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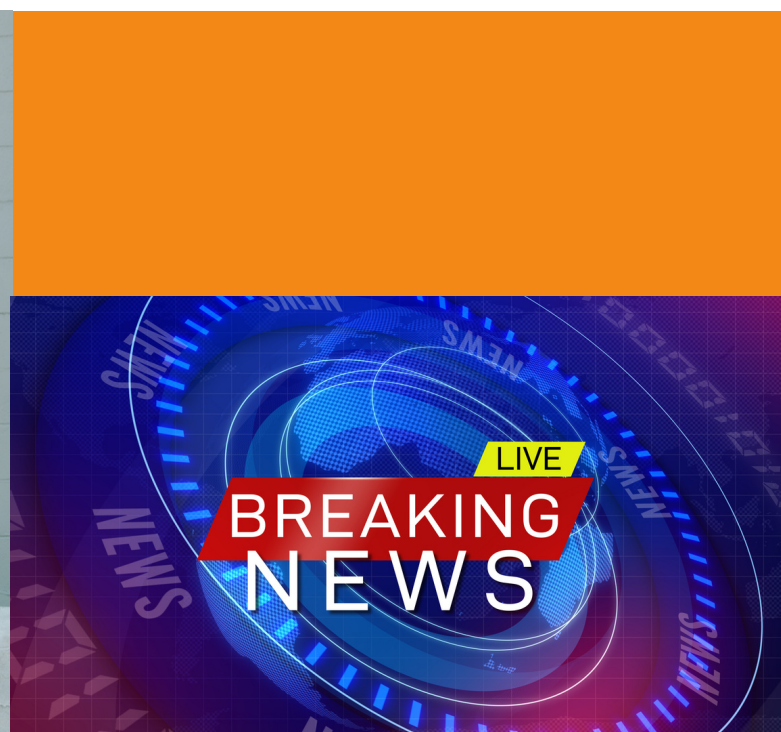


# Public Affairs

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 and average earnings are £45k to £50k.



## 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 2024 until May 2025.

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."

Louise is now working as a Policy and Public Affairs Officer at Independent Age



Don't just take our word for it!

## Previous cohorts have....

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



"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."

Noureen is now working at the public affairs consultancy GK Strategy

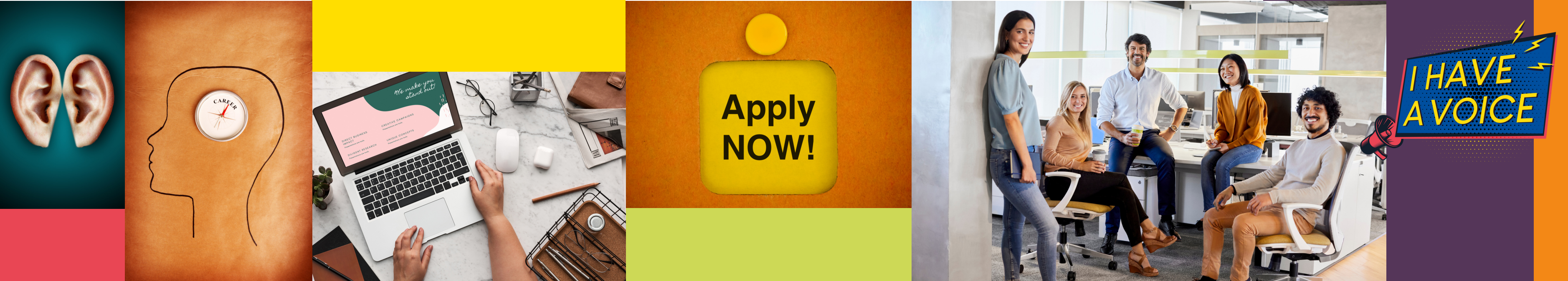




# Is this scheme for me?

- Are you passionate about understanding the role of public policy, regulation, legislation and the economy on society and the environment?
- Are you curious, love problem-solving and building effective relationships?
- Do you enjoy research, writing, campaigning or meeting new people?
- Do you want a career in a growing sector that offers good pay, intellectual stimulation and a sense of purpose?
- Are you genuinely interested in developing your skills and knowledge about the world of politics and policymaking (there is so much more to gain from this scheme than just how to apply for a job)?
- Are you aged 16-30?





# Then we cannot wait to hear from you!

STEP 1: Head to our website to fill in the [Expression of Interest form](#).

STEP 2: Receive an invitation to join one of our introductory sessions.

STEP 3: In September, meet your mentor.



If you have any questions at this stage email [elisha@ihaveavoice.org.uk](mailto:elisha@ihaveavoice.org.uk).