

FOCUS ON LABOUR EXPLOITATION

Role description

Title: Research Volunteer

Location: FLEX Office **or** remote working

Commitment: 8 hours per week minimum

Duration: 3 months minimum

Expenses: lunch and travel covered up to £12,50 per day

Interviews will take place on a rolling basis from June 18th 2018 with the role commencing once a suitable candidate is chosen.

Background

Focus on Labour Exploitation (FLEX) works to end human trafficking for labour exploitation. To achieve this, FLEX supports government and civil society to adopt effective responses to human trafficking for labour exploitation. FLEX works to prevent labour abuses, protect the rights of trafficked persons and promote best practice responses to human trafficking for labour exploitation by undertaking research, advocacy and by building awareness in this field. Through this work FLEX:

- Builds understanding of how best to prevent and identify cases of trafficking for labour exploitation;
- Increases focus on labour rights and labour standards in anti-trafficking policy and practice;
- Enhances understanding of legal rights and obligations relating to trafficking for labour exploitation.

You can find further information about FLEX on our website (www.labourexploitation.org).

Who should apply

The purpose of this volunteer position is to support FLEX's research and parliamentary engagement on Brexit-related issues, including the EU (Withdrawal) Bill, the Immigration Bill, and other upcoming legislation. This role will suit a graduate student looking to gain experience with labour rights, human trafficking and/or labour exploitation. You will be interested in parliamentary processes and research.

FLEX is committed to providing a safe and ethical working environment that promotes personal and professional goals. Together, we will define tasks and objectives to develop your skills and provide you with a supportive learning environment.

How you will contribute

This is a unique opportunity to contribute to FLEX's work. You will:

1. Conduct desk-based research and data collection on previous and ongoing Immigration and Brexit-related parliamentary debates/discussions;
2. Develop stakeholder mappings of MPs and Peers for FLEX's Brexit-related advocacy;

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3. Code and analyse data related to the Taylor Review of Modern Working Practices;
4. Perform other duties related to FLEX's admin and research.

What we expect

It is essential that you have:

- an undergraduate degree in a related social science discipline;
- knowledge and understanding of human trafficking and labour rights;
- knowledge and understanding of UK/EU parliamentary processes;
- excellent organisational skills and ability to develop and maintain databases;
- strong analytical skills, including the ability to think critically about primary and secondary data;
- strong interpersonal and team work skills;
- ability to work on own initiative, multitask, and produce outputs on short-time frames;
- commitment to the values and mission of FLEX.

It is desirable that you have:

- knowledge of or interest in Brexit-related discussions and their impact on workers' rights;
- familiarity with current debates on slavery and human trafficking;
- knowledge of different immigration schemes and their impact on workers' rights;
- experience with labour rights, labour exploitation and/or human trafficking;

How to apply

Please send us:

- a **CV** briefly describing your previous experience (both voluntary and paid), relevant achievements in recent roles, and educational and professional qualifications.
- a **motivation statement** (max. 1 page) explaining:
 - reasons you are interested in volunteering at FLEX;
 - what you expect to learn while volunteering with us;
 - how your previous experience will support you in this role; and
 - weekdays and time you are available to volunteer.

Applications should be sent to Meri Ahlberg at meriahlberg@labourexploitation.org and cc:d to Leticia Ishibashi at leticiaishibashi@labourexploitation.org. Interviews will take place on a rolling basis from June 18th.