

# NEWS DECODER

A global educational news service for young people

## Opportunity: English as a Foreign Language Consultant

### Overview

News Decoder is seeking a part-time English as a Foreign Language consultant to provide proofreading and language standardisation guidance for an English-medium media literacy tool adapted from Swedish.

The tool is the key element of the "[Promoting Media Literacy and Citizen Journalism through Mobile Stories](#)" (ProMS) project, co-funded by the European Commission Creative Europe Programme.

The online teaching tool is aimed at an international high school-level audience with [CEFR B2](#) English ability and above. The purpose of this consultancy is to ensure all multimedia components of the tool are suitable for use by students who have attained this language level.

### Background

Developed by Swedish nonprofit Voice4You, Mobile Stories is an interdisciplinary teaching tool successfully rolled out to more than 10,000 Swedish students over the last five years. Conceived by journalists with a passion for education, the tool equips young people to become responsible and informed citizen journalists by arming them with a critical understanding of digital media, a commitment to journalistic ethics and objective truth-seeking and an array of transferable skills that prepare them both for the job market and for active and engaged citizenship.

The ProMS project is a two-year multi-partner project funded by the European Union that aims to significantly expand Mobile Stories user community through the creation of an English language version suitable for B2-level English speakers and above, adapted for use in diverse cultural and socio-economic settings.

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## Scope and tasks

The EFL specialist will review all relevant multimedia content within the tool with the purpose of ensuring its conformity to the B2 English standard. All material will be provided in English in a variety of formats (articles, video transcripts, surveys). The consultant will be expected to:

- Provide an initial summary of the draft material's conformity to the B2 English standard.
- Highlight words, phrases or, if required, sections that require adjustment or substitution and suggest alternatives and/or additional language support material to aid the understanding of users.
- Suggest terms, words or phrases that should be included in a general glossary of terms within the tool.
- Suggest any other resources that could be included within the tool to increase the ease of use and maximise the benefits of the tool for language learners at the lower end of the B2 English scale.

## Timeframe and activities

- Introductory meeting: 1 hour
- Review approximately 30 short video scripts and help to develop a glossary (January/February–March 2024): approx. 10 hours
- Review up to 25 short articles and up to 10 supplementary worksheets (February/March 2024): approx. 20 hours
- Review survey text and supporting materials for teachers (March 2024): approx. 2 hours
- Review beta version material prior to the pilot program launch (March 2024): approx. 3 hours
- Review the final version of material prior to the launch (October/November 2024): to be determined

## How to apply

To apply, please send your CV and a cover letter including your hourly rate and availability in relation to the activities and timeframe to: [jobs@news-decoder.com](mailto:jobs@news-decoder.com).