

ARIADNE

European Funders for Social Change and Human Rights

Consultant for Coordination of Digital Power Initiative

'Ariadne – European Funders for Social Change and Human Rights' is a Europe-wide, peer-to-peer network of donors and grant-makers investing in social change and human rights. It currently has almost 600 participants representing 160 institutions in 22 countries. Ariadne offers its members a mix of hard and soft links, with participants able to connect both online and face-to-face. Ariadne has a sophisticated online portal where participants can create and moderate special interest communities and share ideas and information. This is supplemented by a number of annual events for the entire network and a series of locally based events in different countries and linguistic regions. The language of the central network is English, with sub-networks working in French, Dutch, German, and Italian.

Ariadne comprises a small and dedicated team that is based in Brussels and London.

Consultancy Description

Ariadne is looking for a part-time consultant to coordinate a new initiative on digital rights and digital power. This initiative will focus on building funder knowledge and capacity around the implications of digital technology for the causes they support, with a particular focus on accountability in the online public sphere and countering AI-driven discrimination and inequality.

This consultancy is supported by a project grant of two years.

The consultant will:

- work with members of an existing group of digital rights funders to identify the most pressing topics in the areas of digital rights and technology and potential areas for effective donor collaboration;
- oversee the development of an annual meeting of this group of donors, and support follow-up from those meetings;
- facilitate conversation in between the annual meeting, e.g. organise periodic webinars / calls for funders to check in and exchange information;
- conduct outreach to the wider group of Ariadne members and other foundations to share expertise and funding strategies to address the rise of digital;
- identify new funders who might be interested in joining discussions or collaborating on digital rights issues;
- promote bilateral connections between funders based on mutual interests;
- conduct mapping among the group to provide information about which organisations and issues are being funded by foundations and to identify possible areas for greater collaboration; and
- proactively disseminate recent publications / reports that might be of interest to funders.

Reporting

The consultant will report to the Ariadne Director and will maintain regular communications with the main funders of this initiative.

Expected Outcomes of the Project

- A set of collaborative initiatives credibly confronting digital power

- Strong relationships between digital rights and human rights and social justice funders
- Increased knowledge amongst human rights funders as well as digital rights funders about effective grant making strategies and impactful interventions with regard to digital power

Skills and Knowledge

The person who fills this post must be confident, intellectually curious, and demonstrate the ability to work independently and to accept a high level of responsibility. We are looking for someone with the following skills and experience:

- Strong networking capabilities, experience in connecting individuals and organizations to each other and building meaningful relationships with the members and relevant actors in the external environment
- A good grasp of the impact of digitization on our societies and how this affects the topics that social justice funders and human rights funders are working on
- Track record in working for / with civil society organizations and being able to understand their needs in optimizing their potential
- Basic understanding of philanthropy and grant making strategies as well as of funder communities in Europe
- Creative thinking and entrepreneurial style of operating
- Excellent organizational skills and attention to detail
- Excellent written and public speaking skills in English
- Facility in another European language desirable
- Willingness to travel internationally

Terms and Conditions

It is anticipated that the consultant will initially work approximately one day per week, scaling up to two days per week over the course of the project if necessary.

Availability for a prompt start in April 2020 is preferred.

We expect to offer a competitive daily rate and look forward to discussing this with the successful candidate.

The location of this role is flexible, with a strong preference for someone based in Europe. This role will include some international travel, including occasional meetings at our offices in Brussels and/or London.

Application Instructions

The closing date for applications is **17:00 GMT on 5th March 2020**.

To apply: please submit a maximum **two-page CV** and **a one-page cover letter** to jobs@ariadne-network.eu. Please use the following subject line: "Digital Power: Last name, first name". The filename of your CV should be "LastnameFirstname_CV" and that of your cover letter should be "LastnameFirstname_Cover".

Please note that due to the large number of applications we receive, we are only be able to contact short-listed candidates.