

Climate & Health Campaigner @

- Salary:** £31,120 - £33,195 / year (pro rata)
- Contract:** One year, fixed-term — with possibility of extension
- Hours:** Part time: 21 hours / week — with potential to increase in future depending on funding
- Location:** The Medact office is in London, although the team is working from home currently. Applications from outside London will also be considered.
- Closing date:** 9am on Monday 20th July

Background

Medact supports the health community to work together towards a world in which everyone can truly achieve and exercise their human right to health. We cover some of the most pressing national and global threats to health and wellbeing including climate change; human rights abuses; conflict and violence; and rising inequality. We're member-led, and our membership spans a range of people who work in health including nurses, doctors, midwives, and clinical researchers.

Climate change is a public health emergency, damaging the health and lives of millions of people around the world. Many of the communities which are suffering most from the impacts of Covid-19 are also those whose health and wellbeing is hardest hit by environmental damage.

The Coronavirus pandemic is forcing Governments to rethink national and global economics. As the UK Government moves to develop a recovery package, it's vital the progressive movement comes together to ensure a socially-just recovery which centres human and planetary health. Health workers have a uniquely powerful voice, and a strong will to make a difference - there's an exciting opportunity to bring large numbers of people together to campaign in ways which will have real impact.

Medact believes the health community has a key role to play in driving transformative social change - come work with us to help make that a reality.

Job role and purpose

The Climate & Health Campaigner leads Medact's programme to support health workers to campaign for just and proportionate action on climate change, working closely with our Climate & Health Organiser

Job Description

Campaigning, policy and coalition working

Lead Medact's campaigning on climate justice, including:

- Lead on development and delivery of our overall strategy for climate campaigning, with support from the Executive Director and working closely with the Climate & Health Organiser (CHO).
- Alongside the CHO, work with Medact members and supporters to develop campaigns according to their interests and the political context, collaborating with partners as appropriate
- Hold Medact's knowledge base on climate justice and health, developing and updating evidence-based policy positions as appropriate
- Work with the Research Manager to identify research projects which will strengthen our campaigning and organising work
- Alongside the CHO, build and maintain relationships with a wide range of partners within the climate justice space

Working with the health community

- Support the Climate & Health Organiser to develop and deliver our Climate Organising Strategy and action plan
- Work with the CHO to support individual Medact and affiliated groups to work on the climate justice issues they identify as most relevant to their work and interests
- Build and maintain relationships with senior-level health professionals and academics, and health institutions, around climate justice and health

Communications

- Lead on developing Medact's key messaging and framing around climate justice and health, and write copy for briefings, blogs, emails to members and other comms in line with this.
- Represent Medact as a speaker at events and workshops, and work with the CHO to support Medact members to do the same
- Maintain the Climate & Health content on the Medact website, with support from the Campaigns Assistant, ensuring it is up-to-date and engaging

- Work with the CHO to manage Medact's social media presence with relation to economic justice
- Draft and issue press comments; maintain relationships with key journalists, support our members to act as Medact media spokespeople and where appropriate act as a spokesperson yourself

Team and Organisation

- Contribute fully to development of joint projects and strategies
- Actively share skills and knowledge with colleagues to support mutual learning and development

Person Specification

Essential

- Campaigning experience - in a personal or professional capacity - with a strong understanding of power and how to apply pressure to achieve change
- Strong understanding of the ways in which the climate crisis is a symptom of economic and social systems which are inherently racist and classist, and how structural inequality affects how different communities can engage in campaigning on the issue
- Experience of working with traditional and new media, including gaining proactive and reactive press coverage, and effective use of social media in a campaigning context
- Excellent verbal communication, listening and interpersonal skills; able to build trusting relationships with a variety of people and bring them on board with a project or idea, and empower them to take their own ideas forward
- Good written skills; experienced at writing to engage different people in different contexts - for instance in campaign emails, blogs and briefings - including communicating complex ideas in an accessible way
- Strong experience of coalition working, with ability to build good working relationships with partners including those with different values
- Experience of working with volunteers in a campaigning context, either as a volunteer yourself or in a paid capacity
- Good project and event management skills
- Some understanding of digital campaigning techniques and how to use them (support with digital campaigning can be provided)

- Ability to manage own time, and prioritise effectively between competing demands, in response to quickly-changing situations
- A strong team player who can contribute to our friendly, small office team
- Ability and willingness to travel within the UK including occasional overnight stays, once it is considered safe to do so; and ability to do occasional out of hours working including online (time off in lieu will be given)

Desirable

- Experience working in health or with members of the health community
- Specific experience campaigning on one or more of: fossil fuel divestment, the Green New Deal, air pollution, fossil fuel or extractive industries; or campaigning focused on previous CoPs
- Experience providing training to others