Position Announcement

Senior Program Advisor
Out of the Shadows Index

Position Title: Senior Program Advisor, Out of the Shadows Index
Location: Flexible/remote, preferably based in or near ET or CET time zones
Reports to: Director, Ignite Philanthropy: Inspiring the End to Violence Against Girls and Boys
Hours per week (average): 40
Overtime Status: Exempt
Salary: Commensurate with experience, location, etc.
Term: The total assignment will be twelve months in duration

Background and Position Summary

Ignite Philanthropy: Inspiring the End to Violence Against Girls and Boys is a donor collaborative fund that supports the field working collectively to stop violence against girls and boys. It does this by convening donors and practitioners and providing resources to jumpstart and scale groundbreaking efforts. Ignite Philanthropy resolves challenges that catalyze positive change so that children no longer suffer violence in their lives.

Among other initiatives, Ignite Philanthropy undertakes extensive efforts around the Out of the Shadows Index and through Ignite’s Advocacy Fund. Both are described below in turn.

Out of the Shadows: Shining light on the response to child sexual abuse and exploitation is an Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) research programme supported by the World Childhood Foundation and the Oak Foundation with additional support from the Carlson Family Foundation. It is based on a country-level benchmarking Index that evaluates how stakeholders are responding to the ubiquitous crisis of child sexual abuse and exploitation, and
represents the first major international study focused specifically on this crisis. The EIU launched the Index’s first iteration in January 2019, covering 40 countries and garnering extensive media coverage internationally. In collaboration with Oak Foundation, Ignite Philanthropy subsequently commissioned further EIU work to increase Index coverage to 60 countries, and thereby reflect 85% of the world’s children.

As the only global benchmarking tool publicly ranking countries and private sector actors’ efforts to end child sexual abuse, it offers incredible potential to raise the visibility of a largely-invisible issue and provide a global report card on national-level efforts. A little more than a year since its launch, the Index has been recognized and used by governments, advocates, and the media. This rich data source presents a tremendous opportunity to better understand what needs to be done to prevent and respond to child sexual abuse. Armed with this understanding, advocates can better make the case for change at all levels, from the community level to the global stage.

The Out of the Shadows Advocacy Fund is an Ignite Philanthropy initiative, with Oak Foundation backing, to support advocacy both globally and in key countries to translate the Index and its country-specific recommendations into action. Grant funding was augmented with communications support and the building of connections between grantee partners.

Ignite Philanthropy now seeks a Senior Program Advisor to lead the development of an ambitious multi-year strategy involving the Out of the Shadows Index and Ignite’s Advocacy Fund. This strategy will develop the Index into a globally-recognised dynamic data source that drives comprehensive advocacy and action to end child sexual abuse everywhere.

The Senior Program Advisor will collaborate closely with the current full-time Ignite Philanthropy team of four, and with Ignite Philanthropy donors, the Economist Intelligence Unit, other consultants, and grantees and other partners. S/he will supervise a part-time Policy Analyst, part-time Communications consultant, and will be supported part-time by a Program Assistant. S/he will report to the Director of Ignite Philanthropy. The location of this assignment is flexible/remote, preferably based in or near ET or CET time zones as this is where current Ignite Philanthropy colleagues and primary stakeholders are based. Travel (~20%) will be required as part of this assignment.

**Responsibilities and Tasks**

In consultation with the Director of Ignite Philanthropy and key stakeholders, the Senior Program Advisor will:

- Develop a longer-term strategy for the Economist Intelligence Unit’s Out of the Shadows Index so that it becomes a powerful tool for efforts to end child sexual abuse worldwide. The strategy will form the basis for a proposal for future project funding.
- Support current Index advocacy grantee partners to continue advocating for change while a longer-term strategy is developed.
• Convene key stakeholders (grantee partners and others) to provide consultative input into a comprehensive strategy for 2021-2023 inclusive.
• Lead collective learning from advocacy grantee partners and other indices, their strengths, and evolutions to inform the new strategy.
• Write/co-write policy briefs and learning briefs that can help bring the data alive for advocates, policymakers, and key stakeholders.
• Build strong relationships with other related initiatives so as to avail of opportunities and inform the strategy.
• Solicit and manage short-term advocacy grants that use the Index in key places and at key moments.
• Ensure the ongoing visibility and use of the Index during this development phase.
• Conduct grant reporting as necessary.

Experience, Knowledge, Skills and Ability

• Expertise in developing strategy for policy change
• Significant experience in leading and facilitating the development of strategy across diverse stakeholders
• A strong history of leading advocacy and campaigns work with demonstrable impact
• Demonstrable experience in converting strategy to action
• Experience working at both national and global levels
• Exceptional relationship management skills for building consensus and engagement
• Strong project management skills and ability to manage multiple tasks on tight timelines
• Philanthropic grantmaking at a senior level preferred
• Excellent written and oral English
• French or Spanish as a second language helpful
• Excellent fit with Ignite Philanthropy’s ethos and approach, exemplary interpersonal skills, and very collegial demeanor
• Demonstrated cultural awareness and sensitivity to the diversity of values, views and approaches to issues relevant to Ignite Philanthropy allies and partners internationally

To Apply
To apply for this post, please send a letter of application stating the skills and approach that you would bring to the role along with your CV/resume (no photos) to Isabella Pyrgies at Isabella@IgnitePhilanthropy.org. Please note in the letter where you learned about the post. The deadline for applications is Sunday, March 15, 2020.

Hiring Statement
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