

# **Finance and Operations Manager**

# **Job Description**

Arab World Ministries is a ministry of Pioneers International, an evangelical, interdenominational agency which works to plant churches amongst unreached people groups everywhere. The particular focus of AWM-Pioneers is the Muslim peoples of the Arab World, wherever they may be found.

This is a strategic appointment to join our AWM-Pioneers Leadership Team to ensure we sustain and improve our 'back-of-house' services in our efforts towards mission mobilisation and excellent care of our members as we mentor people of all ages in service with God to Arab unreached peoples.

It is a genuine occupational requirement for the post-holder to be a committed Christian who is in agreement with and able to sign our statement of faith.

Job Title: Finance and Operations Manager

Contract: Permanent, full-time role (37.5 hours per week)

Reporting to: National Director

Job Summary: Oversee financial and operational matters for offices of AWM-Pioneers

Salary and benefits: £30,000-£36,000 p.a dependent on experience

Life assurance

10% non-contributory pension scheme.

The AWM-Pioneers team is encouraged to explore developing a personal

support network to contribute towards some of this figure.

Location: AWM-Pioneers office in Loughborough, Leicestershire.

Start Date: By April 2022

## **Essential Duties and Responsibilities**

The Finance and Operations Manager will be prayerfully discerning and facilitative in carrying out their responsibility to:

#### Finance

- Manage the operation of members support accounts and other specific funds
- Manage and lead the Finance team including Finance Co-Ordinator and Finance Assistant
- Prepare, monitor, report and advise upon on budgets and other financial regulatory matters, for presentation to the Leadership Team and the Board of Trustees
- Responsible for compliance with regulations

### **Operations**

- Oversee office and building-related matters for our premises including Health and Safety Management
- Oversee and support the implementation of our IT Strategy including our phones system and audio-visual media

### Organisational

- Contribute to the strategic development of AWM-Pioneers as a member of the Leadership
  Team
- Undertake role of Company Secretary and attend all Board meetings (x4 Saturdays p.a)
- Participate and contribute in our daily and monthly times of prayer and worship

# **Specific Duties and Responsibilities**

To fulfil your role as Finance and Operations Manager and Company Secretary you will be responsible for the following:

#### Finance

- Review and monitor member finances
- Lead on income tax, pensions (including auto enrolment), related benefits and national insurance relevant to members overseas
- Managing the administration of our member Medical Fund
- Monitor the provision of financial information to field workers, other National Offices and other partner mission organisations
- Oversee the payments of allowances, payroll and suppliers
- Monitor and maintain the systems used to transfer financial data between Payroll, Database, Accounts software and other data sources
- Manage online banking, banking downloads, overseas payments and charitable giving
- Provide monthly or quarterly financial reports, statistics and analysis to the Board and Leadership Team
- Produce annual accounts in conjunction with auditors in line with statutory requirements meeting SORP and Charity Commissioners requirements for the Trustees Annual Report
- Submit approved documents to Companies House and Charities Commission
- Advise on policy and management of AWM investment performance and reserve use
- Oversee preparation of annual donor statements, including Gift Aid in cooperation with the Communication Department
- Contribute to Donation Meetings facilitated by the Fundraising team

'Notes: Our current systems include SAGE payroll, ThankQ database and Exchequer accounts software.

### **Operations**

- Control all aspects of property usage, contracts and maintenance and liaise with landlords as appropriate
- Ensure provision of appropriate consumables, furniture, IT and other media equipment
- Manage purchase of our annual insurances, including buildings and contents, public liability and employers' liability
- Supporting HR team in arranging our group member Medical Cover and travel insurance
- Manage out IT contract and relationship with our provider, alongside keeping our hardware and software provision current

- Working with our HR Co-Ordinator and Health and Safety Co-Ordinator to ensure good practice and legal compliance in Health and Safety
- To facilitate the good use of our office server function
- Other duties as required

# Key Relationships in fulfilling these responsibilities

- Finance Co-ordinator and Finance Assistant
- AWM-Pioneers Leadership Team
- AWM-Pioneers Council (Board of trustees)
- Members
- External service providers
- Other parts of the Pioneers global family

# **Person Specification**

### Essential skills, experience and characteristics

- In order to perform this role, it is a genuine occupational requirement that he/she is a committed Christian, able to agree with the organisation's statement of faith and able to fully participate in the spiritual activities of office life
- Relevant experience or qualification in accountancy and ensure we comply with all relevant statutory requirements
- Proven record of managing people and effective management skills
- Computer literate and familiar with software systems, both accounting and report writing, with an excellent knowledge of Microsoft Excel
- Self-motivated with excellent organisational skills
- Able to work alongside others and be a team player
- Pro-active learner
- Able to take a hands on approach as well as releasing others in their roles

### Desirable skills, experience and characteristics:

- Working knowledge of the Charity and Mission Agency sector
- A passion or interest for ministry among unreached people groups
- Comfortable serving in an interdenominational context
- Previous cross-cultural mission experience
- Conversant with Customer Relationship Management (CRM) systems eg ThankQ, Beacon or Financial software eg Exchequer
- Familiarity with psychometric tools used in personal and team development such as Myers-Briggs (MBTI), Strength Finders or Five Voices
- The ability to motivate others and help them manage change