

## **M&G vacancy: Deputy Editor**

Deadline: November 30 2015

### **Position Summary:**

The M&G is looking for a deputy editor across platforms to join the publication, permanently, reporting to the editor-in-chief.

### **Main responsibilities:**

- Deputise for the Editor in the event of her absence.
- Attend functions, events and meetings on behalf of the Editor at her request.
- Represent the *Mail & Guardian* in public for and through the broadcast media from time to time.
- Assist the news editor in the commissioning and processing of articles for the newspaper news section on a weekly basis.
- Play an editorial oversight role in the M&G's digital products.
- Write a political analysis column on a fortnightly basis.
- Continue to contribute reporting and analysis, combining a journalistic role with a leadership role in the newsroom.
- Assist the political editor overseeing the political diary and political staff and ensure that they produce regular newsbreaks that are capable of leading the paper and the website, as well as in-depth analysis, profiles and behind the scene reportage.
- Convene the weekly leader conference, and ensure that its positions are communicated to the relevant leader writers timeously and clearly.
- Mentor young journalists in the newsroom, monitor their work and provide guidance to the Editor on questions of their performance and development.
- Assist the Editor in building relationships with important players in the political and government community, and generally to act as a senior ambassador for the M&G.

### **Required skills**

- Excellent knowledge of media law and ethics
- First-class English language skills
- A firm grasp of current affairs, especially locally
- A wide network of sources
- Senior editorial experience at a national title
- A thorough understanding of the M&G news brand

### **Highly advantageous experience and skills:**

- Strong organisational skills
- Experience in digital journalism
- Experience in political journalism

**Characteristics and competencies:**

- Strong interpersonal skills
- Excellent communication skills (verbal and written)
- Exceptional planning and implementation skills
- Ability to work accurately under pressure
- Able to meet deadlines
- Strong analytical ability

**Required qualifications**

- A degree in Journalism or similar qualification

The appointment will be done in line with the M&G Media Ltd Employment Equity Policy and the remuneration will commensurate with the position. Applicants must be based in Johannesburg.

Applications should be addressed to Agness Jura-Ganje.

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