

Play Action International

Challenge Leader 2021/22 Role Description



Welcome

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Challenge Leader for Play Action International (PAI). Being a challenge leader with us will give you opportunities to train, lead and develop with Play Action International, whether you are a past volunteer that is looking to progress with the charity or entirely new to us, we will support you every single-step of the way and are excited to have you on board!

Role Description

Becoming a leader Intern with Play Action International during your time at university is an amazing opportunity for you to have a unique, fun and exciting experience whilst learning new skills and gaining experience in a variety of areas, which alongside your degree will enhance your personal and professional development. It is also an amazing way to help support the work of Play Action International and make a huge difference to the children and communities we work with in Uganda.

Play Action International is a unique charity that aims to use the skills, enthusiasm, and energy of young people in the UK to help make a real difference to children living in difficult situations across Uganda. We run educational play training programmes, build, and install high quality playgrounds and run vocational training programmes in Community schools and refugee settlements across Uganda. We also run one of the best ethical international volunteering programs in the UK. Each year we have teams of young adults from the UK come out to Uganda and support our work. These teams are the life blood of Play Action International and you as a Challenge Leader are the most important part of these teams.

If you are ready to find out how you can help your personal development, employability, learn new skills, have new experiences, help make a huge difference to hundreds of children. Then continue reading to check out a little more info about the role itself and how we will support you below!

The Play Action International Year at a glance

Our international events year runs on the academic year and can be broken down into recruitment (September- December), fundraising and preparation (December- May) and the summer projects (June-September).

You will play a major part in the first two stages and enjoy the rewards of your efforts in the third as you join us for your projects during the summer.

Recruitment season

From when term starts at your university you will be recruiting your team of volunteers. This season is all about interacting with students, getting them excited for the project and eventually signing up a whole team of between 15- 40 volunteers from your university!

Skills you will develop:

- Public speaking
- Marketing
- Being an effective communicator
- Time management
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What we expect from you

Your commitment to the scheme will require:

- Participation in our 3-day compulsory training programme, delivered either remotely or in person by Play Action International staff (2021/22).
- Commitment to recruit a team of an agreed number of volunteers at your university (September-December). You will be assisted by Play Action International staff.
- Commitment to supporting your team of volunteers (December - May). You will be assisted by Play Action International staff.

Optional:

- Opportunity to volunteer on one of our summer projects in Uganda, to experience first-hand the impact Play Action International has on communities and children in East Africa (2 or 4 week placement during July-September)

Supporting Your Team

As soon as volunteers have signed up for the project, your task of supporting them to their fundraising totals begins. You will guide them through group trainings, one to one sessions and online interactions to make sure that they have all the knowledge and support they need to hit and surpass their target by May.

This season will also be about preparing your volunteers for their time in Uganda, from ensuring they have booked their flights, to getting them to attend PAI led training sessions. This preparation is vital to make sure they have the best possible time on their project in Uganda.

Skills you will develop:

- Managing people
- Team building
- Fundraising
- Welfare
- Planning

Fundraising

You will have a reduced fundraising target of up to 40% by completing tasks that are the keys to success in your role. We will help you get there but this will give you valuable experience in fundraising and an opportunity to really connect with the cause and impact that Play Action International has as a charity.

Additional benefits

And if all of that was not enough...

- The chance of an internship in the UK or Uganda with Play Action International.
- 1-year free membership in the Play Action International Alumni Club.
- Up to 40% discount on your fundraising target for Uganda.
- A written personal reference.
- Invaluable skills and experience to enhance your skillset for your career – especially if interested in working within the charity sector!

What Next?

If you would like to arrange an informal chat to find out more information, please get in touch. Likewise, you can get in touch to request an application form to apply for a challenge leader role at your university by contacting jack@playactioninternational.org