

Work experience placements with HIAS+JCORE

Who are we?

HIAS+JCORE (charity no. 1132666) is the UK Jewish voice on refugees and racial justice. Our work is driven by the belief that the Jewish community should play an active part in building a society in which refugees are able to live in dignity where the UK is a welcoming place free from racism.

Our organisation came into this form through the joining of forces between two organisations - JCORE and HIAS:

- Established in 1976, **JCORE** (Jewish Council for Racial Equality) has worked both inside and outside the Jewish community to provide a Jewish voice on race and asylum issues. Indeed, we are the only Jewish anti-racism organisation that makes explicit the connection between racism and attitudes to asylum.
- Over one hundred years ago, the Jewish community in New York City founded **HIAS** (originally the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society), the immigrant gateway to America. Originally set up by Jews to help fellow Jews for reasons of religious imperative and communal solidarity, HIAS in the 2020s is a multi-pronged humanitarian aid and advocacy organisation with thousands of employees across four continents dedicated to helping forcibly displaced persons around the world in keeping with the organisation's Jewish ethical roots.

Today, we are a small professional team that works between an office in north London and our homes. We work across three main, interlinked areas:

- **Community Engagement:** We are building and mobilising a broad Jewish movement supporting refugees and racial justice.
- **Frontline support:** We offer opportunities to volunteer our vision, through our befriending and casework project JUMP, legal support, and Welcome Circles.
- **Advocacy:** We are a leading voice within civil society, partnering with organisations across the many sectors we work within.

What you can expect

We believe that work experience and internships should be meaningful and impactful for everyone involved. We therefore commit to only offer work placement opportunities when we can accommodate people and provide appropriate supervision and support. You can expect:

- To work from our office on the days that it is open (typically Mon-Weds), and to contribute remotely outside of these times.
- A safe, professional environment with staff who have enhanced DBS checks.
- To contribute across HIAS+JCORE's work, including:
 - Developing marketing & communications for our projects.
 - Supporting the organisation of public events.
 - Mapping out potential partners across the UK.
 - Participating in and contributing to team meetings.
- To receive written certification of your work placement.

What we expect

HIAS+JCORE is a small team and will only be able to support people who contribute to the best of their abilities in this work. Once you have agreed your specific scheme of work with your supervisor, you are expected to be punctual and to endeavour to complete the work.

To discuss a placement opportunity, please send a short letter describing your motivation and availability to admin@hiasjcore.org.uk