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## **Advocacy Internship (Wellington)**

*Responsible to Research and Advocacy Co-ordinator*

*All interns are part of the Campaigns, Research, Advocacy and Communications Team – which consists of 4 permanent staff members and 9 interns.*

### **ABOUT THE ROLE**

The Wellington based advocacy intern is responsible for attending and representing AIANZ at relevant meetings with ministers, government staff, foreign diplomats and representatives, non-government organisations and others located in Wellington to achieve Amnesty International Aotearoa New Zealand's (AIANZ) priority advocacy goals. The main focus of this position is to monitor, inform and influence policies of the New Zealand government and foreign governments when appropriate. The intern would support the Research and Advocacy Co-ordinator for coalition work on AIANZ's priority campaigns, as well as strengthening and maintaining relationships with relevant organisations and individuals. This advocacy intern will work remotely from Wellington. They will be provided with an AIANZ email address but will have to arrange their own workplace.

The advocacy intern will report to the Research and Advocacy Co-ordinator. They will work within the Campaigns, Research, Advocacy & Communications Team to ensure a close link between the policy work and public advocacy and campaigning. The advocacy intern will liaise with other managers, staff and interns including Media/Communications, Activism Support and Fundraising.

The position would be based in Wellington. There may be travel and training opportunities where appropriate. Travel and training expenses will be covered.

The position is for approximately 6 months and is initially on a 'pilot basis.' The role needs to be flexible to AIANZs' opportunities and needs as they arise.

### **PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. Undertaking outreach and briefings for politicians, officials and government advisers located in Wellington to build strong relationships with the New Zealand government's ministers and officials, through Amnesty International's Parliamentary Network (AIPN), working closely with the Research and Advocacy Co-ordinator and the Campaigns Research Advocacy Communications (CRAC) Director.
2. Communicating and collaborating with civil society allies, partners, coalitions, and networks in Wellington, to contribute to achieving AIANZ's main advocacy aims and wider aims.
3. Monitoring and taking appropriate action on new and ongoing developments in AIANZ's priority advocacy goals. This involves developing a clear understanding of the principal decision-making processes in New Zealand that are relevant to advocacy work.
4. Liaising with the wider Campaigns Team and providing the necessary advocacy support required for the priority campaigns.

## **COMPETENCIES**

### ***Skills***

1. Excellent command of the English language and strong writing skills
2. Strong verbal communication skills
3. Ability to work independently as well as collaboratively with a team and in coalition/partnership with other organisations
4. Some knowledge of the NZ political system is desirable
5. Undertaking study in the areas of law, politics, international relations and/or international law is desirable
6. Experience in managing or being part of an integrated campaign that links research and lobbying with public campaigning
7. Ability to deliver work on time and to a high standard
8. Computer literate, including in use of the Internet for research.

### ***Personal Attributes***

1. Ability to be tactful and diplomatic, and maintain good relations with those who have a wide range of views
2. Good inter-personal skills
3. Cultural sensitivity and acceptance of diverse opinions and perspectives
4. Flexibility, adaptability and willingness to take initiative and responsibility
5. Commitment to human rights and Amnesty International's aims.