

Job opportunities for Jesuits in formation with JRS UK

Regency placement available: Yes.
Short-term internship available: No.

Duration: 6 months-3 years.

Number of posts available:

One position full time.
Alternatively: One position half time over three years done in conjunction with a human rights or other relevant masters degree at a London University.

Where?

London.

Activities of JRS UK:

1. Pastoral visits in detention centres.
2. Policy analysis and advocacy work.
3. Outreach work to church and secular groups for awareness raising.
4. Publications.

Activities proposed for a regent:

1. Direct pastoral: approx. 50% – detention visiting, help in a drop in centre, accompany refugees (e.g. at refugee council), correspondence (phone/post) w/ detainees and asylum seekers throughout UK.
2. Indirect pastoral work: approx. 20% of time – e.g. helping set up appointments for refugees/asylum seekers (e.g. with solicitors or health care workers).
3. Administrative support work in the office: approx. 30 % – e.g. helping organise events, send information out to individuals/parishes asking for info, helping with mailings, helping find country information for JRS country newsheets.

Relevant training will be provided.

Full-time or part-time?

Both options possible (see above).

Language skills required:

Good English essential;
Other languages an advantage (particularly welcome: French, Spanish, African languages, Arabic).

Other key skills needed:

Good pastoral presence;
Sympathy with JRS' work and aims;
Ability to learn quickly.

Accompaniment and supervision:

JRS UK and the British Province of the Society of Jesus will be responsible for the assigned regent. The regent will be supervised by the JRS UK Country Director who has particular experience in team building and supervision. He will be accompanied as well by the Jesuits on the JRS UK team.

Possibility to live in a community with other Jesuits in formation:

Yes, if space permits.

Further remarks:

Training: The induction/orientation programme at the beginning of regency will last a week or possibly ten days and will include meetings with key partners, visiting drop in centres, visiting refugee community programmes or projects. The scholastic will also be able to attend JRS events or other events/conferences to learn more about the issues affecting refugees and asylum seekers in the UK. If interested he could gain experience in collaborative working in the NGO world by attending network meetings and representing JRS at them e.g. UK coalition to Stop the Use of Child Soldiers, the landmines campaign, the campaign to cut legal aid cuts, National Justice and Peace Network, National Catholic Refugee Forum.

Starting date (regency):

Negotiable (normally start in the autumn).

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