;
- Assist national and local organizations of people with disabilities to apply for and secure funding;
- Offer support to disability rights monitoring activities taking place in Latin America;
- Develop and foster partnerships between and among disability rights and human rights organizations in Latin America;
- Assist with the preparation of reports to funding bodies and international and regional human rights monitoring mechanisms;
- Raise awareness of disability rights monitoring activities taking place in Latin America (by, for example, coordinating media campaigns, writing content for the DRPI website and list serv, attending and presenting at relevant meetings, etc.)

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- Maintain accurate accounts of funding and provide periodic reports to DRPI,
- Other tasks, as required by the DRPI Co-Directors or their designate.

Qualifications:

Required:

1. Experience in project administration and management, organizing events and writing funding proposals;
2. Experience contributing to effective communication strategies including newsletters, reports, websites, etc;
3. Excellent oral and written communication skills in Spanish;
4. Able to communicate in English effectively.
5. Understanding of human rights and of disability as a human rights issue; and
6. Willing to travel.

Preferred:

1. A university degree in the area of law, social sciences or other related discipline.
2. Personal experience of disability and/or working with people with disabilities.
3. Fluency in Portuguese is a strong asset.
4. Pan-Latin American working experience.

Salary:

Compensation will be commensurate with the qualifications and experience of the successful candidate.

Please note that it will **not** be possible to cover the cost of the successful candidate's moving and/or relocation expenses.

We encourage applications from persons with disabilities, women, ethnic minorities and other marginalized groups.

Applications will be accepted until **January 31, 2011**.

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter and their résumé to **drpi.international@gmail.com**. Please indicate "APPLICATION – LATIN AMERICA REGIONAL OFFICER" in the subject line of the email.

For further information about this posting, please contact:

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