Volunteer role description



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

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AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS

IHL Advisory Committee Member – Humanitarian 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 humanitarian sector
- Provide advice to the IHL Program on how to achieve Strategy 2020 goals that relate to the humanitarian/development sector, including on respecting and ensuring respect for IHL
- 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 the Australian Red Cross Annual Course on International Legal Frameworks for Humanitarian Practitioners;
    - contribute to and/or review Australian Red Cross IHL publications;

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

Knowledge, skills and experience

- Employed within the Australian humanitarian/development sector in one of the following:
  - a humanitarian organization – representatives from the following areas are highly desired: policy and advocacy; programs; humanitarian or emergency response; communication; or
  - a humanitarian think tank or research institution; or
  - a peak body, for example, the Australian Council for International Development.
- A minimum of five years' experience in the humanitarian/development sector in both Australia and the field.
- Demonstrated capacity to influence within the sector, or to influence their own organisation 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.

Check requirements

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

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