

Volunteer role description



Red Cross acknowledges
the Traditional Owners
of this land, their ancestors
and Elders, past and present.

the
power of
humanity



IHL Advisory Committee Member – Legal Sector

Department	International Humanitarian Law
Availability	2 hours per quarter for meetings; approximately 6 hours per quarter for associated support to IHL program/committee work plan
Location	Various locations throughout Australia
Category	Contributing to our operational work

Building an inclusive, diverse and active humanitarian movement based on voluntary service

Role purpose

The Australian Red Cross International Humanitarian Law (IHL) Program seeks to prevent and alleviate suffering in times of war and conflict and promote non-violence and peace by working towards the following outcomes:

- Australians in war and conflict understand that wars have laws and apply them;
- Australian law and policy reflects IHL and humanitarian principles; and
- the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement has maximum global impact in IHL, and Movement members achieve their local humanitarian objectives.

As a member of the International Red Cross Red Crescent Movement, Australian Red Cross has an obligation to promote awareness about IHL or the laws of war.

The IHL Advisory Committees have an important role in supporting the IHL Program. The Committees represent a high-level, expert group of IHL experts, practitioners and influencers across the country.

IHL Advisory Committee members are bound by the Terms of Reference of the IHL Advisory Committees.

Role responsibilities

- Fulfil the responsibilities set out in the Terms of Reference.
- Use her/his networks and influence to promote IHL Program activities, initiatives and advocacy priorities relevant to the legal sector, in particular the implementation of IHL action plans in private sector organisations operating in conflict zones.
- Commit to supporting the IHL Program activities pursuant to the Terms of Reference, with at least one of the following per annum:
 - o contribute to and/or review Australian Red Cross IHL publications;
 - o develop resources/training materials/briefings to assist legal professionals in advising corporate clients on their roles and obligations under IHL;
 - o present IHL seminars or CPD updates to fellow legal professionals;

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- co-sponsor and/or assist with the development and facilitation of the annual Australian Red Cross and Australian Law Students' Association IHL Moot Competition;
 - plan, host and/or present at local dissemination events, as organised by the IHL Advisory Committee and Community Engagement Network in your State/Territory; or
 - plan, host and/or present at an event convened by the IHL Program.
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Knowledge, skills and experience

- Seeking:
 - legal practitioners, including in-house counsel, for clients working in conflict affected areas;
 - legal practitioners working specifically on matters of corporate social responsibility, compliance frameworks and/or business and human rights matters;
 - members of the judiciary; or
 - members of key peak or regulatory bodies within the legal sector that deal with issues relating to public international law or to companies working in conflict affected areas.
 - Legal practitioners: A minimum of 8 years' experience in the Australian legal sector; experience in public international law, corporate social responsibility or business and human rights is desirable.
 - Members of peak/regulatory bodies: A minimum of 5 years' experience in a relevant peak body or regulatory organisation; demonstrated experience in public international law, corporate social responsibility or business and human rights is desirable. A demonstrated capacity to influence key stakeholders within the sector on policy and advocacy related issues.
 - Demonstrated interest in IHL and other relevant international legal frameworks (e.g. international criminal law, international human rights law), as well as humanitarian action.
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Check requirements

- Complete Red Cross online learning modules as required
 - A National Criminal History Check prior to commencement and renewed every five years (Red Cross will arrange this)
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Learning and development

- Short annual briefing on the RCRC Movement, the Fundamental Principles, auxiliary status and role of the Movement with regards to disseminating and ensuring respect for IHL
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General conditions

We act always in accordance with the Australian Red Cross Ethical Framework and Child Protection Code of Conduct

We are a Child Safe organisation and all volunteers are required to comply with relevant State and Territory legislation requirements

We comply with the Red Cross Workplace Health and Safety management system

We demonstrate skill, knowledge and behaviour to work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in a culturally respectful way

We may be required to assist the organisation on occasion, in times of national, state or local emergencies or major disasters

In all activities, our volunteers are guided by the [Fundamental Principles of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement](#)

Humanity

Impartiality

Neutrality

Independence

Voluntary Service

Unity

Universality
