



**OpenDoors**

Serving persecuted **Christians** worldwide

Open Doors is an international, interdenominational organisation that supports Christians who are persecuted for their faith. Open Doors responds to the direct requests and needs as expressed by the Christians in-country, working through the local church, grassroots partner organisations and dedicated field teams. Open Doors International services the worldwide organization across more than 60 countries, from 3 offices based in the USA, UK and The Netherlands.

Within Open Doors International (ODI) we are looking for a strategic and politically engaged

### **EU Advocacy Officer**

Full time

#### **The key responsibilities**

- Serve as the lead representative to the EU in Brussels, with occasional trips to Strasbourg;
- Serve as the OD representative in the European Platform against Religious Intolerance and Discrimination (EPRID);
- Build partnerships with the key stakeholders in the European Commission, the European Parliament, the European External Action Service, and other key stakeholders;
- Monitor relevant developments and political debates in European Institutions;
- Prepare and implement strategy for effective advocacy with the European Institutions;
- Facilitate relationships between the different OD offices in European countries and their respective Members of the European Parliament;
- Provide concrete impact reports of advocacy activities;
- The EU Advocacy Officer will be part of broader strategic discussions on advocacy and priorities of the ODI Advocacy team. From time to time, the position may require travel and global coordination ODI Advocacy priorities.

#### **Your profile**

- Committed Christian with a passion for the Persecuted Church;
- University degree in relevant field (e.g. Human Rights, International Relations, Public Policy, Social and Political Sciences, Law, etc.);
- Minimum 2 years professional relevant experience, preferably with the EU institutions and/or Brussels-based NGOs;
- Proven knowledge of relevant EU policies, politics and procedures;
- An interest in human rights in general and, preferably, in Freedom of Religion or Belief;
- Ability to work autonomously in a small team, flexibility and ability to multi-task;
- Excellent written and oral communication skills in English is required Knowledge of other European languages would be an advantage.

**Our offer**

This is a full-time, salaried position. Working at Open Doors implies that you are actively involved with the worldwide church. We offer you a fascinating and international working environment that is continuously in motion, in an enthusiastic team. Ideally, this person is situated to work remotely from an ODI office and should be located either in Brussels or within immediate proximity for daily access to Brussels. This individual must both presently and throughout the term of employment maintain the legal right to work in the EU.

**Qualified and interested?**

Submit your resume and a cover letter that outlines how you believe God has prepared you for this role. Send your application by 13 June 2018 addressed to Mr. Jos van Stiphout, Global Manager HR Services: [vacancy@od.org](mailto:vacancy@od.org). Please use this mail address if you have any questions regarding the position.