



## **Volunteer Research Assistant (Freedom of Thought) with Humanists International**

**Duration:** Negotiable, to end around October 2019.

**Location:** Working remotely, and/or optionally from our Brussels office

**Website:** [humanists.international](http://humanists.international)

Humanists International is seeking an enthusiastic individual, able to work quickly and with a keen eye for detail, to volunteer in providing research assistance to our Director of Communications and Campaigns, in the production of the Humanists International Freedom of Thought Report.

The Freedom of Thought Report is our flagship survey on the “rights, legal status and discrimination” faced by humanists, atheists, and non-religious people generally.

The person in the role of Volunteer Research Assistant (Freedom of Thought) will assist in the production of the 2019 edition of the report.

The Volunteer Research Assistant will work under the guidance of our Director of Communications and Campaigns to assist in the following tasks:

- Researching updates for existing country chapters in the Freedom of Thought Report.
- Drafting amendments and new material for insertion into the Freedom of Thought Report.
- Liaising with Humanists International member organizations and other remote volunteers contributing to the report.

There may also be scope to work on the following tasks:

- Help preparing analysis of ratings.
- Help preparing promotional material in connection to the publication of the report.

### **Candidate Profile:**

- Ability to compile research on niche topics, drawing from other civil society reports, academic research and news reports
- Excellent written English
- An understanding of, interest in, and commitment to human rights and equality issues -

particularly in the areas of freedom of religion or belief and freedom of expression.

- An understanding of (and sympathy with) the humanist worldview and the policies of Humanists International.
- Good knowledge of international human rights law, international law, ethics or global justice would be useful.
- Well-organised and able to work independently.

**To apply**, please send a copy of your **CV** and a short **covering letter** (referencing the skills and experience set out in the candidate profile) to Humanists International Director of Communications & Campaigns, Bob Churchill (bob@humanists.international).

## **Background: Humanists International**

Humanists International is the global representative body of the humanist movement, uniting a diversity of non-religious organisations and individuals. Founded in Amsterdam in 1952, our vision is a Humanist world; a world in which human rights are respected and everyone is able to live a life of dignity. We work to build and represent the global Humanist movement that defends human rights and promotes Humanist values worldwide.

Headquartered in London, United Kingdom, IHEU is an international non-governmental organisation (NGO) with representation on various United Nations committees and other international bodies. We seek to influence international policy through representation and information, to build the humanist network, and let the world know about the worldview of Humanism.

The Freedom of Thought Report can be found at [fot.humanists.international](http://fot.humanists.international).

The Director of Communications & Campaigns serves as editor for the Freedom of Thought Report.

## **Equal opportunities policy**

Humanists International's equal opportunity policy is that in all aspects of employment, from vacancy advertising, selection, recruitment, training and development, and promotion, to conditions of service and reasons for termination of employment, no individual will be discriminated against on the basis of their gender, transgender status, sexual orientation, race, colour, ethnic origin, nationality, disability, marital status, caring or parental responsibilities, age, or religion or belief (unless there is a genuine occupational requirement), or any other grounds that are irrelevant to their ability to meet the requirements of a post.

A longer statement of our equal opportunities policy in full is available on request.