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Start date

Flexible in the next 3 months

Duration

6 months

Languages

Good spoken and written English levels are required (B2 upwards)

Location

Belfast is the capital city of Northern Ireland and over recent years has seen a period of significant regeneration and growth. The birthplace of the Titanic, this vibrant city has a buzzing nightlife and social scene with many cultural events taking place throughout the year. Close to beautiful countryside and the famous Giant's Causeway, Belfast has something to suit all tastes. ESPA has many interns working in placements in Belfast, so there is the opportunity for a great social scene too.

Are you eligible?

Are you a registered student?

Or

Are you eligible to participate in the Erasmus+ programme?

Benefits

See website for details of all ESPA benefits. For all internships over 6 months, additional benefits will be paid. Details available at interview.

Role

This is a unique opportunity for a confident, inquisitive communicator interested in gaining practical experience in this fascinating role. Mentored throughout and with full professional training given, you will use your research and analytical skills to check facts and claims that are made in the media and elsewhere to establish their accuracy, writing short articles to determine the accuracy of the claims. If you have an interest in social and political aspects, then this placement will provide a good solid experience.

Tasks

Trained fully and working alongside other volunteers, you will:

- Write copy for article publications (c.300-500 words), within provided guideline framework
- Validate facts and sources
- Engage with stakeholders in promotion of our work
- Scan online and offline media for relevant items, working constructively with volunteer Media Monitors

Personal Skills

- Strong analytical skills essential
- Experience in social sciences, large data sets and/or visualisation desirable
- Fluent writing for non-specialist
- Commitment to political neutrality as well as sensitivity to our role in the political and media sectors
- Ability to build relationships and maintain positive reputation

The Host Company

The host company is an independent, non-profit, non-governmental organisation that promotes civic activism throughout Northern Ireland. Their aim is to keep the public better informed with regards to the political debate in Northern Ireland in a non-biased format, focussing on facts rather than assumptions and misinformation. An internship with this host will provide a great insight into the interesting history of this country and its struggles during the last six decades.