

Room 208, Bow Business Centre, 153-159 Bow Road, London, E3 2SE

## **Midlands Regional Manager**

Salary: £25,000 per annumHours: Forty hours per week

Holidays: 20 days paid holiday + Bank holidays + Eid days

• Based in MEND Birmingham office

## THE ORGANISATION

MEND is a not-for-profit company that was founded in 2008 (formerly iENGAGE) to help empower and encourage British Muslims within local communities to be more actively involved in British media and politics. We aim to achieve this by:

- Providing critical commentary and analysis on the high volumes of news content and media coverage that maligns Islam and Muslims and foments anti-Muslim prejudice in the UK and across Europe
- Promoting active Muslim citizenship through participation in the British political process and fostering close ties with key political institutions
- Working with Muslim and non-Muslim organisations to ensure that Islamophobia is regarded as just as socially unacceptable as anti-Semitism and other forms of racism and xenophobia
- Working with mainstream organisations and in policy forums and public consultations, such as select committees and the Leveson Inquiry to provide informed, critical perspectives on policy issues and to ensure an accurate and balanced portrayal of Islam and Muslims in the media

## THE ROLE

Key elements of the role will encompass:

- Developing and setting up MEND's local working group of volunteers, in the West Midlands, to carry out key seasonal campaigns and to form the bedrock of MEND's national presence
- Developing relationships and partnering with leading Muslim and non-Muslim institutions and individuals within the West Midlands
- Delivering MEND's national campaigns at a local level and maximising participation
- Working with local Muslim community institutions and groups to drive MEND's ethos on media and political participation
- Managing MEND's media and political education outreach programmes within the local community
- Presenting MEND's key messages on various platforms from small mosque gatherings to conferences
- Working closely with the National Head

## THE CANDIDATE

The successful candidate will possess:

- Degree level qualification or equivalent
- A good grasp of the Muslim community
- A good understanding of the challenges Islamophobia poses
- Exceptional interpersonal skills
- Work effectively as part of a team
- Excellent organisational and time-management skills
- Dynamism and ability to motivate people
- Ability to work hard with minimal support
- Experience of working with Islamic organisations in the UK
- Share a deep passion for the objectives of MEND
- A valid driver's license and willingness to travel throughout your region

Selected candidate will be given a full training programme which they must successfully complete.

To apply (or for more information), please email your *CV and a covering letter* stating why you are suited to the post to: amina.raouf@mend.org.uk

Closing date for applications: 6:00pm on Friday 7th April 2017