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TEMPORARY ROLE

REFUGEE PARALYMPIC TEAM COMMUNICATIONS CO-ORDINATOR (F/M/X)

The International Paralympic Committee (IPC) offers the position of a full-time Refugee Paralympic Team Communications Co-ordinator (f/m/x) in a multi-cultural team at the IPC Headquarters in Bonn, Germany. Starting on 1 April 2020 this role is for six months until 30 October 2020 and includes the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games. For this position, we will review applications and interview candidates on a rolling basis.

ABOUT THE IPC

At the IPC, we work as one team, aligned and focused on fulfilling our vision and mission.

The IPC’s vision is for an inclusive world through Para sport. We believe that Change Starts With Sport, and that the work of the Paralympic Movement is a catalyst for driving social inclusion and advancing the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the UN’s 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

The IPC seeks to use the influential global position of the Paralympic Movement and the growing profile of Para athletes to challenge the stigma attached to disability and empower social transformation.

The IPC is the global governing body of the Paralympic Movement. We supervise the organisation of the Paralympic Games and Paralympic Winter Games and serve as International Federation for 10 Para sports. We enjoy a positive working relationship with the IPC Governing Board, members of which are democratically-elected every four years by the IPC General Assembly.

The IPC is a purpose-driven non-profit association. Our mission is to lead the Paralympic Movement, oversee the delivery of the Paralympic Games and support members to enable Para athletes to achieve sporting excellence. Since 1989, we have been creating change through sport with the Paralympic Games and Paralympic athletes at our core.
BACKGROUND TO THE ROLE

At Tokyo 2020 the IPC will be responsible for a team of refugee athletes who will compete in several sport at the Paralympic Games. This will be the second time the IPC has managed a refugee team. At Rio 2016 two athletes took part, one in Para athletics and one in Para swimming. To maximise awareness and coverage of the refugee team we need a communications expert whose tasks and responsibilities will include to:

- Generate international media coverage of the Refugee Paralympic Team and its athletes in the lead-up to, during and after the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games
- Create original and high-quality content about the Refugee Paralympic Team for use on IPC digital channels
- Work closely with the IPC’s Membership Engagement Department, Agitos Foundation, UNHCR and other relevant partners to amplify the awareness of the Refugee Paralympic Team and mobilise action to encourage sport and inclusion of refugees
- Provide press office support answering media enquiries relating to the Refugee Paralympic Team
- Act as the Refugee Paralympic Team’s Press Attaché during the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games.

Core requirements include:

- At least three years’ experience in PR, communications, journalism, video production or social media management
- Have a keen interest in as well as advanced knowledge and experience with social media platforms
- Have a good knowledge and interest of sport
- Have excellent communication skills, both verbal and written
- Have first-rate planning and organisational skills
- Comfortable in being proactive in approaching media and developing stories that they might find of interest
- Be resourceful, pay attention to detail and be able to work equally as effectively independently or as part of a team
- Be creative, a quick learner and able to work to tight deadlines
- Have the ability to manage multiple projects at a time, work flexible hours and be willing to travel
- Have fluent verbal and written command of the English language (knowledge of other languages, such as Arabic, Chinese, French, Japanese, Russian or Spanish is an advantage)
- Previous work experience in the humanitarian or development sectors or in major international events is an asset
Do you want to apply?

If you are interested and provide a good match with our requirements, please send your CV and cover letter in English and in pdf format to communicationsjobs@paralympic.org.

We especially encourage individuals with an impairment to apply; we support the relocation process and provide transitional accessible accommodation. For further information on the IPC, please contact us or visit our website under www.paralympic.org.

Thank you for your consideration.