



Job description –Advocacy and Campaigns Officer, Health and Chemicals

Reporting to: Programme Lead, Health and Chemicals.

Purpose of the role: Building on the science to policy work already carried out by the Health and Chemicals programme, the Advocacy and Campaigns Officer will support HEAL's vision of a healthy planet for healthy people by implementing advocacy and campaign action plans on key files, such as the European Commission's proposal for a regulation on the sustainable use of pesticides and banning glyphosate. This will involve working closely with HEAL members and partners and representing HEAL in collaboration spaces with other civil society organisations, keeping abreast with key policy and network developments, and engaging with EU-level policymakers and other key stakeholders to promote HEAL positions and call on them to enact evidence-based, health protective policies.

Key duties:

Advocacy and campaigning

- Develop and implement advocacy and campaign plans, activities and materials on key Health and Chemicals files, under the guidance of the Programme Lead
- Develop advocacy arguments and engage with EU-level policymakers and other key stakeholders to promote HEAL positions in decision-making processes
- Contribute to the development of advocacy and campaign materials as per the Programme priority needs (letters, statements, advocacy interventions)
- Monitor EU policy developments and political processes in areas of interest and identify opportunities and propose activities as they arise
- Synthesize reports and data (e.g. from EEA) and write backgrounds and summaries on policy developments, key political junctures, for internal use and for network engagement

Network engagement

- Engage HEAL members and partners on key Health and Chemicals files, under the guidance of the Programme Lead
- Outreach to new health organisations to strengthen and increase the network and engagement
- Represent HEAL in civil society forums and coalitions and contribute to activities on behalf of HEAL

Science policy

- Keep abreast of relevant science and research and consider potential impacts on HEAL positions
- Carry out research, analysis and scoping as per the needs identified in the programme; monitor relevant scientific developments in relation to the programme's priorities
- Support the Health and Chemicals programme's capacity-building activities

Organisational development

- Help foster a continuous learning environment at HEAL
- Contribute to HEAL's fundraising efforts and help with HEAL's reporting obligations to funders
- Actively participate in HEAL meetings and HEAL general assembly

Person specification

Required skills, knowledge and experience

- Master's degree in European public policy, political science, public health, public affairs or related subjects, or comparable professional experience
- At least 3 years of experience in EU advocacy
- Good understanding of EU policy-making processes
- Experience in developing and implementing successful advocacy plans
- Experience in drafting advocacy materials and liaising with decision makers
- Excellent analytical and implementation skills
- Strong, persuasive oral and written communication skills in English
- Track-record in building and maintaining strong relationships with stakeholders at all levels
- Commitment to HEAL's values and mission

Desirable skills, knowledge and experience

- Experience in pesticides and/or chemicals policy highly desirable
- Knowledge of additional European languages