

# Women Deliver

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**Job:** Senior Programme Associate - Youth & Advocacy

**Sector:** Public; Health Policy

**Location:** New York, USA

**Interviewer:** Diogo Martins (LSHTM MScPH 2016-17)

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## Information interview

**Career background:** Academic - undergraduate in Latin American History (University of Chicago, USA) and a dual Master's degree in International Affairs, focussed on Economic and Political Development, and in Public Health, focussed on sociomedical sciences (Columbia University, USA 2015). After graduating college, Cecilia worked for two years as a clinical research associate with the University of Chicago Center for Clinical Cancer Genetics and Global Health - a research group that conducted intersectoral research focusing on health disparities, specifically for African and African-American women who were at risk for breast and ovarian cancer.

**Average day in the job:** Supporting a network of over 400 young leaders and organisations from more than 100 countries who advocate for sexual and reproductive health and rights and gender equality. A lot of the time the work is about networking management and operations, advocacy and policy. We develop and implement capacity-building opportunities (coursework, workshops) and develop advocacy tools - like toolkits - to empower young people to develop their own advocacy campaigns. We also directly fund meaningful youth engagement and youth-led advocacy for SRHR and gender equality. The typical schedule in the office is from 9am to 5pm. The organisation is proud of promoting a well-balanced work/life relationship. Some travelling is required (around 10%) but it varies with the team and set of objectives.

**Most relevant skills:** Policy analysis skills, more specifically the ability to produce and critically appraise policy. Strong writing skills and the ability to effectively communicate to a wide range of audiences. Particular interest in intersectoral collaboration is a must, as the jobs requires understanding and working with different sectors.

**Pieces of advice:** Get in contact with LSHTM Alumni and staff. Ask them about organizations they are familiar with and if they are aware of any collaboration opportunities. Don't walk away before getting 3 names or 3 new organizations (or a combination of both). This will take away the pressure for the person you are talking to (since the way they can help might not be the best fit for you) and will help you gather interesting contacts. If you are interested in intersectoral collaboration, get out your comfort zone and approach different departments at your School. Get acquainted with their work and the opportunities they can offer you.

## Women Deliver

*“Global non-profit organization that advocates for the health rights and well being of girls and women”*

**General description:** Women Deliver is a relatively small and new organization. It focuses on advocacy, with the majority of work done globally on sexual and reproductive health rights (SRHR) and gender equality.

**Recruitment system:** Rolling basis. If you are interested, follow us on LinkedIn and check the opportunities available online.

**Entry-level/internship opportunities:** Entry-level opportunities via associate positions are possible. Internships are also available on a rolling basis, usually for summer interns, which can be paid.

**Ideal profile for candidates:** The organization strives for diversity, and focuses on what candidates can bring to fill in the existing skills or knowledge gaps. Should be passionate for SHRH and gender equality issues. If you have limited work experience, the advice is always to demonstrate your knowledge and skills through your own personal and academic experience and achievements.

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