



PONT Volunteering

PONT is a small charity in Wales making a big difference in Mbale, Uganda. We work through direct community to community partnerships and long-term personal relationships. Our work covers a wide range of Health, Education, Livelihoods and Environmental projects, all about empowering people in Mbale to reduce the impact of poverty in their communities.

We've trained over 1,200 health workers in rural villages.
They save lives daily.

Our motorbike ambulances make over 4,000 journeys a year, getting injured people, sick kids and mums in labour down poor roads to health centres or the hospital.

Our goat project has helped over 2,000 of the most vulnerable families caring for orphans earn enough to provide shelter and nutrition and send them to school.

Our engineers have helped provide clean water to over 8,000 people, brought electricity to 5 schools and set up a workshop that trains local people and makes equipment for PONT's health work.

Our university, councils, hospitals, engineers, churches and over 100 schools in RCT and Mbale are building friendships and sharing resources.

Could you use your time and skills to help us reach more people in Uganda?



- PONT is run by volunteers from RCT including doctors, paramedics, engineers, teachers, church members, students and retired people
- In the past 10 years, over 1000 people from RCT and the surrounding region have visited Mbale, a mostly rural area in eastern Uganda on the border with Kenya
- PONT has 10 committees who co-ordinate projects and links between Wales and Uganda: Ambulances, Churches, Community Health, Education and school links, Engineering, Environment, Hospital, Livelihoods, University and Wildlife Education Centre
- Some fundraising and communications is done centrally, some by individual committees.
- Find out more at www.pont-mbale.org.uk
- Follow PONT at www.facebook.com/PONTMbale

Role: Events Volunteers

Background – We need you because....

PONT's projects are changing and saving lives in Mbale. But we want to reach more people in Uganda – to train healthworkers in villages where there are none, bring business training and goat projects to people who have no other source of income, help provide clean water and solar power to more communities...

To do this we need to increase our fundraising. And since we are a volunteer-run charity, that means we will need extra help!

We're looking for two kinds of events volunteers

- People who are happy to come along and help out at events, talk to people, sell tickets...
- People who want to organise events themselves – whether it's a gig, a pub quiz, a sponsored challenge... There are ideas at www.pont-mbale.org.uk/what-you-can-do/fundraise/ and we'll support you all the way!

These roles would suit someone who is friendly and sociable and likes to meet new people or get friends together. You could even sign up with a friend or a team of people you know.

Role description – Tasks could include.....

Event assistants

- Sell tickets or refreshments at fundraising events such as concerts, quizzes, etc
- Help to set up or tidy up at fundraising events
- Talk to members of the public from a PONT stand at public events such as the Big Bite, Christmas Lights switch-on, Summer Fetes, etc

Event organisers

- Develop an idea for a fundraising event – see www.pont-mbale.org.uk/what-you-can-do/fundraise/ for a few examples or come up with your own creative idea!
- Plan the date and location and how you will raise money
- Gather a group of people to help you
- Talk to PONT about what materials and information you need
- Have fun and raise money!

You'll work with PONT's Fundraising and Communications Co-ordinator, and with other volunteers – some new volunteers like you, some people who have been to Uganda and know all about the projects you'll be raising money for.

(Depending on your interests there are also opportunities to get involved in other kinds of fundraising and publicity such as writing applications or sharing stories online.)

Skills, experience and requirements – To do this role you need.....

Event assistants

- To be friendly and happy to chat to different groups of people
- To be willing to follow instructions from the event organiser
- Commitment to attending events you have signed up for
- Ability to work well with other volunteers and PONT committee members
- Interest in international development or charities is a bonus

Event organisers

- Good planning skills, ability to identify tasks and timings
- Ability to ask for help and delegate tasks to other people
- Time to dedicate to your tasks and commitment to meeting deadlines
- Good attention to detail
- Ability to work well with other volunteers and PONT committee members
- Interest in international development or charities is a bonus

Benefits of volunteering – You could gain.....

- Demonstrable experience of organising, managing or helping with events
- Experience of working with others
- Understanding of the charity sector
- Opportunity to meet new people
- Opportunity to see your skills making a difference

Time commitment and location – The practical details....

The time commitment for this role is fairly flexible. We would ask you to commit to events, but you can choose how many you take on.

This is an unpaid position. PONT may be able to re-imburse travel expenses to meetings and events.

For more information contact.....

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