

Amnesty International UK

Further Education Resource Consultant

About Amnesty

Amnesty International UK (AIUK) is a national section, or branch, of a global movement of over seven million supporters, members and activists. Collectively, our vision is of a world in which every person enjoys all of the human rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international human rights instruments. Our mission is to undertake research and action focused on preventing and ending grave abuses of these rights. We are independent of any government, political ideology, economic interest or religion.

Amnesty International values diversity and welcomes applications from all sections of the community.

Background

Human rights education (HRE) is central to building a world in which our vision is realised by developing knowledge and understanding about human rights; forming attitudes and behaviours respectful of those rights; and enabling the skills and ability to uphold and protect human rights. Our HRE programme is a strategic priority for AIUK and a global priority for the international Amnesty movement.

AIUK produces free Human Rights Education resources for use with children and young people throughout the UK (www.amnesty.org.uk/education). We also have teaching packs which span the age range:

- Early years (<https://www.amnesty.org.uk/resources/first-steps-resource-pack>)
- Primary Pack (<https://www.amnesty.org.uk/resources/learning-about-human-rights-primary-school-resource-pack>)
- Secondary Pack (<https://www.amnesty.org.uk/resources/teaching-pack-everywhere-everywhere-human-rights-secondary-school>)

The project

In 2020 we will launch a human rights education resource for use with 16-19-year olds. The primary objective of the pack is to provide pupils with understanding and knowledge of their own human rights and the values and attitudes that underpin them. It will help to foster attitudes of respect and an appreciation of the uniqueness of everyone. Pupils will also develop skills to enable them to take action to defend human rights. The pack will also support teachers and build their confidence when introducing human rights to their students.

The resource will include between 6-8 lesson plans which will use innovative ways to explore human rights. They can be stand-alone lessons linked to particular subjects or syllabi or used in planning themed or dropdown days. It is expected that one of the lessons will be focused on refugee rights to fit with our global challenge brief within the Welsh Baccalaureate. Other human rights themes will be agreed at the inception meeting.

The role

We are seeking to recruit one or more freelance consultants to research, draft and pilot this resource. We estimate that this work will take up to 10 days.

You will have:

- Experience of working in a Further Education setting and/or with 16-19 year olds
- Experience of creating resources
- Experience of delivering participatory education
- Significant knowledge human rights, including the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights and the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child
- Excellent written communication skills
- Ability to work collaboratively with a range of colleagues and partners
- Ability to accept constructive feedback and work in partnership with AIUK to make improvements and amendments to the resource as required
- Understanding of, and commitment to, the aims and objectives of Amnesty International.
- Understanding of, and commitment to, equality and diversity.

The main point of contact for this work will be Amnesty International UK's Education Officer for Teachers and Schools. The role will require travel around the UK. The resource will be made publicly available for free.

Timeline

- Draft resource to be completed by 28th June 2019
- Pilot to be completed by 30th September 2019
- Second draft to be completed by 13th December 2019
- Resource to be launched and promoted by AIUK by 31st March 2020

Please note editing, designing and promoting this resource will be completed by AIUK and do not fall within the scope of the freelance consultant).

Conditions of Contract

Amnesty International UK will pay the successful consultant a fee in two stages, at an agreed midpoint and on completion of the research, report and toolkit. The daily rate is to be negotiated.

The consultant will be a self-employed person responsible for taxation and national insurance or similar liabilities or contributions in respect of their fee. The successful consultant will not, therefore, be entitled to Amnesty International's Staff Terms and Conditions and nothing in this agreement constitutes a Contract of Employment.

Deliverables

The central output of this project will be a written education resource which will be freely available online. This role also requires a report to be completed and written on the findings from the pilot. Copyright for the resource will belong to Amnesty International UK. The role of the consultant(s) and any partners will be acknowledged in the resource.

Logistics

The consultant would be required to work from their own home, or place of work, and to be willing to come to the Human Rights Action Centre in London on a regular basis to meet and coordinate with key Amnesty staff including our Human Rights Education team.

Travel will be required as stakeholders are based across the United Kingdom including in Northern Ireland. Expenses will be covered but need to be agreed beforehand in line with Amnesty's expenses policy.

Budget

The available budget for this project is £5000.

Submissions

Tender submissions outlining possible themes for the resource alongside your proposed approach, experience and schedule should be received by 29th March 2019. If you wish to include an example of a resource that you have produced, please do so.

If you would like to discuss this in more detail, please contact the Human Rights Education team: hre@amnesty.org.uk