



British High Commission Colombo

Political Officer

We are looking for an enthusiastic self-starter for an important and exciting Political Officer role. The main focus of the role is to provide reporting and analysing developments in Sri Lanka with a focus on the local dynamics in the North and East, minority politics and freedom of religion and belief. The role will provide access to senior decision-makers in the UK and Sri Lankan Governments and will require high levels of autonomy, fluency in English and quality decision-making.

Key requirements:

Work Experience

- A minimum of 3 years of proven relevant professional experience.
- Experience of working in an international context, with diplomatic missions, civil society or multilateral institutions (Desirable).
- Experience working on human rights, accountability and social cohesion (Desirable).
- Programme management experience (Desirable).

Education Qualification

- A university degree or professional qualification in a relevant field.

Language Proficiency

- English, Tamil and / or Sinhala.
- Fluent spoken and written English (IELTS 7.0 or equivalent), Tamil (advanced).

Skills and Abilities

- A thorough understanding of Sri Lankan history, culture and politics.
- An established network of contacts in Sri Lanka, particularly in the North and East.
- Confidence to express ideas clearly and concisely.
- Personal drive and ability to work both independently and as part of a team.
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills.
- Strong organisational and time management skills.
- Flexibility and resilience under pressure.

Applications close on 25th February 2024

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