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Position Description: Refugee Interview Consultant

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Justice for Refugees, a volunteer based, non-profit, non-partisan coalition of individuals and organisations, advocates for an Australia that treats people seeking asylum and refugees with justice and compassion. The organisation is seeking two consultants to undertake interviews with people seeking asylum, those working with them and individuals who have successfully achieved refugee status and then become permanent residents/citizens. Individuals should have experience dealing with persons from non-English speaking backgrounds and be able to communicate effectively with individuals from other cultures. Each consultant will undertake ten (10) interviews: six interviews with individuals living in the South Australian community who are awaiting determination of their claims for refugee status, two individuals who are assisting asylum seekers (members of Circle of Friends) and two individuals who have completed the process and are living successfully in the community. We anticipate that the interviews will take approximately two (2) hours. All interviews should be completed by early November 2017.

The remuneration is \$3500 for each consultant. The consultants will be responsible for liaising with Justice for Refugees SA with respect to the questions to be asked of the individuals to be interviewed as well as providing complete written reports of all interviews to Justice for Refugees SA. The material gathered is to be kept confidential and will be the property of Justice for Refugees. If necessary, Justice for Refugees will supply recording devices for the interviews.

The purpose of the interviews is to develop a resource that can be used by Justice for Refugees SA to personalise the stories of those seeking refugee status and those working with them. The interviews should allow the interviewees to give a holistic overview of their lives (including positive memories from their countries of origin), document their concerns about their present position and to ask people to identify the type of assistance they would need to make the best use of their skills and their education background. The consultants are not expected to ask detailed questions about the reasons individuals left their country of origin and should be capable of judging when the interviews are moving into subjects that might cause emotional distress to the interviewee. Justice for Refugees SA will assist the consultants in locating suitable spaces for the conduct of interviews.

Expressions of Interest and a one page CV should be emailed to info@justiceforrefugeessa.org by Monday July 24th. As some of those being interviewed may be accompanied by children, a current Police Clearance must be available for inspection by representatives of Justice for Refugees SA. The Expression of Interest should address the following points:

- Your experience working with individuals from non-English speaking communities and/or individuals from other cultures.
- Your ability to communicate effectively with individuals who have undergone trauma.
- Your experience in producing comprehensive written documentation.
- Your ability to work independently.

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