

Advocacy Rep Role Description

VISION AND PURPOSE

We want to make our advocacy work even more strategic and dynamic by raising up volunteers to represent Open Doors to their local MP across the UK. The more Advocacy Reps we have, the more focused engagement we will have with MPs. This increases our influence in the UK government to advocate for the persecuted church.

This is a great opportunity to speak up for your persecuted family and ensure their voices are amplified to those in authority in the UK.

SUMMARY

An Advocacy Rep amplifies the voice of the persecuted church at a local level.

This manifests in three ways:

- **Represent:** the persecuted church to your MP
- **Galvanise:** your church to speak out
- **Connect:** with a team serving the persecuted church

RESPONSIBILITIES & EXPECTATIONS

Fundamentals

- Be an active Christian and commit to praying for this work
- Commit to the role for a minimum of one year, following a six-month probationary period

During campaigns

Actively engage in the annual World Watch List (WWL) campaign and a minimum of one other campaign organised by Open Doors throughout the year. The activities required for campaigns are explained below.

Represent

- Meet with your MP to discuss the campaign and any report associated with it. Discussion points and recommendations will be provided by the Advocacy team along with an online webinar to ensure you feel confident in talking about the campaign to your MP and navigating their response.

Galvanise

- Galvanise your church to take part in campaigns that will engage your MP with the plight of the persecuted church.

Connect

- Pray for the campaign, for MPs and for there to be real impact for our persecuted family
- Attend trainings on campaigns to be equipped to represent Open Doors effectively.

Ongoing

Represent

- Develop a warm and ongoing relationship with your MP that reflects biblical principles of leadership and service
- Report back to the advocacy team after every engagement with your MP, in order for the Advocacy team to follow up and review relationships with MPs where needed
- Represent the cross-party and non-partisan advocacy work of Open Doors to your MP
- Keep personal and Open Doors representation separate when engaging with your MP. This means no personal matters should be discussed when meeting your MP on behalf of Open Doors.

Galvanise

- Receive advocacy emails and take action accordingly
- Be the go-to person in your church for the advocacy work of Open Doors.

Connect

- Attend an induction session on the ministry of Open Doors and our advocacy work
- Agree to and sign all required volunteer agreements and policies, including our Statement of Faith, Safeguarding Policy, Confidentiality Agreement and Code of Conduct
- Undertake ad hoc requests by the Advocacy team, when opportunities arise, which would be benefitted by the assistance of an Advocacy Rep at a local level. This would not be a requirement, so you can decide each request separately.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Characteristics:

- Passionate for God and the persecuted church
- Willing to commit to Open Doors' values and non-partisan approach to advocacy, in order to be a trusted ambassador for persecuted Christians
- Self-motivated and committed to arrange the various meetings with your MP and church throughout the year
- Respectful and friendly manner when discussing the plight of the persecuted church and freedom of religion or belief more widely with both MPs and constituents. During the application process we will provide you with an exercise to demonstrate this
- Good standards of personal presentation
- Reliable and organised in corresponding with people by phone, email and letter.

Competencies:

- Able to communicate the specific campaigns of the Open Doors Advocacy team to your MP
- A relational person who can build good rapport with your MP
- Capable of working with others well in order to organise local events.

Enhanced disclosure information may be requested from the DBS in the event of a successful applicant.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND RESOURCES

Advocacy Reps are ultimately accountable to the Advocacy Campaigns and Communications Manager, but will be contacted primarily by the Advocacy Administrator.

Open Doors will provide ongoing support and encouragement through:

- An initial induction to brief Advocacy Reps with Open Doors' core values and advocacy work
- Support through a toolkit and webinar for every campaign
- Bi-monthly news, resources and information to assist you with your meetings
- Quarterly phone calls to offer advice and support
- Contact with other local Advocacy Reps, when possible
- Refunds for any reasonable expenses such as travelling costs upon presentation of proof of expenditure.