Volunteer role description

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

IHL Advisory Committee Member – Media/Public Affairs

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 media sector.
- Commit to supporting the IHL Program activities pursuant to the Terms of Reference with at least one of the following per annum:
    - present at and/or contribute to materials for targeted Australian Red Cross IHL Program courses, roundtables and conferences as relevant;
    - contribute to and/or review Australian Red Cross IHL publications; or

- plan, host and/or present at local dissemination events, as organised by the IHL Advisory Committee and Community Engagement Network in your State/Territory.

- Work with key stakeholders, including media industry bodies, to promote the laws of war.

Knowledge, skills and experience

- Employed within the Australian media industry in one or more of the following:
  - peak body representing media professionals;
  - Foreign Correspondent;
  - Foreign Editor;
  - Senior Reporter, Photographer, Video Journalist, Producer or Editor with an interest in international affairs and the laws of war;
  - think tank or research institution with a focus on media;
- A minimum of 5 years' experience in the Australian media industry; experience reporting on armed conflicts and/or civilian-military assistance operations is desirable.
- Demonstrated capacity to influence within the sector or their own organisation on policy and advocacy related issues.
- Demonstrated interest in international humanitarian law and humanitarian issues.

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)
- COVID-19 vaccination (as required by government mandate)

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

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