

# The global movement for tribal peoples' rights

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We help tribal peoples defend their lives, protect their lands and determine their own futures

# Research and Advocacy Officer

We are offering an exciting opportunity to join Survival International's Research and Advocacy Department, which works in partnership with tribal peoples to help give them a platform to speak to the world.

As part of this department, you will undertake desk-based and field-based research with our network of indigenous and non-indigenous contacts. You will investigate atrocities and present evidence to international bodies.

You will use your research to advocate for tribal rights and lobby the governments, companies and other organizations guilty of violating them.

You will help create materials that expose the genocidal violence faced by tribal peoples. By carrying out radio and TV interviews and representing Survival in public forums you will raise awareness of one of the most urgent and horrific humanitarian crises of our time.

Your work will be stopping the annihilation of tribal peoples.

### **Responsibilities**

The role encompasses a wide variety of tasks and the following list is not exhaustive.

<u>Research</u>

> Research and document violations of tribal peoples' rights.

> Liaise with indigenous communities and their organizations as well as governments and international bodies.

> Undertake occasional research trips to tribal communities, interview people with empathy, gather information and testimonies.

> Devise ideas for new ways of advocating for tribal peoples' rights.

> Provide material requested by the communications department.

Advocacy

- > Lobby governments, companies, other NGOs and international bodies.
- > Write articles, reports and create other materials for campaigning and advocacy purposes.
- > Provide research and in-depth expertise to the media.
- > Brief journalists and give media interviews.
- > Arrange visits of tribal representatives.

### <u>Other</u>

- > Carry out related administrative duties.
- > Remain faithful to Survival's brand and key messages.

## **Requirements**

You must have a strong commitment to Survival's vision and mission, with a deep understanding of indigenous rights issues. First hand knowledge of tribal peoples is an asset, but not a requirement.

In general we are less impressed with formal qualifications or prior experience than individual ability, a desire to learn, and demonstrated enthusiasm for the role.

You must be hardworking and dedicated, confident and resourceful with a personable manner.

You will be a good team player but we need you to be able to work independently with minimal supervision and a great deal of drive and self-motivation.

It is crucial that you be sensitive to cultural differences and relish travelling to remote areas with very little or no infrastructure. Please do not apply unless you meet these criteria.

### Other requirements

> Fluency in written and spoken English and excellent written and spoken French (other languages from regions in which Survival works are also advantageous).

> Proven communications skills, with the ability to present complex arguments simply and articulate key messages clearly.

- > Confident with public speaking.
- > Ability and readiness to work outside normal hours and to travel, if and when required.
- > Solid IT skills (including MS Office and databases)

# What can we offer you?

When you join Survival, you're getting more than just a career: you're gaining a unique opportunity to be at the heart of one of the most exciting campaigning organizations around; it is not just a job. You will be working with a team of passionate people who really care about human rights and want to change the status quo.

> You will become an integral part of the world's leading tribal peoples' rights team.

> You will not be pigeonholed by your job description and there are great opportunities for increasing your skills and growing professionally.

> We strive to be an equal opportunities employer, with a close-knit and friendly internal culture. We strive to treat our employees well.

> We have a pension scheme and generous annual leave (25 days' holiday + bonus days over Christmas and New Year).

Location	Survival International, London EC1M 7ET
Hours	Monday to Friday 10am – 6pm
Salary	£24,000 – £30,000 dependent on experience
Contract	12 months renewable contract (6 months probation)
Application deadline:	6pm, 4 March 2018
Start date	mid April 2018

#### How to apply:

Please write a one-page cover letter explaining who you are and why you want the job, and complete the application form. Please email the two items to: research@survivalinternational.org

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