



ADVOCACY OFFICER – MARIST BROTHERS

Geneva (CH) – Full time

INSTITUTION

The Marist Brothers are religious consecrated to God. They are around 3000 Brothers, spread over 80 countries on the five continents. They share their task with more than 40,000 lay people and care for about 500,000 children and young people. The Mother House of the Congregation is in Lyon. The Congregation of the Marist Brothers mainly has 2 structures that coordinate Solidarity at the level of the whole Marist world:

- The Marist Foundation for International Solidarity (FMSI), NGO created in the 2007.
- The Secretariat of Solidarity, created in 2019.

Both structures are willing to work to defend the Children's Rights based on the UN convention. They are located in Geneva and Rome and are recognized by the UN as a special consultant for the defense of the Rights of the Child (ECOSOC Status-FMSI).

JOB DESCRIPTION

Reporting to the Marist Brothers in charge of the Secretariat of Solidarity, and in connection with the Director of the FMSI, and the Marist Brothers in France, the Advocacy Officer will have the mission of managing the advocacy projects carried out by the Secretariat of Solidarity. As such, he/she will carry out the following actions:

- **Examine files concerning the Rights of the Child in the 192 member states of the United Nations**, under the auspices of the Human Rights Council
- **Write reports with recommendations** (on educational topics and other issues concerning children) to be presented to the State under review, to the neighboring States of the State under review and/or to the UN
- **Participate in the realization of awareness-raising and training programs** in these areas for the staff of Marist institutions in the world
- **Create and maintain links with the various partners of the Marist Brothers and FMSI** (the Church, the Congregations of the Marist Brothers, other Congregations working on the same subjects)
- **Participate in the organization of the "Day of General Discussion"** which focuses on the rights of the Child (every 2 years)
- Take part in all initiatives related to the **Rights of the Child within the United Nation**
- **Participate in the structures and activities at the service of Child Rights** promoted by the Marist Brothers in France.



PROFILE

With a **legal** background, you have at least 2 years of solid experience in an **international NGO**, You understand the issues related to advocacy. Your knowledge of the environment and the functioning of the United Nations will allow you to successfully respond to the missions of the Secretariat of Solidarity-FMSI.

Recognized for your writing skills and your ability to analyze, you know how to **work independently**, while knowing how to report regularly to the various stakeholders of your projects and you are comfortable taking initiatives.

You have excellent interpersonal skills and are comfortable to enter in contact with all types of interlocutors (religious, ambassadors, etc.).

Perfect oral and written English proficiency and a **good command of Spanish** are essential.

Apply

The selection process will be open until the end of April 2022, through Ecclesia RH. If you wish to apply for this position, please click on the following link:

<https://www.ecclesia-rh.com/espace-candidats/rechercher-une-offre-demploi#offre/FMA11>