

# ADVOCACY OFFICER

0.8 – 1.0 FTE

**Open Doors** is an international, interdenominational organization that supports and advocates for Christians who are persecuted for their faith. Open Doors International supports the worldwide organization with services such as Advocacy, DME Program Management, IT, Finance and HR by working in a service-oriented way with teams and colleagues in countries with an Open Doors Development or Field office.

Advocacy at Open Doors aims to address the situation of the Persecuted Church by bringing their plight to the attention of people of political influence and power. This position is the lead representative for Open Doors to the European Union in Brussels and an advocacy expert more broadly for the whole organisation. For this role you will need to be physically present in Brussels for about 2 or 3 days per week. In addition, the Advocacy Officer will be part of broader strategic discussions on advocacy and priorities of the ODI Advocacy team and will report directly to our Global Advocacy Manager.

## YOUR KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Serve as the lead representative to the EU in Brussels and to the EPRID;
- Build partnerships with the key stakeholders in the European Commission, the European Parliament, the European External Action Service, and other key stakeholders;
- Monitor relevant developments and political debates in European Institutions;
- Prepare and implement strategy for effective advocacy with the European Institutions;
- Facilitate relationships between the different OD offices in European countries and their respective Members of the European Parliament;
- Serve as an expert for designated regions, tracking advocacy opportunities and advising on strategy;
- Provide concrete impact reports of advocacy activities;
- Participate in strategic discussions on advocacy and priorities of the ODI Advocacy team.

## YOUR PROFILE

- Committed Christian with a passion for the Persecuted Church;
- A relevant bachelor degree, e.g., international law, political science, or international relations;
- Minimum of 2 years professional relevant experience, preferably with the EU institutions and/or Brussels-based NGOs;
- Proven knowledge of relevant EU policies, politics and procedures;
- An interest in human rights in general and, preferably, in Freedom of Religion or Belief;
- Ability to work autonomously in a small team, flexibility and ability to multi-task;
- Excellent networking, communication, and writing skills (in English);
- Capable of working both independently and as part of a team.

## OUR OFFER

This is a salaried position. Working at Open Doors means that you are actively involved in serving the worldwide Persecuted Church. We offer you a versatile position in an international, dynamic environment, a professional team and the opportunity to grow professionally and personally. As a global organisation we are used to combine working from home with working from the office and to have flexible working hours. Allocation is preferably in Belgium or in NL or Fr, but within acceptable commute distance to Brussels.



## INTERESTED?

Please send your email with your resume and short motivation to Open Doors International, Mr. Jos van Stiphout: [vacancy@od.org](mailto:vacancy@od.org). If you have questions about the position, please use this same email address. We will assess applications on a rolling basis through 8 February.