Digital Citizenship Team – Research Trainee

EUN Partnership AISBL (known as European Schoolnet) is looking for an enthusiastic **Research Trainee (Ref. DigCiT-TR2020-1)** to join its **Digital Citizenship Team** in Brussels, for 6 months, starting in April/May 2020.

The Digital Citizenship Team runs a variety of platforms and projects covering areas such as digital skills, media literacy, online safety and hate speech, with an overarching focus on how to empower children, youth, teachers and carers with the knowledge and skills needed to actively participate in today's digital society. Alongside other activity lines, the Digital Citizenship Team is currently involved in two EC-funded H2020 research projects on risks and opportunities related to children's and adolescents' online media usage. Working at an international not-for-profit educational organisation, the Research Trainee will gain hands-on experience collecting and analysing qualitative data (stakeholder interviews, focus groups, etc.) while helping to translate the emerging research findings into recommendations and materials of relevance for European policy makers and practitioners.

The successful candidate will support the project coordinator in all activities related to these two EC-funded projects, particularly in relation to data collection, analysis and reporting of findings. The candidate must have a strong research profile and interest in European policy and practice in the areas of education, digital skills, media literacy, online safety and digital citizenship. The traineeship will also require excellent organisation, analytical, writing and communication skills.

MAIN TASKS

Supporting the ySKILLS and CORE projects:

- Together with the project coordinator, carry out in-depth interviews with experts from the education and labour market sectors.
- Carry out consultations and focus groups with educational stakeholders including children, educators and parents in Belgium and potentially abroad.
- Transcribe interviews and focus groups
- Analyse the data collected
- Report research findings
- Contribute and co-author academic and non-academic publications (e.g. reports for policy-makers, blogs, etc.)
- Any other project-related activities as deemed necessary by the project coordinator (e.g. preparing presentations, participating in project related meetings, webinars, etc.).

Supporting other team activities:

Apart from its primary involvement in the ySKILLS and CORE projects, the trainee will also support ongoing work of the Digital Citizenship Working Group which brings together nominees from European Ministries of Education with the aim to develop a strategic Digital Citizenship framework, to give a steer to EUN's Digital Citizenship roadmap, to provide a platform for exchange between EUN network members, identifying best practices to share and challenges to overcome, while exploring new areas of work.

PROFILE AND SKILLS

- A Master's degree in a relevant field (e.g. communication sciences, media studies or other social sciences)
- Good knowledge of empirical research methods, with a particular interest in qualitative policy research (e.g. stakeholder interviews, focus groups, etc.)
- The traineeship will provide relevant experience for those who wish to pursue an academic career in an applied research domain or those wish to carry out research in policy or education settings
- Fluent written and spoken English; additional languages would be an asset
- Strong organisational skills, flexibility and ability to learn fast, as well as the ability to meet tight and multiple deadlines and able to work autonomously
- Tech-savvy and community management skills (understanding of web content management systems, corporate social media like Facebook, Twitter, and Web 2.0 technologies)
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills
- Self-starter with problem-solving approach
- Accuracy and attention to detail
- Strong diplomatic skills to liaise with a network of EU institutions, international project partners, and education professionals

USEFUL INFORMATION

- **Duration:** six months starting in April/May 2020
- **Deadline for applications:** 3 April 2020
- **Benefits:** This will be a paid traineeship – the trainee will receive a compensation of 1,000 € net per month. In addition, European Schoolnet will also provide a partial reimbursement of transport costs (if coming by metro, train or bicycle).
- **Location:** European Schoolnet, Rue de Trèves, 61, Brussels, Belgium.

HOW TO APPLY

Please send your **CV** and **motivation letter** in English to jobs@eun.org by 3 April 2020. The motivation letter should show how your background and interests fit the tasks planned for this job. Make sure to include the correct vacancy reference (**Ref. DigCiT-TR2020-1**) in the subject of the email and file names**.**

PLEASE NOTE:

- Interviews will take place as soon as possible either in Brussels or at distance.
- Due to the volume of applications, we regret to be able to only notify pre-selected candidates.

ABOUT EUROPEAN SCHOOLNET

European Schoolnet (www.europeanschoolnet.org) is the network of 34 Ministries of Education from across Europe, leading educational innovation at European level. As a major international think tank, European Schoolnet operates key European services in education on behalf of member Ministries of Education, the European Commission, and industry partners. European Schoolnet's activities are divided among three areas of work:

- Providing concrete evidence and data in the area of innovation in education on which to base policy recommendations;
- Supporting schools and teachers in their teaching practices;
- Developing and sustaining a network of schools engaged in innovative teaching and learning approaches.

At European Schoolnet, we believe that transforming education is needed for young people to become critical thinkers, to act in a responsible and creative manner, to more fully participate in a digital society. And we believe the change to happen has to be as much as possible grounded in research results and evidence from practice and policy.