Summer Intern, 2024

We are looking for a summer intern to join our team and assist our work as an international legal action NGO.

**About us:**

The Death Penalty Project (DPP) is a legal action NGO with special consultative status before the United Nations Economic and Social Council.

We provide free representation to people facing the death penalty worldwide, with a focus on the Commonwealth. We use the law to protect people facing execution and promote fairer criminal justice systems, where the rights of all people are respected.

We believe the death penalty is a cruel and inhuman punishment that discriminates against the poorest and most disadvantaged members of society. We want to see it consigned to history.

**What we do:**

We **represent** and assist individuals facing the death penalty and other vulnerable people, free of charge.

We **deliver** targeted and practical capacity building to members of the judiciary, lawyers, mental health professionals and others working within the criminal justice system.

We **commission** original research and publish resources that challenge misconceptions and deepen understanding around the death penalty.

We **engage** governments, policy makers and other key stakeholders in a constructive dialogue on how abolition of the death penalty can be achieved.

**Summer internship:**

An internship at DPP will give you the opportunity to develop skills and experience within an established, awarding winning international legal action NGO.

You will assist with the broad spectrum of our work, providing administrative and operational support to our Projects, Communications, and Legal teams. During this internship you may be asked to:

- Conduct research on the policy and legal frameworks of the countries in which we work.
- Assist with co-ordinating and noting meetings between the DPP team and our partners.
- Conduct ad-hoc research and writing tasks to assist the team.
- Assist with updating DPP’s organisational death penalty stats.

We are looking for an individual who is enthusiastic, dynamic, and motivated to use their skills and knowledge to support the work of DPP, and our engagement with issues affecting people involved in the criminal justice system. We endeavour to ensure that interns are given the opportunity to participate in meetings with partners and external stakeholders, and to attend court hearings where possible.
This is an exciting opportunity for a current final year student or recent graduate who intends to work in the charity sector and/or has a particular interest in human rights and international law.

**What this role can offer:**

- Hands on, invaluable experience working within an international legal action NGO.
- The space to develop existing skills and gain new insights in a practical working environment, with support from a motivated and enthusiastic team.
- A valuable experience contributing to real social change, working on human rights issues.

We are flexible and would ideally like someone to support our work during the summer months, across 8 - 12 weeks, sometime between May and September 2024.

DPP’s office is based in London, Soho. We operate on a hybrid basis, with flexible working during the week. Unfortunately, we do not offer online/remote internships.

Please note that this position is unpaid, however, we will provide a weekly stipend.

**How to apply:**

Send your CV along with no more than 250 words on why you would like to intern at DPP to recruitment@deathpenaltyproject.org

Please use ‘Internship application DPP’ as subject for your email, and submit your application by the deadline, 28th of April 2024.

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for interview.

*The Death Penalty Project is committed to equal opportunities.*