

# PROJECT OFFICER: NETHERLANDS

Part time (8 -16 hours p/w) | Amsterdam Based

## I. WHO WE ARE

The European Legal Support Center is the first and only independent organisation providing free and professional legal support and assistance to associations, groups and individuals advocating for Palestinian rights in Europe. The ELSC intervenes to end arbitrary restrictions and the criminalization of peaceful advocacy and humanitarian work. It also develops legal tools and strategies to support civil society advocacy and campaigns. The Center was established in January 2019 as a joint initiative of European jurists, the Palestinian civil society network PNGO and the Dutch NGO, The Rights Forum.

## II. THE ROLE

**We are seeking a part-time Project Officer to lead our work in the Netherlands.**

As a Project Officer, you will connect with individuals, groups and organisations affected by repressions and censorship to document incidents and advise them on possible legal support available either within the ELSC or with an external legal partner.

As part of our Netherlands strategy to monitor, defend and empower those who speak out in support of Palestinian rights, in this role, you will:

### Monitor

- Assist the Advocacy and Communication Officer with research to monitor the repression of Palestinian rights advocates in the Netherlands through conducting interviews with affected persons and groups and completing incident report forms.
- Promote the ELSC Netherlands monitoring report among stakeholders.
- Track and analyse political developments at local, provincial and national level that impact the freedom of expression and advocacy efforts of Palestinian rights advocates.

### Defend

- Develop strategies and guides to defend those affected by these restrictive policies.
- Assisting the ELSC staff in the daily work of the office including responding to requests for assistance in the Netherlands.

### Empower

- Conduct research and build partnerships with the Palestine solidarity network in the Netherlands, promoting the support and services of the ELSC.

### III. WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR

#### Essential

- A degree in political science, international relations/public policy/law/related field or equivalent previous experience in an grass-roots NGO.
- At least one year of previous professional experience in a related position
- Commitment/familiarity to the rights of the Palestinian people or other causes of political and social justice.
- Proficiency in **English and Dutch** with excellent written and spoken communication skills. Other languages including French, German, Arabic are an asset.
- Teamwork and project management skills, including the ability to manage time and competing priorities, according to the current demands of the organization.
- A commitment to the position until December 2022

#### Desirable

- Candidates with a knowledge of the Palestine solidarity movement in the Netherlands are encouraged to apply.
- Experience of being involved with campaigns, in grassroots or non-profit organizations would be an advantage.

### IV. WHAT WE OFFER

- The position will be based at our central Amsterdam office with the possibility of a hybrid work environment.
- The chance to join a young and motivated team dedicated to social justice.
- Competitive remuneration with a view to a long-term position as part of a growing organisation.
- 8 - 16 hours (1-2 days) per week.
- Target start date: 27 September 2021.

### V. HOW TO APPLY

- Send your CV and a short motivation (max 250 words) detailing why you are interested in this role and the ELSC's work to [application@elsc.support](mailto:application@elsc.support) with the **subject line "Application: Project Officer Netherlands"**.
- Deadline for Application is Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August at 23:59. Applications sent after this time cannot be considered.
- Shortlisted candidates will be invited to an initial interview, either online or at the ELSC Office (depending on COVID-19 guidelines). Unfortunately, we are unable to provide feedback to candidates who are not shortlisted.
- We will review applications throughout the posting period so we encourage applications prior to the closing date.

*The ELSC is committed to be an equal opportunities organisation and we value diversity in all areas. No rights can be derived from the above statements. The ELSC reserves the right to amend and change the responsibilities or withdraw calls for application in line with organisational needs. All offers are subject to funding approvals.*