

Communications specialist volunteer

The World Organisation Against Torture (OMCT) is seeking a full- or part-time **volunteer communications specialist** for **at least three months and up to a year** to join its **Geneva** headquarters team **as soon as possible**.

Key responsibilities

- **Write/edit content independently or in** conjunction with programme staff to raise awareness among policymakers, international media and the general public about issues of concern to OMCT and events it organizes/participates in;

Major outputs for coming months:

- cover **the [FIFDH film festival \(10-19 March 2017\)](#)** – producing all necessary film-maker profiles and press releases before and after the event of which OMCT is a partner –
 - the **upcoming session (18 April - 12 May 2017) of the [United Nations Committee Against Torture](#)**, for which OMCT coordinates civil-society participation;
 - **content for new OMCT website**, which is currently being overhauled;
- In conjunction with the social media and media outreach and marketing specialists, produce content to raise OMCT's profile as:
 - civil-society coordinator before the United Nations Committee Against Torture,
 - global catalyzer and leader of a 300-member-strong network of NGOs fighting against torture around the world,
 - coordinator of the Observatory for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders, the stock-taker and whistleblower acting to prevent or remedy repression against activists.

In particular, by

- helping produce **human-interest stories to show OMCT needs and impact for dissemination on the web and via the marketing collateral**;
- researching and produce newsworthy and timely **interviews and written stories for the web**;
- **helping write stories to figure in OMCT's digital awareness-raising campaigns** for International Human Rights Day and the Day in Support of Victims of Torture (see: www.joinhat.org, #HumansAgainstTorture)

Education, skills and experience

- **Excellent writing skills in English or French or both**, including to tight deadlines; you must be able to tell stories accurately, convincingly, briefly and quickly;
- A linguistically gifted, curious and resourceful self-starter with an interest for human rights or social causes.
- Mother-tongue English or French, and fluent in the other, plus Spanish/Arabic a added value;
- Studying or holding a degree preferably in communications, or English language, international relations, development, human rights or a related field;

The job

You will report to the Head of Communications, working in conjunction with other members of the Communications department and the OMCT Geneva 15-person team (plus staff in our bureaus in Brussels and Tunis), on a variety of topics and in three languages, engaging with journalists, bloggers, influencers in Geneva and around the world, with lots of opportunities for learning and growth.

The organization

OMCT is a coalition of some 300 non-governmental organizations around the world fighting against torture, summary executions, enforced disappearances and all other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment. Its headquarters are in Geneva and it has offices in Tunisia and Brussels.

OMCT works for the protection and the promotion of human rights around the world by:

- providing legal, counseling and emergency assistance to torture victims;
- calling for and offering protection to human rights defenders; training human rights defenders in remote locations on international human rights standards and mechanisms, in particular to end violence against women; raising awareness on the struggle human and socio-economic rights defenders;
- campaigning and sensitizing the general public on human rights and against torture;
- supporting the work of the United Nations' Committee Against Torture and coordinating the involvement of civil society worldwide for implementation of the Convention Against Torture;
- protecting children deprived of their children from all forms of torture and ill treatment;
- promoting reforms for the prevention of torture, seeking redress, reparations and remedies for victims and building local anti-torture capacity.

To apply:

Please send your résumé and cover letter to Lori Brumat, Head of Communications, lb@omct.org, by 28 February.