Amnesty International UK



VOLUNTEER ROLE	Business and Human Rights Research Volunteer
TEAM	Advocacy and Programmes Team
DEPARTMENT	CEO Office
DAYS	One to two days per week
TIME PERIOD	6 months minimum

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE ROLE

Al's International Secretariat produces reports on human rights abuses committed by business enterprises. These reports become a basis for advocacy and campaigning in a UK context to change the conduct of companies and ensure they are held accountable.

To underpin this work, specific research is required into the actions and inactions of UK companies and regulatory bodies with regard to preventing abuses.

MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Work with Amnesty's Economic Affairs Programme Director to take forward current projects in the field of business impacts on human rights.
- Conduct desk-based research into companies that are or could become the subject of Amnesty's advocacy and campaigning in the UK.
- Identify opportunities for exposing their actions and holding them to account.
- Consider how this work might feed into regulatory processes.
- Identify opportunities for consumer-facing actions, including on campuses.

SKILLS REQUIRED:

Essential

- Knowledge of the field of business and human rights, including international standards applicable to companies.
- Understanding of the UK legislative context within which business operate.
- Competence in undertaking desk-based research.
- Ability to analyse and synthesise information.
- Ability to write clearly and concisely.

Desirable

- Understanding of UK civil and criminal liability laws as applicable to companies
- Understanding of capital markets, role of investors and shareholder activism.