



Health Care Without Harm (HCWH) Europe is recruiting a Pharmaceuticals Policy Officer

Location: Brussels, Belgium

Position Type: This position is for a dynamic, highly motivated and self-organised person, who can handle different workloads and is an excellent team player. The initial contract will be for 38 hours per week, over 22 months (March 2016-Dec 2017), starting as soon as possible with a trial period of 3 months.

Specialism: Follow EU policy developments on pharmaceuticals and move HCWH Europe's work forward, communicate to policy makers, health professionals, and the general public. Communicate internally to staff and board members and to the organisation's members.

Gross Salary: This is a position that requires a minimum of three years work experience, with a salary in the range of 2.700 – 3.100 €. HCWH Europe offers additional Belgium benefits, such as meal vouchers, monthly travel support, and holiday payment.

Closing Date: 5th February 2016. Interviews will be held on 22nd and 23rd February 2016, with a starting date at the beginning of March 2016, or as soon as possible.

About HCWH: HCWH is a non-profit organisation that works to transform the health sector worldwide, without compromising patient safety or care, so that it becomes ecologically sustainable and a leading advocate for environmental health and justice across the globe.

HCWH has offices in Europe, US, Latin America and Asia and works closely with health professionals, hospitals, healthcare systems, NGOs, local governments, ministries of health, and international organisations. HCWH Europe is active in 25 countries of the WHO Euro region and has 76 European members. The European office is located in Brussels. For more information please visit: <http://noharm-europe.org>

Position Overview

HCWH Europe is looking for a dynamic, highly motivated and self-organised person that can take initiatives and follow them through achieving clear, measurable results. Pharmaceutical pollution is an important strategic work area for HCWH Europe. The Pharmaceuticals Policy Officer will drive this issue forward and produce clear deliverables for 2016 and 2017. S/he will report to the Executive Director. This is a fixed term contract until end of 2017 with possibility of extension, subject to funding.

Job Responsibilities

1. Responsible for carrying out policy and advocacy work on pharmaceutical pollution: 1) participating in ad-hoc meetings with the EC; 2) attending conferences and stakeholders meetings; 3) reacting to public consultations as required; 4) organising and contributing to discussions about pharmaceuticals within the global HCWH network.
2. Follow the EU regulation proposal on veterinary medicinal products with regards to environmental risk assessments and AMR.
3. Participate in the EC WG on chemicals within the Water Framework Directive.
4. Follow debates at the European Medicine Agency. Identify and follow up with experts who attend these meetings.
5. Develop HCWH Europe's pharmaceuticals campaign.
6. Responsible for following the SAICM process on pharmaceuticals and continue networking with IPEN.
7. Draft press releases on pharmaceuticals as needed.
8. Produce briefings, infographics, position papers and webinars to inform different audiences as required.
9. Responsible for organising workshops focused on pharmaceuticals.
10. Responsible for updating HCWH's Pharmaceuticals in the Environment Resource Centre.
11. Responsible for overseeing the development of a Pharmaceuticals in the Environment campaign website.
12. Contribute to the drafting of fundraising proposals as required.
13. Contribute to the establishment of a list of EU pharmaceuticals experts and facilitating communication between these experts and European members of HCWH's Global Green & Healthy Hospitals' (GGHH) network, reaching out to top hospitals in Europe in the process.
14. Responsible for managing a research intern (6-month position).
15. Travel to meetings within Europe and internationally as required.
16. Carry out other duties that may reasonably be required in respect of the main purpose of the job.

Educational/professional qualifications

- Academic degree in pharmacology, biology, chemistry, ecotoxicology, environmental science or public health;
- Minimum of 3 years experience with EU or international member-based networks, or non governmental organisations working on environmental and/or health issues;
- Good working knowledge of EU institutions and processes.

Skills and Abilities

- Excellent proficiency in English proficiency. A good working knowledge of another European language would be an advantage;
- Ability to take initiative, with a strong attention to detail;
- Strong interpersonal skills and ability to work successfully within a team and autonomously;
- Enthusiastic and flexible in undertaking workloads within tight deadlines;
- Ability to think strategically and creatively while organising time efficiently;
- Excellent organisational skills and ability to generate ideas;
- Good working knowledge of standard office software (Word, PowerPoint, Excel), familiarity with website tools would be an advantage, prepared to acquire new IT skills if needed by the job.

How to Apply:

The position is based in HCWH Europe's office in Brussels, for 22 months (full time, 5-days/week) initially, ideally starting as soon as possible. The gross salary for this position will be in the range of 2.700 – 3.100 € per month depending on qualifications and experience. Please send your CV and one-page covering letter explaining your motivation for the position to: anja.leetz@hcwh.org by **5 February 2016**. Please state '**Application for Pharmaceuticals Policy Officer**' in the subject line of the email. Please note that only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.