



LIGHT FOR THE WORLD is a European confederation of national development NGOs working for people with disabilities in some of the poorest regions of the world. We strive for a better quality of life and the realisation of the human rights for people with disabilities. But we also improve our employee's and supporter's day: our activities make sense!

We are looking for a qualified person for the position of

UN Advocacy Officer (part time), New York

Your duties:

- Develop an Advocacy Strategy towards the UN together with colleagues in the Light for the World 'Unit for Programme Support and International Advocacy' and external partners
- Represent Light for the World vis-à-vis UN institutions and key partners at UN level
- Develop further networks and alliances to support the implementation of the UN Convention on the rights of persons with disabilities (CRPD) in international co-operation, with a particular focus on disabled peoples organisations
- Link to relevant initiatives and campaigns of other stakeholders
- Work towards a deeper understanding on international advocacy and its potential within Light for the World
- Support Light for the World confederation members and partners in linking international advocacy work to their work for implementation of the CRPD in partner countries and in bilateral development co-operation
- Manage the Light for the World presence in New York

You have:

- Professional expertise in relevant fields such as human rights, disability, development, international relations, etc.
- Profound knowledge of relevant stakeholders in international development cooperation
- Practical Experience in political and policy work, preferably within the UN system
- Experience in developing and implementing advocacy strategies
- Work experience in the field of disability and/or development cooperation
- Fluency in spoken and written English, good knowledge of a second UN language preferred
- Good interpersonal skills and the ability to work independently
- Work permit for the US

We offer:

We are a professional team which develops constantly. All employees bear responsibility for their field of activity and the reaching of the defined aims. We are organized in a participatory manner and expect that you bring in your experiences and ideas. The chance to learn from failures and to develop is important to us. Our activities are in the centre of our motivation.

Please send your application, including a meaningful motivation letter, three professional references, and your salary expectations until **November 20, 2013** via email to:

LIGHT FOR THE WORLD Austria
1120 Wien, Niederhofstraße 26, Stephan Spatt
applications@light-for-the-world.org

We strongly encourage persons with disabilities to apply for this position.