



Social Policy & Advocacy Officer

- Professional Membership Association: National Voice for Social Justice
- Full time ongoing (Salary \$70k - \$77k)
- Part time would be considered

The Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW) is the professional representative body of social workers in Australia, with more than 11,500 members. AASW sets the benchmarks for professional education and practice in social work and have a strong voice on matters of social justice, human rights and issues that impact upon the quality of life of all Australians.

This position is full time however, we would consider the option of part time subject to the overall position requirements being met.

Key position responsibilities:

The Social Policy & Advocacy Officer is responsible for:

- Writing and developing social policy and advocacy material including position statements, submissions, media and other documents in consultation with key stakeholders;
- Raising the profile and awareness of the AASW, its members and the role of Social Workers, and the Association's social policy and advocacy positions;
- Maintaining knowledge and awareness of key social policy issues, government policy directions and consultation processes, for relevance and applicability to the AASW, the social work profession and members.
- Advocacy for AASW members, particularly AMHSWs, including development of strategies to address current issues impacting on AMHSWs, and to raise their profile in a range of areas, including: Department of Veterans Affairs, MBS, Private Health Insurance, Workcover schemes, PHNs, NDIS
- Liaising and consulting with members on areas of concern including advocacy strategies, development of submissions and other documents
- Communications with members on key issues and developments including the development of E-Newsletters

Key selection criteria:

- High level understanding of contemporary social work policy and practice issues

- High level of understanding of the role and skills of AMHSWs and the settings in which they provide and have potential to provide services;
- Demonstrated experience in advocacy activities, including development and implementation of strategies and campaigns to influence change
- Demonstrated experience in research, policy development and analysis
- Excellent communication skills, both verbal and written
- Proficiency in the use of information technology, and social media platforms
- Able to handle periods of high workload and meet deadlines
- Demonstrated problem solving skills
- Understanding of and experience in consultation processes with a range of stakeholders

The AASW is committed to equal opportunities in employment and embraces diversity and inclusion in its workforce. We encourage applications from culturally and ethnically diverse communities, particularly those underrepresented in the social work profession including the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and people with a disability.

To be considered for this role, your application must include your CV and a cover letter addressing the key selection criteria listed above.

- Please apply for this role by sending your application to: HR@aasw.asn.au and include ref '010819 Social Policy' in the subject heading.

Further information on the AASW can be found by visiting our website at www.aasw.asn.au