

# The Collective Internship

## What to expect

The Christian Aid Collective Internship offers an exciting opportunity for those with a passion for eradicating poverty to spend 10 months serving as a Christian Aid volunteer in the UK.

### Aims of the programme

- To provide a life-changing experience for volunteers, helping them develop their confidence and talents and enabling them to put their faith and passion for justice into action to tackle the root causes of poverty.
- To provide a dynamic addition to the essential work of Christian Aid's regional staff by placing volunteers alongside them to promote and support Christian Aid campaigns and activities among local young people and youth leaders.
- To build a core of dedicated volunteers who are inspired and equipped to fight global poverty and injustice, and who are committed to Christian Aid and our goal of Poverty Over.

### Your overall purpose as a volunteer

Once trained by Christian Aid, you will support and encourage young people and youth leaders to become engaged in global issues through Christian Aid's campaigns, worship materials and fundraising projects.

### Location

You will work in one of our regional offices or with the central Collective team in Christian Aid's head office in London. Please note: you will be asked to express a preference at interview; however we cannot guarantee that you will get your first choice.

### Supervision and support

You will be supervised locally by a Christian Aid regional staff member in your placement office, as well as by the national Christian Aid Collective team.

### The trip

As part of your internship you will get to go on a two-week trip to meet Christian Aid partner organisations overseas. This will give you personal examples and stories to use during your time as volunteers.

**NB** please ensure your passport is valid for at least six months from September.

### Your tasks

1. To contribute to creating a dynamic and active youth network for Christian Aid.
2. To establish and maintain good relationships with local churches, youth leaders, young people, students and chaplains through presentations, phone calls, visits, letters and offers of support and resources.
3. To encourage and enable young people to respond to poverty and injustice through workshops, presentations, campaign actions and worship.
4. To have a high profile at denominational and ecumenical youth events through exhibitions and workshops.
5. To work with Christian Aid staff and volunteers at events and festivals.
6. To promote a Christian understanding of poverty and injustice, and help young people address these issues as part of their faith.
7. To encourage young people to become Christian Aid supporters through fundraising, campaigning and volunteering.
8. To use your talents and skills creatively and to give feedback on new youth resources and initiatives.
9. To be self-administering and keep files and systems that can be handed over at the end of the placement.

### Essential dates

- Intern induction – 21 to 23 August 2012
- Greenbelt festival – 24 to 27 August 2012
- Start in the office – 4 September 2012

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**Please note**, volunteer interns don't work together in the same area office. There are a number of occasions when all volunteers meet together, but the majority of the time is spent working independently within your regional team which, depending on the placement, will consist of between two and ten members of Christian Aid staff.

## **Time**

We ask you to volunteer for 35 hours per week, including some evening and weekend work.

What you can expect from us while you are volunteering with Christian Aid:

- comprehensive induction and appropriate training programme
- provision of the resources you need to inspire young people to see poverty over
- 21 days' leave, plus bank holidays
- support in all practical aspects of your placement through regular supervision sessions
- a two-week trip to meet Christian Aid partner organisations overseas.

## **Accommodation**

Christian Aid will assist you to find suitable accommodation within reasonable travelling distance from your office placement.

You may find yourself living in a shared house or with a family household known to Christian Aid.

## **Expenses**

Please see the Expenses Summary.

## **After the internship**

Volunteering with us is great for your CV and will give you valuable experience and learning. Many former interns have gone on to work for Christian Aid or other NGOs, but we can't guarantee you a job when the internship ends. We hope that the time you spend with us will be rewarding, fun and provide you with vital skills for the future!