

DSW is a global development organisation that addresses the challenges faced by youth to exercise their sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) and to meet their need for health services. We work with young people to raise awareness on SRHR, gender equality, and improving access to modern contraceptives, and with partners to address SRHR challenges through multisectoral approaches. We advocate towards policy-makers to ensure political and financial support for SRHR and youth-friendly services, and for critical investments into global health and research & innovation for poverty-related and neglected diseases (PRNDs). We work in close collaboration with research-based organisations, academia, and product development partnerships on PRND advocacy.

For more information on the DSW Brussels office, please see <http://www.dsw.org/en/eu>

DSW seeks to recruit an

Advocacy officer on global health Research & Innovation (75%)

This is an exciting opportunity for a European affairs' professional or global health expert with fluent written and spoken English language skills, interested in working in a non-governmental organisation with a dynamic and committed team in the field of gender equality, youth, global health, R&I and international development.

Based in Brussels, the officer will support **DSW's advocacy on global health research and innovation for poverty-related and neglected tropical diseases** (in short global health R&I).

Areas of responsibility for the position include:

- Monitor and analyse EU policies and political processes in the areas of EU R&I, in particular in regard to global health;
- Help develop strategic recommendations, advocacy materials, briefing papers, newsletters, and other advocacy communications documents;
- Identify and communicate with relevant contacts in EU institutions and other relevant EU stakeholders for DSW's work;
- Attend meetings with advocacy coalitions/ partners and with EU officials on behalf of DSW;
- Help organise meetings and events, including developing concepts, identifying and liaising with speakers, liaising with partners, etc.;

Requirements

- Minimum 2 years of work experience in EU advocacy
- General knowledge of EU policy-making processes
- Good knowledge of EU R&I policies and instruments and/ or knowledge of global health issues, poverty-related and neglected diseases, and pandemic preparedness. Knowledge of pharmaceutical strategy, research and innovation incentives is considered an asset.
- Experience in drafting advocacy materials and in liaising with decision makers
- University education (Master's degree) in European public policy, political science, public health, global health, development cooperation, public affairs, or related subjects
- Fluent oral and written in English; knowledge of French and/ or German is considered an asset
- Strong, persuasive oral and written communication skills, and networking experience
- Strong analytical and strategic thinking skills
- Supportive of DSW's mission and vision

- Work and residence permit for Belgium

Ideal start date: February 2023

What we offer

This is a good opportunity for a professional interested in EU affairs and in advancing global health through strategic advocacy and communication. You will work in a dynamic and intellectually challenging environment together with researchers, advocates and officials dealing both with EU internal (health and R&I) and external (development cooperation) policies.

- Part time contract (28.5 hours/week = 75%) for one year with possibility of extension to open ended contract
- Competitive NGO salary (depending on experience), hospitalisation insurance and meal vouchers.
- An excellent working environment within a small multicultural team; flexible working arrangements, including teleworking; and possibility of international travel.

DSW is an equal opportunity employer and seeks to employ and assign the best-qualified personnel regardless of race, colour, religion, gender, marital status, age, national origin, physical or mental disability or sexual orientation.

If you are interested, please send your application (CV and motivation letter) with the reference “R&I advocacy officer” to: brussels@dsw.org . The deadline for applications is February 3, at 23:59 CET. We will receive applications on a rolling basis and will start conducting interviews with qualified candidates from late January onwards.

Please note that only short listed candidates will be contacted.