

Volunteer for ActionAid – Visiting Teacher Network

<i>Volunteer activity</i>	Join ActionAid's Visiting Teacher Network
<i>What I do</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Represent ActionAid by giving talks or workshops in local schools ranging from assembly talks to half or full day. Visits cover primary and secondary schools and are based on curriculum themes such as 'a village in India' or 'climate change'. • Training is provided on the use of PowerPoint talks for assemblies and workshop activities. • Assemblies and workshops encourage debate and discussion on global issues using case studies from ActionAid. • We are looking for volunteers with some experience of working with young people and with an awareness and interest in development issues.
<i>Time commitment</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 3 visits a month
<i>Why I do it</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To widen pupils understanding of global issues • Use or develop facilitation and presentation skills. • Develop personal understanding and support of ActionAid's work • Encourage young people to make a difference <p>Please note you will be paid £60 per half-day and £115 per full day visit, as well as your travel expenses.</p>
<i>What to do next</i>	Contact – Jenna Downes, Schools and Youth Programme Support Officer for more information and details of how to apply. Jenna.downes@actionaid.org Tel: 0207 561 7502

Volunteer for ActionAid – First Hand Experiences

<i>Volunteer activity</i>	Builder/build participant
<i>What I do</i>	<p>Raise money to take part in a trip of a lifetime building a community centre, school or homes alongside local communities in Nepal, South Africa or Cambodia. You will have a unique opportunity to immerse yourself in local cultures and will work shoulder to shoulder with the local families and children who will benefit from the completed build. You will leave with a group of new friends, wonderful lifelong memories and the knowledge that your hard work will make a huge difference to the lives of the world's poorest people.</p> <p>South Africa 2010 – build a community centre which will be used for healthcare, education, training and providing hot meals for HIV/AIDS orphans.</p> <p>Nepal 2010 – build homes for the Kamaiya people (former slaves who are now homeless).</p> <p><i>Please note that you don't need any particular skills or experience to take part in our builds – just lots of enthusiasm and the will to make a real difference!</i></p>
<i>Time commitment</i>	Our First Hand Experience build challenges are usually 8 days long but you will need to include time for fundraising and possibly attend one information evening nearer the time of departure.
<i>Why I do it</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I love experiencing new cultures around the world and have always wanted the opportunity to get closer to communities and make a real difference which you can't do on a normal holiday or trip. • I want an experience that I can tell my children or grand children about in years to come!! • I want to use my energy and enthusiasm to contribute to a building project and see the difference that I've made
<i>Downsides</i>	The minimum sponsorship needed for these trips is £3,000 so you do need to factor in time for fundraising, but ActionAid has a dedicated events team who have years of experience and ideas so are here to help you every step of the way!
<i>What to do next</i>	Call 020 7561 7554 and speak to Helen or log onto www.actionaid.org.uk/experiences and sign up for a true experience of a lifetime!

Volunteering for ActionAid in your area

Emergency Appeals- street collection coordinator

Organise a street collection and recruit fellow collectors to raise money for our emergency appeals, such as Typhoon Ketsana that recently hit Vietnam and the Philippines. Whenever ActionAid launches an appeal which is in need of urgent funding, we will contact our volunteers and provide all the resources you need in order to put the collection on.

While we cannot predict when an emergency will arise, we would be asking for your support on a maximum of 4 occasions a year.

Collection Box Coordinator

ActionAid urgently needs volunteers to deliver collection tins to local businesses and shops around your area. You will be responsible for finding locations for the boxes and seeking the permission of the owner. You will also collect and count the money raised and sending in the money to ActionAid at regular intervals.

This not only helps to raise vital funds for ActionAid's work fighting poverty, but you will also be helping ActionAid build relationships within your community to generate longer term support for our work.

Local Events Ambassador

Represent and promote ActionAid at community based events already going on in your area, for example local fetes or cultural festivals. You will be provided with all the resources and information you need to promote ActionAid, whether it is child sponsorship or our latest campaign action.

Hold your own fundraising event

ActionAid can support you with putting on a fundraising event of your choosing in your local area. Why not do something at home or at work? Or are you part of a group or network such as a church or sports club where you might be able to hold your event? If you're in need of inspiration ActionAid has plenty of fundraising ideas we can share we you so please get in touch!

Support *PoverTee Day* in June

It's all about wearing a T-shirt, donating £2 to ActionAid and pledging your support to help end poverty! You could get your community group, workplace or school involved to dress-down for the day and wear a T-shirt branding an anti-poverty message

Campaign for ActionAid:

It's not all about raising funds. ActionAid also campaigns around the world to challenge the decisions which keep poor people locked in poverty. There are three levels of involvement in our campaigning work:

- Level 1 Take 3 or 4 simple campaign actions a year such as postcard actions or writing to your MP

- Level 2 Take regular campaign actions and attend campaigning events or conferences

- Level 3 Attend rallies, talk to your MP face to face, hold a local campaign meeting.

For more information on any of these volunteering opportunities please contact:

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