Survivors of War in Australia



Position Description; Research Intern – Survivors of War Victims (Australia)

SafeGround is an Australian research, education and advocacy not-for-profit organisation. We have worked with victims from war and conflicts all over the world for over 30 years. In 2020, we are commencing research on the status of war victims in Australia. Many residents of Australia have lived and worked in conflict areas either as civilians, refugees, humanitarian aid workers, journalists, peace-keepers, defence personnel or in other capacities. We want to determine how war has affected their lives in Australia.

You will be part of a team with members of the SafeGround Committee and possibly other interns engaged from different faculties and universities. Within the team you will choose a demographic to research; identify, extract, organise, evaluate and present information on your part of the project.

The Role:

- Identify and choose strategies for your research
- Conduct a preliminary search of existing academic research
- Conduct research from various sources
- Research and liaise with service providers
- Formulate information gathered into a report
- Assist in developing strategies and materials for engaging with general public
- Produce communication materials for various public audiences

Under the guidance of their supervisor, Project Coordinator Mette Eliseussen and her team members, the intern will undertake a project to research and write a report on war victims in Australia by drawing together existing knowledge on war victim experiences and needs. The report will focus on how war has affected the lives of war victims, their families and the communities they live in. The focus is on what needs they have and if and how their needs are met, and who their service providers are.

SafeGround may facilitate contact between the intern and international organisations that assist war victims. Based on findings from this report you will take part in writing recommendations of steps forward.

The internship is ideal for students interested in health and humanitarian issues. Depending on COVID restrictions the work will be mainly through remote meetings, sessions in a collaborative space and independent work. We are looking for someone with the following qualities: Initiative, problem solver, curiosity, research skills and clear and concise writing skills.

This internship is unpaid however we will have flexible arrangements for the successful candidate, provided they work a minimum 3 days a week, for 13-15 weeks and we will work with you to ensure you achieve course credit. Interested applicants should email their CV with a covering letter to mettesofie@gmail.com