



Advocacy Coordinator Job Advert

Do you feel strongly about every child's right to play and education?

Are you experienced in communications, law, policy or campaigning?

Could you support a team of volunteers in a challenging context to deliver play sessions for children and families on the move?

LOCATION: Calais, France

CONTRACT LENGTH: 10 months (1 month probation) - rolling after 10 months

REMUNERATION: €168 per week, accommodation included.

JOB DESCRIPTION

Join our hard-working grassroots team in providing play and education sessions for children on the move in northern France. You will be joining a team of 4 coordinators and 3 - 8 volunteers, who are collectively responsible for **planning, preparing and delivering play sessions in a highly changeable context**.

You will **build active networks and partnerships** with partner associations on the ground and internationally to strengthen the legitimacy of our voice as an actor in this space and advocate collectively, guided by our principles of empowering, participative and rights-based advocacy.

You will lead **data collection** on the ground, facilitating training within the team to ensure consistent high standards and working with our Remote Advocacy



Coordinator to organise and process this data. This includes collaboration on strategies for data reporting and dissemination to amplify its impact.

You will also work with the Remote Advocacy Coordinator and advocacy team to design, coordinate and implement **advocacy campaigns and actions** in line with our position - these can be self-initiated and in partnership with other organisations.

Additionally, you will support the implementation of our **media and communications** strategy. This involved working with the whole Project Play team to engage with media thoughtfully and constructively, signposting volunteers engaging with media actors to our available support network, and helping the ground team to create sensitive and impactful content.

ABOUT YOU

You are:

- Passionate about every child's right to access the power of play
- A team player who values collaboration and communication
- Flexible and confident in a changeable environment
- Able to support yourself and remain calm in challenging situations
- Reflective and open-minded - we are always on a journey to better and improve our service
- Able to manage an administrative workload alongside the delivery of our sessions
- Empathetic and good at supporting others



SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

You must:

- Be over the age of 21
- Be able to procure a valid criminal record check
- Be able to commit to a minimum of 10 months
- Have the right to volunteer in France or be able to obtain a visa
- Have a working level of both written and spoken French and English
- Have experience working with children in a paid or voluntary capacity
- Have experience in team leadership and/or project management
- Have an understanding and awareness of our working context in northern France, specifically in migration and European border policy
- Have a background in advocacy, communications, policy, campaigning, law or another related field
- Have a working understanding of child protection and safeguarding practice
- Able to cover your day-to-day costs outside of accommodation. The role is remunerated at a fixed rate of €168 per week to support this, but the organisation cannot cover travel to and from France or other expenses

Desirable:

- Proficient in a relevant language (Kurdish / Arabic / Farsi)
- Experience in developing and implementing advocacy and communications campaigns, and/ or skills in digital media content creation
- Experience of data collection in an NGO
- Experience of media engagement and/or journalism
- An understanding of trauma-informed practices, and the impact of trauma and toxic stress on childhood development
- A valid driving licence and willingness to drive the Project Play van
- Experience working or volunteering in a similar context



ABOUT US

Project Play is a grassroots organisation facilitating structured play sessions for children who are living in informal living sites and accommodation centres across Calais, Grande-Synthe and the surrounding regions. We run sessions six days a week and are looking for a project coordinator to play a vital role in the day-to-day implementation of our service.

In the absence of any such provision from the state, we deliver play and informal education activities for children on the move. We are a friendly, hardworking team who aim to uphold the organisation's principles of collaboration, communication, honesty and mutual respect. Creating a supportive and collaborative team dynamic is vital for our work.

Our sessions are designed to facilitate safe spaces in which children coming through northern France can exercise agency, nurture key developmental skills, build resilience and have fun. Through offering play-based psychosocial support, our team works to assist children and their families to minimise the impacts of toxic stress, trauma and ongoing adversity.

HOW TO APPLY

To apply for the role of Advocacy Coordinator at Project Play, please email us at coordinatorrecruitment@project-play.org. We will then get back to you with more information on our work, the context and the position.

We hope to hear from you soon!