

Evaluation and Research Volunteer

About MLDI

MLDI provides legal defence to independent media, journalists and bloggers around the world who are under threat for their reporting. Go to [Mediadefence.org](https://mediadefence.org) for more information.

MLDI also engages in strategic litigation to challenge repressive laws and expand the space for media freedom. Through this, it seeks to advance respect for international law and norms on the right to freedom of expression. MLDI submits cases to domestic courts and international tribunals and intervenes in cases already under way, as well as supporting national lawyers to do the same.

Background to the role

Strategic litigation is one of MLDI's core activities. It is important for MLDI to understand if and how this area of work is driving change and what impact it is having as well as identifying how MLDI can improve its processes and increase its impact in this area. As a result, MLDI is carrying out an evaluation, based mostly on qualitative research methods.

The evaluation will focus on a small number of countries in which MLDI has undertaken a number of strategic cases including Azerbaijan, Burkina Faso, the Gambia and Kenya. The evaluation is being led by MLDI's Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Officer.

About the role

Due to the large amount of desk research required and a significant amount of qualitative data analysis required, MLDI is seeking a volunteer to support its Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Officer to conduct the evaluation. Duties are likely to include:

- Carrying out desk research
- Identifying relevant press and news articles
- Analysing legal documents
- Transcribing interview recordings
- Coding qualitative data

Depending on interest and ability, the volunteer may also partake in drafting parts of the evaluation report.

The volunteer will be supervised by the Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Officer who will provide a thorough induction to the organisation and role, and also provide training and support to carry out the tasks.

About the volunteer

This volunteer role would suit someone with a keen interest in human rights with experience of carrying out research and/or monitoring and evaluation activities and who is looking to develop their skills and experience in this field. As much of the role will be looking at litigation and legal documents, an understanding or interest in law would also be beneficial.

The ideal volunteer will:

- have experience of carrying out research
- have an interest in or experience of working in human rights
- be well organised
- have good time management skills

- comfortable using Microsoft office, particularly excel and word

Time commitments

MLDI is looking for a volunteer who is able to commit at least one day/week for a period of at least three months.

Expenses

MLDI reimburses reasonable expenses incurred through volunteering in line with its volunteer policy. Relevant expenses expected for this role are travel expenses to and from the office and lunch expenses when volunteering in the office (£5 maximum).

Application

Please send your CV and a short cover letter explaining your motivation for volunteering and any relevant experience. Please send this to Patrick.regan@mediadefence.org

What you will get out of volunteering

As well as supporting a valuable cause, contributing to MLDI's work defending freedom of expression, the volunteer will gain experience of working in a small human rights NGO and carrying out monitoring and evaluation research and methodologies. It will also provide a good opportunity to develop and practise your research and analysis skills.