



Volunteer arrangement

This programme offers an exciting opportunity for those with a passion for global justice to spend a year serving as a Christian Aid volunteer in the UK.

Aims of the programme

- To provide a life-changing experience for volunteers, which will empower them to understand and tackle the root causes of poverty, encourage their personal development and enable them to put their faith into action.
- To provide a dynamic addition to the valuable work of Christian Aid's area 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 tackle global poverty and injustice, and who are committed to Christian Aid and its work.

Your overall purpose as a GAP year volunteer

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

Supervision and support

You will be supervised locally by a Christian Aid area office staff member in the office in which you're working and will be supported by the national Christian Aid team responsible for the gap year scheme.

Your tasks and responsibilities

1. To contribute to creating a dynamic and active local youth network for Christian Aid.
2. To establish and maintain good relationships with local youth leaders and groups, denominational officers, students and chaplains through phone calls, visits, letters and offers of support and resources.
3. To provide support to the Pressurepoints scheme, mentoring a student rep at a university if appropriate.
4. To encourage and enable young people to respond to poverty and injustice through workshops, presentations, campaign actions and worship.
5. To have a high profile at denominational and ecumenical youth events through exhibitions and workshops.
6. To contribute to initiating, planning and running

local youth events on global issues.

7. To keep accurate records of the youth leaders and young people you meet, and to feed this information into Christian Aid's main database and the area staff team.

8. To work with Christian Aid staff and volunteers at large events and festivals.

9. To promote a Christian understanding of poverty and injustice, and help young people address these issues as part of their faith.

10. To highlight opportunities for young people to become Christian Aid supporters through fundraising, campaigning and volunteering.

11. To be self-administering and keep files and systems that can be handed over at the end of the placement.

Some placements are run jointly by Christian Aid and a local church or other organisation. In this case, up to half of your time will be spent working with the local church. The Christian Aid area office and the church will share responsibility for your accommodation, induction and supervision.

NB GAP year volunteers 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 area team which, depending on the placement, will be two to ten members of Christian Aid staff.

Whilst you are volunteering with Christian Aid, you can expect to:

- be committed to the values of Christian Aid
- complete their full term of service (from late August to the end of June)
- work an average of 35 hours a week
- work at up to four festivals over the summer
- sign up young campaigners to Christian Aid
- hold at least one fundraising event for Christian Aid during the year
- respect the accommodation provided by the placement
- actively engage in all training opportunities and conferences
- take seriously and accept Christian Aid's support and supervision

What you can expect from us

Christian Aid undertakes to:

- provide you with suitable accommodation
- cover your subsistence costs
- give you a comprehensive induction and appropriate training
- provide the resources you need to inspire young people about global issues
- pay for your travel to conferences and training events
- give you 21 days' leave, plus bank holidays
- repay any expenses you incur in your work
- support you in all practical aspects of your placement and through regular supervision sessions
- as part of your training, take you on a two-week trip to meet Christian Aid partner organisations overseas. All volunteers will be made aware of Christian Aid's Child Protection Policy before working with young people, and will be asked to disclose any relevant offences, as outlined in that policy.

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I understand and accept the tasks, responsibilities and expectations above and commit myself to fulfilling the role of a GAP year volunteer with Christian Aid, to the best of my ability.

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