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**[PIIGSty.com](http://PIIGSty.com) is looking for aspiring, talented and enthusiastic contributors/writers**

## About Us

Established in 2011, PIIGSty.com dissects the academic 'speak', shrill doomsday rhetoric and needless jargon to provide our readers with simplified, fun and memorable explanations on topical European Union (EU) and related issues.

With over 1,000 hits per month (and growing), PIIGSty.com isn't an uppity website for those 'know it all, pointy headed' types (although they too are welcome!). Instead, we target all ages, abilities and ideologies with a little something for everyone.

We aren't trying to reinvent the wheel. We created PIIGSty to provide exclusive original publications, article/book summaries, lessons, good reads/views and, of course, our musings (our own...so don't steal 'em without at least saying where you got 'em!) on topics ranging from basic economic concepts to history and public policy.

Why 'PIIGSty?' - You've heard the term 'PIIGS' being bandied about in the news? It's an acronym for the so-called weakest links in economic terms in the eurozone (according to some)...Portugal, Ireland, Italy, Greece and Spain. As this website is essentially a collection of bit and pieces around the EU/eurozone - it's a 'trough' of easily consumable nuggets.

So, we called it PIIGSty. Genius, we know. Oh, and follow us **@PIIGSty**

## Job Description

PIIGSty's daily activities rely on external voluntary contributors. Recent PIIGSty alumni have moved on to pursue careers as researchers and policy advisors with the Irish, UK and US Governments and European institutions as well as public policy and advisory roles in major multinationals across Europe. As a result, our editor and creative director maintain close links with business organisations, think-tanks, state agencies and across the Irish/UK/EU public sector.

We're looking for talented, keen and interested **budding writers** would want to develop their interest and writing abilities in the following areas (and others, upon suggestion):

- Current affairs
- Economics
- History
- Political theory
- Social sciences (including health)
- Law
- Electoral reform/elections analysis
- Finance/Banking



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This is an excellent opportunity for you to showcase your writing skills and knowledge of EU current affairs by getting involved. It could be an essay, OpEd, short summary of an article you read or just some random thought on EU Affairs you heard down the pub and think could do with some explaining. We just ask for your efforts to be impartial (because no one wants to really read rants and we don't want anyone to regret what they said later!). We use a 'just the facts' style, and try to display all our work with a distinct illustrative style with info-graphics, info-sheets and more.

We're particularly interested in talking to current or recent college graduates, eager to demonstrate their writing skills in a public forum. Condensing complex, academic jargon is a particularly vital and useful skill.

We would ask contributors to supply at least one article every 2 weeks (although there is no limit on frequency of publication, limited to 500-750 words. If contributors would like to put forward a recent college research paper or thesis and have it published as a PIIGSty publication, we'd be delighted to take a look!

### **Salary**

Unpaid

The position is unpaid, but we are happy to act as/provide references to potential employers based on the quality of your output.

### **Closing Date**

31 October 2013

### **How to Apply**

Please send a C.V., a short note detailing your area(s) of interest, and your own version of a potential PIIGSty article (short, 500 words) to Darren at [editor@piigsty.com](mailto:editor@piigsty.com)