



CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND AND WALES

Job title: Partnerships and Public Affairs Officer

Line Manager: Director of Partnerships and Public Affairs

Role Purpose:

To contribute to delivery of the partnerships and public affairs strategy of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, including the Catholic Education Service (CES), with a particular focus on engagement with Government and Parliament in both Westminster and Cardiff.

The role will contribute towards the proclamation of the love of Jesus Christ which motivates all the work of the Secretariat and permeates every aspect of the work of supporting the Bishops' mission.

Key Responsibilities:

Public Affairs

- To monitor House of Commons, House of Lords and the Welsh Senedd and provide weekly/monthly updates to colleagues
- To produce and/or disseminate briefings to MPs, Peers, MSs and others
- To organise meetings with MPs, Peers, MSs and others
- To be a point of contact with Parliamentarians and help build strong links with them
- To support national campaigns
- To assist in events organising, e.g. Parliamentary receptions
- To draft correspondence to Ministers
- To maintain Westminster and Welsh political internal databases

Partnerships

- To work closely with staff in the Policy and Research team, Mission team and Communications team of the Bishops' Conference and the Catholic Education Service
- To provide communications support to the CES, including content creation for website, social media platforms and resources and guidance for dioceses and schools
- To work closely with staff from the Bishops' Conference agencies on public affairs and specific projects
- To promote the work of dioceses and agencies of the Bishops' Conference
- To work closely with colleagues from other Christian denominations and other faiths, particularly the Church of England, the Church in Wales and the Jewish community
- To provide support for specific partnership projects and programmes.

General

- Document management for the Partnerships section of SharePoint
- To work with the Director of Partnerships and Public Affairs to agree a programme of training to support the post-holder's professional development.
- To undertake other duties appropriate to the role of the post-holder as directed by the Director of Partnerships and Public Affairs.

Person Specification

Competency	Criteria	Assessment
A First or 2:1 undergraduate degree		CV
Demonstrates an understanding of working with the Catholic Church and sympathetic to its teachings	Provides indication of understanding of working in a Catholic Church setting	- Covering letter - CV - Interview
Demonstrates an understanding and experience of working within a political and current affairs driven environment	Provides examples to illustrate understanding of the political environment	- Covering letter - Interview
Understands parliamentary, political and legislative processes	Understand parliamentary process in English and Welsh parliaments	- Covering letter - CV - Interview
Ability to assimilate and summarise complex information	Provides examples	- Covering letter - CV - Interview
Excellent interpersonal and verbal skills	Provides examples	- Covering letter - CV - Interview
Excellent and accurate written English, with an ability to write for different audiences	Provides examples	- Covering letter - CV - Interview
Demonstrates experience of contributing to collaborative, outcome focused teams.	Provides examples	- Covering letter - CV - Interview
Demonstrates a track record of working flexibly and collaboratively with colleagues and external stakeholders to deliver high quality outcomes	Provides examples	- Covering letter - CV - Interview
Summarises and communicates information effectively to colleagues	Provides examples	- Covering letter - CV - Interview
Self-motivated and able to prioritise work to achieve deadlines without compromising quality	Provides examples	- Covering letter - CV - Interview