



Right Now Reviewer Position Description

Mandate:

At Right Now, our work is underpinned by an understanding of the importance of a human rights framework, but we are curious about fresh perspectives and are willing to have informed debates. For this reason, creative responses to human rights themes are especially important to us. Art is often a wonderful way to broach difficult topics – it has the power to engage the heart and the mind, particularly at moments when arguments simply seem to entrench long-held beliefs.

Synopsis:

Reviewers are responsible for writing regular reviews of literature, film, plays, musicals, television programs, exhibitions or other media with a human rights-related theme for the Right Now website. Reviews are published every Wednesday, and writers can expect to contribute one review every four to six weeks.

Tasks:

- Actively take on review opportunities provided through the Reviews Editor
- Observe the 600-1,000 word limit and adhere to the *Right Now Style Guide*
- Present an overview of characters, narrative, style, themes and motifs, while tying it to the human rights context (both local and abroad) where possible
- Adhere to agreed upon deadline and notify Reviews Editor at least a week in advance if deadline cannot be met
- Identify review opportunities
- Attend events or screenings, where necessary. Complimentary tickets are typically sourced for paid events.

Qualities:

Reviewers are expected to be skilled and confident writers, capable of critically responding to a film, text, play etc. They should have a good grasp of the human rights debate in Australia and be able to conduct research and investigate certain topics. Ability to meet deadlines is a must.

Nature of the role:

Voluntary. Right Now is a not-for-profit organisation run by volunteers and we cannot pay reviewers. However, you will be published in good company and your writing will receive a thorough edit from our Reviews Editor. We can link to your personal website, social media accounts of your choosing and mention work that you'd like us to promote. We also extensively tweet and Facebook every review that is published, attracting as many eyeballs

to the piece as possible.

Time Commitment:

Reviewers' time commitment depends on their efficiency. There is no set number of hours and reviewers are allowed to work around their personal availability.

To apply, please send two writing samples and a cover letter to info@rightnow.org.au.

For further information, contact Kate Ervin at info@rightnow.org.au.