

## Role Description

### Legal Intern

[Migrants Organise](#) is a platform where migrants and refugees organise for power, dignity and justice. We work across the UK to bring community organisations, individuals, and institutions together on a common platform to act with, not for, migrants and refugees. We aim to make our communities stronger and more powerful and create spaces for us to speak out on issues affecting migrants and refugees, from isolation, discrimination, immigration policy, structural racism and more.

The Community Programme at Migrants Organise supports more than 600 individuals through its work. We match asylum seekers and refugees with volunteer mentors for one-to-one support, offer casework support and run weekly activities (e.g. English classes, Sewing Group, Poetry Group). We also run a Legal Support Project headed by a barrister from No5 chambers and provide ongoing immigration and welfare advice and casework.

In October 2017, we initiated a [strategic project](#) to help adult migrants who suffer from ongoing mental health issues and might therefore lack the mental capacity to make immigration decisions. We work with a panel of professionals from Southwark Law Centre, Bindmans, the AIRE Centre, Public Law Project and the Helen Bamber Foundation. The project combines direct support with strategic legal and policy work, community organising and campaign to bring about systemic change.

The MMCA project is looking for a legal intern to assist our Legal Organiser in coordinating the MMCA Project, providing support for our research, policy and strategic work, and administrative tasks.

We are looking for someone who can do 1-2 days a week for at least seven months, from September 2022 to March 2023.

At least one day, either Tuesday or Friday will be working from office in London.

This is a voluntary role. However, reasonable lunch and travel expenses will be reimbursed.

### Your responsibilities:

- Assisting with legal research, drafting and proofreading
- Assisting with case collection and review
- Assisting with general office and project administration
- Helping with the project's policy and strategic work
- Helping with campaigning work and external communications efforts.
- Other duties on an ad hoc basis

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### Skills and Knowledge

- Familiarity with immigration law and/or the social welfare system (community care, benefits, housing, etc.). Familiarity with mental capacity law is desired but not required.
- Legal research skills
- Ability to produce clear, well-structured written information and advice
- A commitment to equality & diversity and the rights of all individuals to respect and fair treatment
- Ability to work proactively and be self-sufficient

### Application Process

If you are interested in the role, please send your CV and a covering letter to Brian Dikoff ([brian@migrantsorganise.org](mailto:brian@migrantsorganise.org)) by **Thursday, 28 July 2022**

Shortlisted candidate will be invited to an interview at the end of August on **w/c 22 August**, to start immediately in September.

In the covering letter, please set out your research experience as well as how this role would be beneficial for you.

Please also indicate your availability, whether 1 or 2 days a week.

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### More Info about Migrants Organise

How do we work?

[We speak out.](#) We make our voices heard and take a stand on the issues that affect us. We talk about the issues that matter to refugees and migrants. We tell our stories and create opportunities for our voices to be heard.

[We connect people.](#) We act relationally to help people belong. People need connections to belong and thrive with dignity. We see strength and resilience in our identities and experiences as people. We connect people with resources.

[We grow power.](#) We recognise and use power to make the change. We provide a platform for people to be powerful and develop skills, leadership, confidence and connections.

[We build common ground.](#) We bring diverse people together around shared issues on a shared platform. We create spaces for people to find common ground and shared perspectives for action.

### What do we do?

We organise: we work with communities to act for change. We develop leaders to understand their power, their issues, and how to build actions for change.

We mobilise: we bring people to strategic actions and campaigns. We urge and support people to take action on the issues affecting migrants and refugees.

We mentor: we support and advise people and connect people with others who can provide support and advice on the journey to integration. We connect people with others who can share knowledge, experience or friendship.

We train: we develop people's skills, confidence, experience and capacity to act. We use workshops, training sessions, action and experience to help people develop.

We celebrate: we find and create platforms to recognise people. We celebrate migrants and refugees and their contributions.