

# **Placement Opportunity**

Jubilee Scotland is looking for a talented student to join us for the Spring semester of 2022. This is a placement opportunity for students who undertake work experiences as part of their MSc degree.

#### About us

Jubilee Scotland wants to see millions of people lift themselves out of poverty as more governments in developing countries stop paying back unjust and unpayable debts and invest more in citizen-determined needs, such as health, education and livelihoods. Read more about us at: www.jubileescotland.org.uk/.

## **About the placement**

Jubilee Scotland will be running a campaign against Public Private Partnerships (PPPs) January 2022 – June 2023. The student will take part in this campaign and learn how a advocacy organisation operates and what goes into the process of influencing policy.

PPPs have saddled the Scottish public sector with debt, poor service, lack of accountability, and unsafe buildings. Our campaign will develop a feasible alternative to PPPs, secure political and public support for this alternative and introduce a Member's Bill which puts an end to the use of PPPs in Scotland.

Jubilee Scotland has successfully completed Stage 1 of the 'Scotland against PPPs' campaign. In this stage, we worked with stakeholders and politicians to expose the extent of the PPP problem in Scotland and published the report "Rethinking Private Financing of Scottish Public Projects". Read the report and learn more about the campaign here: <a href="https://www.jubileescotland.org.uk/campaigns/exposing-private-financing-in-scotland/">https://www.jubileescotland.org.uk/campaigns/exposing-private-financing-in-scotland/</a>

In January 2022 we will begin stage 2 of the campaign. The focus will be on:

- Building a broad coalition of experts on the PPP issue
- Developing a detailed policy paper which outlines an innovative alternative to PPPs
- Securing cross-party support for ending PPPs at the Scottish Parliament
- Building public support for our messages and policy ideas
- introducing a Members' Bill which targets PPPs in the most relevant way

#### Key tasks for the placement student:

- Contribute to the coalition building
  - o Contacting allies who worked with Jubilee Scotland in stage 1 of the campaign
  - Assist with hosting meetings of the coalition
- Policy development
  - Help identify areas where new policy can be developed to target PPPs
  - Assist with the development of relevant policy papers
- Political engagement
  - Help initiate the political engagement on the issue by contacting MSPs
  - Take part in working with the Non-Government Bills Unit of the Scottish Parliament who will help preparing accompanying documents to the bill

#### **Terms and Conditions**

- This placement should be an integral part of the students MSc degree. While we cannot provide any form of remuneration, we are committed to making this a relevant and interesting learning experience.
- Working hours will be Monday Thursday. On Fridays the student will be free to work on their internship report / mandatory work to be submitted to the University.
- We expect the placement to take place from January/February 2022 to June/July. We are flexible about dates.
- While we have an office is in Edinburgh Scotland, we are currently working from home due to the COVID situation. However, we may be back in the office in 2022. Our office is in the Augustine United Church on George IV bridge. While the church itself is wheelchair accessible our office in the church tower is sadly not.
- We are happy to consider applications from students who cannot relocate to Scotland for the internship, and/or who prefer to work from home (wherever that may be).

## **About you**

We understand that you might not have a lot of work experience to draw from. What is needed is a passionate desire to learn more about the debt justice crisis and PPPs.

#### Qualifications

 Currently studying for your MSc in an area related to the work of Jubilee Scotland, such as Political Science; Social Anthropology; Communication; International Studies; Development; Political Economy

## Experience

Please highlight in your application if you have experience with any of the following:

- Campaigning, creating events and lobbying
- Collecting data and writing reports
- Producing content for social media
- Applying for funding

## Skills and Competencies

- Ability to work independently under appropriate supervision
- Excellent project management and organisational skills
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- A flexible approach to working

# **Application Procedure**

If you have any questions about this placement opportunity then please get in touch at campaigndirector@jubileescotland.org.uk

To apply, please send your CV and a one-page cover letter to: campaigndirector@jubileescotland.org.uk

Deadline for applications: 30/11/2021 (midnight, GMT). If successful in your application, we will get in contact with you to arrange an interview over Zoom during the second week of December. We aim to make a final decision before 10/12/2021. (If you need to submit your internship for approval at your university before this deadline please do get in contact, and we might be able to consider your application and give you an earlier answer.)