



MENTAL HEALTH EUROPE IS LOOKING FOR A POLICY MANAGER

Job title: Policy Manager

Reports to: Director

Purpose of the job: To lead Mental Health Europe's advocacy work, particularly in the field of mental health and the human rights of persons with psychosocial disabilities/mental ill-health

Responsibilities include mainly:

1. Leading MHE's work on the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in respect of persons with psychosocial disabilities;
2. Leading MHE's work on mainstreaming mental health in EU policy;
3. Alerting Mental Health Europe as well as the membership about threats and opportunities at the EU level of relevance for mental health and/or psychosocial disability;
4. Providing political intelligence, strategic support and expertise in the field of mental health and fundamental rights;
5. Leading the development of policy campaigning and advocacy strategies, to prepare advocacy materials, position papers, briefings, and user-friendly communication material;
6. Supporting the organisation of MHE events and capacity-building seminars in relation to Human Rights and EU policies of relevance for mental health and/or psychosocial disability;
7. Co-ordinating and support the work of the MHE Human Rights Committee and the "Beyond the Biomedical Paradigm" task force and to foster close links and co-operation with MHE's members;
8. Support MHE's Project Coordinator in the implementation on the "Shedding Light" project on transparency;
9. Liaising with relevant institutions and human rights bodies;

10. Representing MHE at meetings and events across Europe

11. MHE being a small office, other tasks may be assigned from time-to-time.

Requirements for the position

Essential:

- Good knowledge of the mental health field or proven interest or experience in the sector;
- Excellent knowledge of the EU institutions, relevant EU and International policy in the human rights and mental health field, along with experience of policy advocacy work;
- Understanding of and commitment to the psychosocial model of mental health and social/human rights model of disability;
- Fluency in English – native level (written, spoken);
- Excellent communication skills and ability to communicate clearly and concisely to a variety of audiences;
- Ability to work autonomously, to plan, prioritise and to take initiative;
- Ability to meet deadlines;
- Excellent interpersonal skills and ability to work in a small, busy, international team;
- Experience from working within the NGO field at the EU or international level;
- Experience of working in a membership organisation;
- Willingness to travel;
- Computer literacy.

Desirable:

- Good knowledge of other European languages (preferably French or German)

Applications should be submitted to MHE Director Maria Nyman:
maria.nyman@mhe-sme.org

Applications should include:

- Cover letter
- CV
- Details of two persons who can be contacted for references

This is a full-time position. Salary depending on experience but following MHE salary scales. MHE also offers hospitalization insurance, pension insurance scheme, contribution to public transport, end of the year bonus and lunch vouchers.

Closing date for applications: **11th of February**

Date of interview: **Friday 23rd of February (Brussels)**

Starting date employment: **As soon as possible**

Many thanks to all who show an interest in this position. However, please note that only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

About MHE:

Mental Health Europe is a European non-governmental network organisation committed to the promotion of positive mental health, the prevention of mental distress, the improvement of care, advocacy for social inclusion and the protection of the rights of (ex)users of mental health services, persons with psychosocial disabilities, their families and carers.

For more information, please visit our website www.mhe-sme.org