Educator, Community Engagement

HIAS is seeking an Educator, Community Engagement to develop compelling educational materials, resources, and programs that educate American Jews about refugees, connecting the plight of refugees to Jewish values and history. To serve as a dynamic educator in a variety of contexts, as part of an effort to reach thousands of American Jews, particularly baby boomers and young adults.

Essential Functions:

- Develop original and inspiring Jewish educational materials (curricula, publications, trainings) about the plight and future of refugees for use in synagogues, community centers, with volunteers, etc. designed to educate and move American Jews to become involved with HIAS' work with refugees.
- Create pedagogically sophisticated programs that not only educate but also inspire people to act and can be used at local community gatherings, with networks of activists, at conferences, etc.
- Integrate Jewish values and history, core concepts about refugees, teaching about current refugee crises, and information about HIAS' work into all materials and employ the best practices of informal Jewish education in all programs and materials.
- Develop educational, advocacy, and campaign materials for use by rabbis and congregations.
- Serve as a dynamic educator in a variety of contexts, including with partner organizations, networks of activists, workshops, conferences, etc., as part of an effort to reach thousands of American Jews, particularly baby boomers and young adults.
- Work closely with the Director of Campaigns on all matters of Jewish content, pedagogy, and informal education and develop educational resources that connect HIAS campaigns to Jewish values and history.
- Support City Directors in all matters of Jewish content and pedagogy and work closely with them on educational materials and programs.
- Support the Director of Program and all HIAS speakers on Jewish content and context.
- Regularly provide compelling Jewish content to Communications and other departments, weaving Jewish sources, values, and history into the fabric of HIAS.
- Develop tools and metrics to evaluate the impact of educational resources and programs and to rework resources according to evaluation findings.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

- Ability to develop cutting-edge and sophisticated educational materials (curricula, materials, publications, trainings, etc.) designed to educate and inspire American Jews around issues of social justice.
- Knowledgeable about pedagogy for adult learners and ability to translate this knowledge into program design.
- Creative, compelling, and dynamic educator with experience teaching about Jewish values, Jewish text and/or history, and social justice.
- Ability to conceptualize an entire educational program as well as develop and deliver its components.
- Deep familiarity with Jewish text. Ability to read, understand, and translate Jewish texts in their original language preferred.
- Excellent interpersonal and written and oral communication skills.
- Ability to quickly learn new content areas and integrate into educational programs.
• Ability to work independently, while simultaneously acting as a leader and participant in complex collaborative processes.
• Flexible work style and interest in being part of a dynamic, evolving team and organization.
• Detail oriented and extremely well-organized with ability to manage multiple projects and prioritize tasks.
• Passionate about HIAS’ mission and committed to promoting the vision that social justice is an integral part of American Jewish life.
• Social media skills a plus.
• Strong background in social justice, human rights, and/or refugee issues.
• Strong work ethic and ability to work hard and effectively in a fast-paced new endeavor.
• Knowledge of the American Jewish community a must.
• Knowledge of refugee issues a plus.

Qualifications

Education:
Bachelor’s degree required. Rabbinic ordination or advanced degree in Education preferred.

Experience:
• Minimum 6 years experience as a Jewish educator ideally some in informal education and social justice.
• Experience working with baby boomers and 20-somethings a plus.

Operational:
Full status to work in the United States and willingness to provide employment verification as required. Ability to work occasional and weekends. Some domestic travel required.

How to Apply:
The position is full-time, with a starting salary commensurate with experience and comprehensive benefits. Interested applicants should email the following information to humanresources@hias.org:
• Cover letter
• Salary history
• Résumé
• Sample of relevant program, teaching, curriculum, etc.

Incomplete applications will not be considered and only short-listed candidates will be contacted. Please write the job title in the email subject line, no phone calls please.

HIAS is the global Jewish nonprofit organization working in 14 countries across five continents to ensure that refugees and displaced persons are protected. Throughout the United States, we help refugees reunite with families, resettle and become self-sufficient. Guided by our values and history, we help refugees rebuild their lives in safety and security and advocate to ensure that all displaced people are treated with dignity.

HIAS IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER AND COMPLIES WITH ALL FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL EMPLOYMENT LAWS.

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