



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: Trust Fundraising Volunteer

Background – We need you because....

PONT's projects are successfully changing and saving lives in Mbale. But we need to reach more people – 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...

We are looking for people who can write well and have analytical skills and a good eye for detail, who can help us apply for funding to continue and expand our work.

Role description – Tasks will include.....

1. Through reading and talking to existing PONT volunteers, gain a basic understanding of PONT and the projects we support in Mbale, Uganda
2. Use the internet to research charitable trusts that may be able to support PONT projects
3. Work with others to shortlist the most suitable trusts
4. Draft proposals and/or complete application forms tailored to each trust
5. Check and proof-read your own and others' applications

You'll work closely with PONT's Fundraising and Communications Co-ordinator to start, with the chance to use your initiative more as you gain confidence and experience. You would be one of a team of other trust fundraising volunteers who can share tasks – you could choose to focus more on research or more on writing.

Depending on your interests there are also opportunities to get involved in other kinds of fundraising such as events, writing appeals and creating social media content.

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

- Meticulous attention to detail
- Excellent written skills
- Basic internet research skills, good at identifying relevant information
- Time to dedicate to allocated tasks and commitment to meeting deadlines
- Ability and willingness to understand the needs of the charity
- Ability to work well with other volunteers and PONT committee members
- Interest in international development or the charity sector

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

- Training in how to research funding sources and write good applications
- Feedback from an experienced fundraiser
- Deeper understanding of charity communications and the charity sector
- Demonstrable experience of using written skills and analytical skills
- Experience of working with others
- Opportunity to see your skills making a difference
- *And if you hope to work in the charity sector, a successful funding application on your CV could be gold dust!*

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

The time commitment for this role is fairly flexible. We would ask you to commit to deadlines, but you can choose how much or how little work you take on.

Following induction meetings most work can be done in your own time and shared by email, with meetings when we need them to review or discuss ideas. Pontypridd, Treforest or Cardiff are easy places for the Fundraising Coordinator to meet with you.

Alternatively there is the option to work alongside the Fundraising Co-ordinator in a shared office once a week.

There will be plenty of opportunities to come to PONT events and meetings in the Pontypridd area if you are interested, but this is entirely optional and not required for the role!

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

For more information contact.....

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