London Sample Internship List – Human Rights & Advocacy

INDUSTRY DESCRIPTION

Students interested in either Human Rights or Advocacy should have strong research and communication skills and be specific in their application about the specific area in which they are interested in securing a placement (eg. LGBT, Womens Issues, Drugs & Alcohol). Placement opportunities include working in a diverse range of areas, including public-policy development, marketing, event support, fundraising, media campaign development and the commissioning and publishing of research or polls.

Examples of Past Placements (Please note that the following sites are a brief cross-section of current CAPA internship host sites and should not be considered as a guarantied location for your placement. All internship & service learning placements will be dependent upon each individual applicant's application documents, prior experiences, demonstrated skills and their aspirations and goals).

Action for Advocacy	Action for Advocacy was established in 2001 and works with organisations in England and Wales. They have built a reputation as the leading authority on the development of effective advocacy services for vulnerable and disempowered people.
Adfam	Adfam was founded in 1984 by the mother of a drug user who could not find the support she needed. Over the years it has evolved and is now the UK's national charity working to improve life for families affected by drug and alcohol use. Adfam's Policy & Regional Development team produce a fortnightly policy resource which bring together reports, news and information from central government and across the sector.
Disability Action in the Borough of Barnett	Disability Action in the Borough of Barnett is a Disabled Persons Organisation in North London. It is a not-for-profit company providing a range of accessible services promoting independent living; advice information and advocacy; disability equality training; counselling & psychotherapy.
FORWARD	FORWARD is an international non-governmental organisation that works to advance and protect the sexual and reproductive health and human rights of African girls and women. FORWARD works to promote action to bring about positive social change to enhance the well being and protect the dignity of African girls and women globally.

Stonewall	Stonewall works to achieve equality and justice for lesbians, gay men and bisexual people. Stonewall is renowned for its campaigning and lobbying. Some major successes include helping achieve the equalisation of the age of consent, lifting the ban on lesbians and gay men serving in the military, securing legislation allowing same-sex couples to adopt and the repeal of Section 28. More recently Stonewall has helped secure civil partnerships and ensured the recent Equality Act protected lesbians and gay men in terms of goods and services.
The Female Prisoners Welfare Project/ Hibiscus	The Female Prisoners Welfare Project (FPWP) is a registered charity established in 1986 to provide support for females of all ethnic origins and nationalities within the UK criminal justice system. Hibiscus is a branch of FPWP and was set up in 1991 to address the special needs of migrant women imprisoned in the UK. The aim of Hibiscus is to provide all round, specialised support and advocacy to migrant women in prison.
Womankind Worldwide	Womankind Worldwide is a leading international women's, human rights and development organisation. They work in partnership with women's organisations around the world to reduce violence against women, support women to play an active role in society.

POTENTIAL PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES

Project opportunities will be dependent upon the current needs within the organisation and the demonstrated skills and abilities shown by each intern. It is imperative to remember that project opportunities will develop over time and throughout internship placements. Projects may include but are not limited to:

Policy Work & Campaigning – Media Work & Information Dissemination – Research & Reporting – Event Support – Fundraising - Written & Oral Communication – Social Media Development

TRANSFERABLE SKILL SETS

It is essential to maximise every opportunity within the internship placements. If tasks and duties are approached in a professional manner, interns can take away additions skills and abilities that will be of benefit to their personal and professional development. Transferable skills sets include but are not limited to:

Effective Communication – Accuracy & Attention to Detail – Independent Work & Self-Reliance - Teamwork – Administrative Skills – Policy Research & Development - Understanding of the British Legal System & Practices Research & Information Gathering – Planning & Organisation – Event admin – Fundraising - Networking