

Refugee Week leadership project (Paid internship/ expenses)

Apply by 30 November 2018

Refugee Week is a UK-wide festival of arts, cultural, education and media activities that celebrates the contributions, creativity and resilience of refugees every June.

Counterpoints Arts (Refugee Week UK Coordinators) are inviting applications for a new programme for emerging leaders to support the production of Refugee Week 2019.

Funded by Ben and Jerry's Foundation, this new leadership project aims to ensure the perspectives and expertise of people who have experienced displacement are at the heart of Refugee Week.

We are looking for candidates from refugee backgrounds who are passionate about changing public attitudes to refugees and asylum seekers, have experience initiating or managing a project and are able to commit to at least 15 days' work and training between now and June 2019.

For participants with the right to work, working days will be paid. Expenses will be covered for all participants.

What does the role involve?

Successful candidates will contribute to the production and national planning of Refugee Week 2019, and be supported to develop their leadership skills.

As a Refugee Week leader, you will receive leadership training and mentoring, and will contribute to the production of a Refugee Week event or project through a short paid internship at Counterpoints Arts, or one of our partner organisations.

You will also have the opportunity to take a leading role at the Refugee Week Conferences on 11 and 15 February 2019 and input into strategy meetings with Refugee Week's national partners.

Is it for me?

We are looking for applicants who:

- Are passionate about changing public attitudes to refugees and asylum seekers
- Have excellent communication skills
- Have experience of initiating and/ or managing projects in one of the following areas: campaigns and advocacy, arts/culture and social change, media or education (this could be paid or voluntary experience)
- Aspire to become leaders in the field of refugee rights or arts/ culture and social change
- Have lived experience of displacement (you might be a refugee or asylum seeker, from a refugee family or are living 'in exile' in the UK, regardless of immigration status)

While several of the internships will be based in London, we encourage applications from across the UK.

Why should I apply?

Participants will have the opportunity to:

- Develop their leadership skills through free training and mentoring
- Gain work experience in the field of arts and social change, campaigning, education or media
- Work alongside key national organisations working on refugee and migrant rights and arts/ culture and social change
- Contribute to a leading national initiative seeking to shift public attitudes to refugees and asylum seekers

For candidates with the right to work, work undertaken (totaling at least 10 days) will be paid at living wage rates. Reasonable expenses will be covered for training, interviews, induction meetings etc.

How do I apply?

To apply, complete the short online application at www.bit.ly/refugeeweekleadershipform by **Friday 30 November 2018**. If you prefer, you can also answer the questions by video, and email the video file to Emily at emily@counterpointsarts.org.uk.

You are welcome to get in touch with any questions or to discuss the role – email emily@counterpointsarts.org.uk to arrange a phone call.

Skype interviews will be held week beginning 10 December 2018, and there will be an induction afternoon for successful candidates on Monday 7 January 2019.