



Scalabrini
Centre of Cape Town

ADVOCACY VOLUNTEER

FULL-TIME

MINIMUM COMMITMENT: 6 MONTHS

ABOUT SCALABRINI VOLUNTEERS

Scalabrini is a Cape Town based NGO that offers specialised services to migrants, refugees and South Africans. Scalabrini's services focus in four key areas including:

Para-legal advice office | Advocacy and Knowledge Sharing
Socio-economic Integration | Well-being and Welfare

Scalabrini's mandate is to support integration and advocate for human rights, we achieve this through a holistic approach that considers all basic needs.

Integral to the success of Scalabrini is the work that our volunteers do in the centre. Each year, we welcome both local and international volunteers who work in all areas of our programs. Without the commitments of volunteers we would not be able to reach as many clients as we do and provide many of the services they have access to.

By choosing to volunteer with Scalabrini you will

- **Work directly with clients.**
- **Be mentored and supported by highly qualified and experienced team.**
- **Develop a deeper understanding and knowledge in the field of migrant populations in South Africa.**
- **Develop various skills in your area of interest.**
- **Be part of a small organisation making meaningful impact to those we serve.**

VOLUNTEER YEARLY IMPACT...



50 volunteers



50 000 hours of service



**impacting 6000
Scalabrini Clients**



ADVOCACY VOLUNTEER OVERVIEW

The Advocacy Programme's aim is to promote and strengthen the rights and integration of migrants and refugees in South Africa, through providing individual advice, publishing research, raising awareness, and advocating for legislative and policy reform and its proper implementation. We do this through paralegal advice and practical assistance, which is provided to individual clients on a walk-in basis, and through high-level advocacy such as submissions, reports and litigation. Aside from these services, we have various projects, focusing on unaccompanied and separated children, an outreach advocacy project in Bellville and deportation and detention matters. Please read our Programme page to get a fuller understanding of the work that we do.

Tasks may include but not limited to:

- Provision of paralegal advice to clients who attend the walk-in advocacy clinic, following a training and shadowing programme on advising clients. This will include advice on documentation, asylum system access, appeal processes, hate crimes and xenophobic incidents, referrals to other organisations, among other topics. An Advocacy Officer will oversee and support this.
- Completion of research on relevant topics. This may include assistance in compiling submissions, internal research required by the Advocacy Programme, or other research that may be within your interests, if agreed to by the programme, and the completion of weekly 'press reviews' - summaries on refugee and migration related news items.
- Administrative assistance and support. This may include assistance with the upkeep of records and databases.
- Participation in stakeholder forums and workshops that are of interest or relevance.
- Assistance with other tasks that are necessary for the daily business of the organization.

Skills and attributes needed

- Academic background in a related area such as Political Sciences, Human Rights, Law, etc.
- Previous practical experience in working with refugees/migrants.
- Knowledge of refugee law and/or migrant issues.
- Pro-active engagement and willingness to get involved in Scalabrini's various activities.
- Good communication and administrative skills.
- Practical, organized and motivated, with a strong ethical motivation and ability to uphold Scalabrini's values and confidentiality code.
- Fluent English skills are necessary. Knowledge of French, Swahili, Lingala, Somali, Arabic or Portuguese an advantage.
- The intern should be highly motivated to learn about issues related to refugees and migration in South Africa and be an independent worker capable of doing their own research.

In general, the tasks will depend on your previous knowledge, skills and personal interests. If possible, we will try to create a small project, such as a specific research piece. We aim to make the volunteer placement a fruitful exchange, both for Scalabrini and for your skill-set and development!

Commitment

We require a minimum commitment of six months, Monday to Friday 8:30am – 4:30pm



MEET JEAN-LOUISE

Advocacy Volunteer

" I've learned so much. My previous internships haven't been as hands-on or as full-time – at Scalabrini, you're constantly in it and learning. I've gained a lot of professionalism and confidence in this field."

For more information or to apply to be a Scalabrini Centre Volunteer, please contact Vivienne Evert at operations@scalabrini.org.za or +27 21 465 6433