



Fundraising Volunteer

About us

The mission of the Rainforest Foundation UK (RFUK) is to support indigenous peoples and traditional populations of the world's rainforest to:

- Secure and control the natural resources necessary for their long-term wellbeing and managing these resources in ways which do not harm their environment, violate their culture or compromise their future.
- Develop means to protect their individual and collective rights and to obtain, shape and control basic services from the state.

RFUK considers that an essential first step to protect and manage the tropical forests and to reduce poverty in tropical forest countries is to realise the rights of the traditional and indigenous communities who live in those forests. Locally, our participatory approaches help forest communities to gain land rights, challenge extractive industries, manage their forests and protect their environment. Globally, we campaign to influence national and international laws to protect rainforests and their inhabitants. Founded in 1989, RFUK currently works with over 15 partner organisations in the Congo Basin, West Africa and the Amazon rainforests. Our programmes are split into the following thematic areas:

- Tackling threats to forests from the extractive industries, infrastructure development and agro-industrial expansion;
- Sustainable conservation: monitoring the social impacts fortress conservation and initiatives to reduce deforestation and degradation (REDD);
- Community-based forest management, land use planning and tenure reform;
- Participatory ICTs: Community mapping and monitoring of forests;
- The rights of indigenous peoples', women and other marginalised groups.

RFUK is a part of a network of sister organisations, which also include the Rainforest Foundation US and the Rainforest Foundation Norway and is governed by a Board of Trustees. RFUK currently has 20 staff, with a number of volunteers or interns at any given time based in our North London office.

About the role

RFUK is seeking a fundraising volunteer to assist with our vital work. Working with RFUK's Head of Communications and Fundraising, you will support our schools' outreach programme, other fundraising activities and our social media platforms.

About you

This is an excellent opportunity for someone with passion for these issues who is looking to gain fundraising and communications experience working as part of a small but extremely active charity.

Working with the head of fundraising, main duties and responsibilities will include:

- Finalising the new teacher and pupil packs
- Compiling a list of individuals to contact at schools
- Drafting fundraising e-Communications targeting the schools
- Provide support and assistance to enquiring schools with regards to fundraising ideas
- Post results of schools' fundraising on RFUK's website
- Conduct research on other fundraising areas
- Other tasks required to support the fundraising department

Person Specification:

- Strong sense of social and environmental justice
- Personable and approachable
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Highly visually literate
- Creative and quick thinking
- An eye for detail
- Able to work independently, managing your time and prioritising your workload.
- IT literate with a working knowledge of Microsoft Word, Excel, Outlook and the Internet.
- Experience with CMS and social media (on behalf of a similar organisation), both copy writing and visual
- Experience of photo editing software such as Photoshop and other design programmes would be desirable
- Some experience with customer database software would be desirable.

Start Date:	ASAP
Duration:	Minimum three months.
Hours:	Two days a week.
Expenses:	Daily travel up to the cost of a London Travelcard and £5 for lunch.

To apply, please fill in [this application form](#) and email jobs@rainforestuk.org by midnight Friday, 27th March 2020.