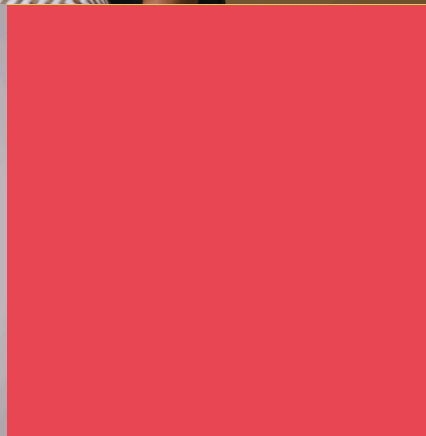




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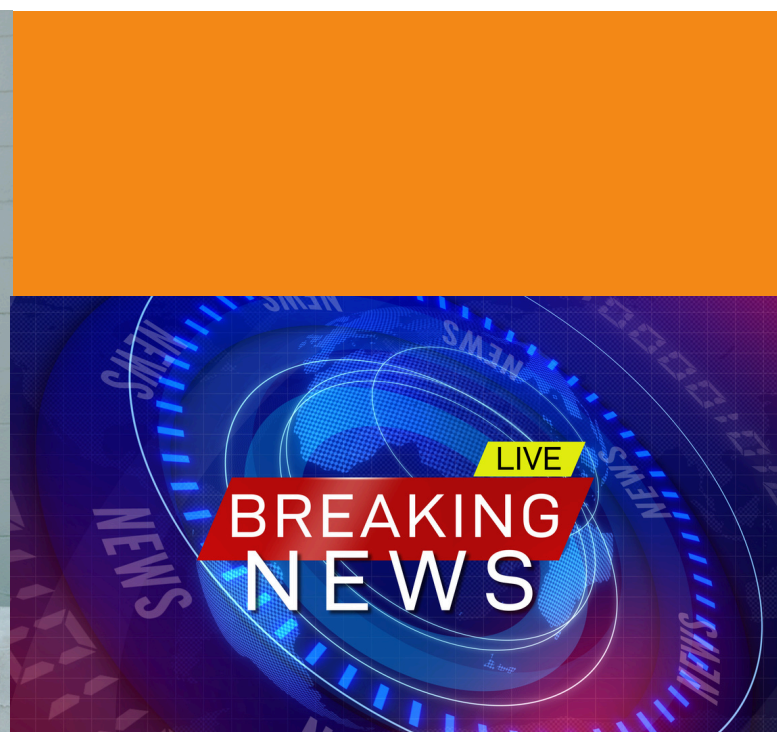


Public Affairs

Public affairs offers a dynamic and rewarding career.

Typically public affairs professionals:

- Lobby on specific policies or legislation.
- Run communication campaigns to provide information to stakeholders directly or through the media.
- Monitor political and media activity and information to ensure they understand the impact of any actual or potential policy developments on their employer or clients.





- You'll spend your days engaging with individuals and groups with a shared interest. This includes politicians, civil servants, clients, shareholders, trade associations, think tanks, business groups, charities, unions, the media and the public.
- In public affairs you work on a whole range of policy challenges from health, to education and climate change. You'll work on everything from public awareness raising campaigns, to working with technical experts to perfect a specific amendment to a piece of draft legislation.
- You can work in a whole range of sectors and for a whole range of organisations. From public affairs agencies, to multi-national companies, trade associations and charities.
- The average starting salary is £20-£29k.



Matching

We work hard to match our mentees and mentors based on their shared interests. This ensures that you are partnered with someone who we think you'll not only learn from, but enjoy spending time with throughout the scheme.



Grow your network

Each quarter we'll host a networking event for you to meet the other mentees, mentors and industry leaders.

This is a profession where your network is crucial.

What does this mentoring scheme include?

The scheme will run from September until April.

Each month you will have a 1:1 meeting with your mentor, who will be a public affairs professional, at a time to suit you.

This can be online or in-person.



1:1 support

Over the 9 months you'll be supported to:

- Consider your career options.
- Develop a plan to address any gaps in your experience.
- Be supported to apply for paid internships or to take the first step in your career.





"I didn't really know what public affairs was before my mentorship, but now I am applying to jobs in the field. I feel confident and excited to apply what I have learned to my potential future career."



Don't just take
our word for it!

Previous cohorts have....

- Landed roles in public affairs, the civil service and the third sector.
- Secured paid internships across the UK.
- Embarked on further relevant education to enhance their knowledge.



"The IHAV Mentoring Scheme was life-changing for me. I was blessed with a mentor who is so passionate about my growth. They supported me in numerous ways, ranging from access to job opportunities, cover letter review and interview tips. I've now secured an internship."

"1000000% got for it!"





How to apply

We will be accepting applications until 31st July

The application process:

- Complete this [application form](#) and our separate [Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Monitoring Form](#) by the 31st July.
- Over August attend an information session.
- September / October be matched with a mentor and attend a hybrid welcome event.
- Meet with your mentor every month and attend regular insight and networking sessions until April 2026.

If you have any questions contact rebecca@ihaveavoice.org.uk.

About you

You must be:

- Able to commit to a minimum of 3 meetings with your mentor and attending 1 hybrid event.
- Able to demonstrate an interest in a relevant career.
- Aged 16+ (this scheme is aimed at students, recent graduates and young people not in education or employment).

APPLY NOW

