



Pod Volunteer Fundraising Guide

It is very exciting that you will be volunteering abroad with Pod Volunteer! We always encourage volunteers to consider fundraising either towards their costs or as a donation to the project they are volunteering at. This document is designed to give you an overview of fundraising and publicity and help give you some ideas of where to start.

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Why fundraise?

You can fundraise towards the cost of your volunteering or as a donation via the Pod Charity to the project of your choice.

Uniquely, donors to the Pod Charity can choose to allocate 100% of their donation to a specific project of their choice.

Fundraising towards your costs may enable you to volunteer or even volunteer for longer. As a volunteer on a Pod Volunteer project you are donating your time and effort to help make a positive difference to the communities that you will work with.

Fundraising for donations towards your chosen project is vital as the projects are usually struggling to finance the charitable work they are doing so every penny makes a real difference. As a volunteer you will get to work with the communities where the money goes, so you will get to see for yourself what a difference it can make.

Fundraising is a rewarding way of helping to raise money as well as being enjoyable in itself!

What can I fundraise for and how?

As a Pod volunteer you can fundraise for two different things:

- towards your own costs of volunteering
- donations to the project you volunteer with and all Pod Volunteer projects

You may like to fundraise for both purposes, or just one. Whatever you decide to do, you will need to make it completely clear to the people you are asking for donations from where the money will go and how it will be used. Donations to the project go via the UK registered Pod Charity. NB You can not fundraise towards the cost of your volunteering through the Pod Charity.



If you are fundraising towards your own costs you may find it easier to justify to donors if you also allocate a percentage of all money raised to the Pod Charity.

	Fundraising towards the costs of your volunteering	Fundraising as a donation to the project
Where does the money raised go?	Money fundraised is used by volunteers towards their own costs including the costs of the placement, flights, injections etc.	Because all the main running costs of the charity are covered by Pod Volunteer, we can pass on an incredible 100% of donations received to the projects we support!
Can it go through the Pod Charity?	No, as it's for personal costs	Yes and this means the charity can also reclaim Gift Aid on eligible donations
Can I use an internet charity fundraising site?	No, as it's for personal costs and not through a UK registered charity	Yes - see next page for details
Where should funds raised be paid into?	Normally you will collect these into your own bank account or crowd fundraising platform	Either into the Pod Charity account or through an online fundraising site
Can it be Gift Aided?	No, as it's for personal costs and not through a UK registered charity	Yes. We can reclaim an extra 25% from the government on all UK Gift Aid eligible donations, making the money go even further! Gift Aid goes into the central fund to support all projects

Other types of donations - taking things with you

Many volunteers choose to also donate useful goods to the project that they will be volunteering with. Specific items to donate to your project are included in your information booklet.

Fundraising for the cost of your placement via online crowd fundraising platforms

If you would like to raise funds to cover the cost of your placement you can use crowd fundraising platforms such as Volunteer Forever (www.volunteerforever.com) and Fund My Travel (www.fundmytravel.com/partner/Personal-Overseas-Development). Both sites charge a fee from the fundraised total and PayPal will charge an additional fee for each donation that you receive. Alternatively many volunteers choose to collect funds simply via their own bank account.

Pod Charity

Pod Volunteer supports its projects through Pod Charity which is a charity registered in England & Wales, number 1139629.



The Pod Charity is dedicated to making a real difference to overseas communities by supporting sustainable local initiatives improving the lives of people and animals and helping conserve the environment in 10 countries worldwide.

By providing financial support to organisations and communities in Belize, Cambodia, Nepal, Madagascar, India, Ghana, Peru, South Africa, Tanzania, Thailand and Vietnam, the Pod Charity will:

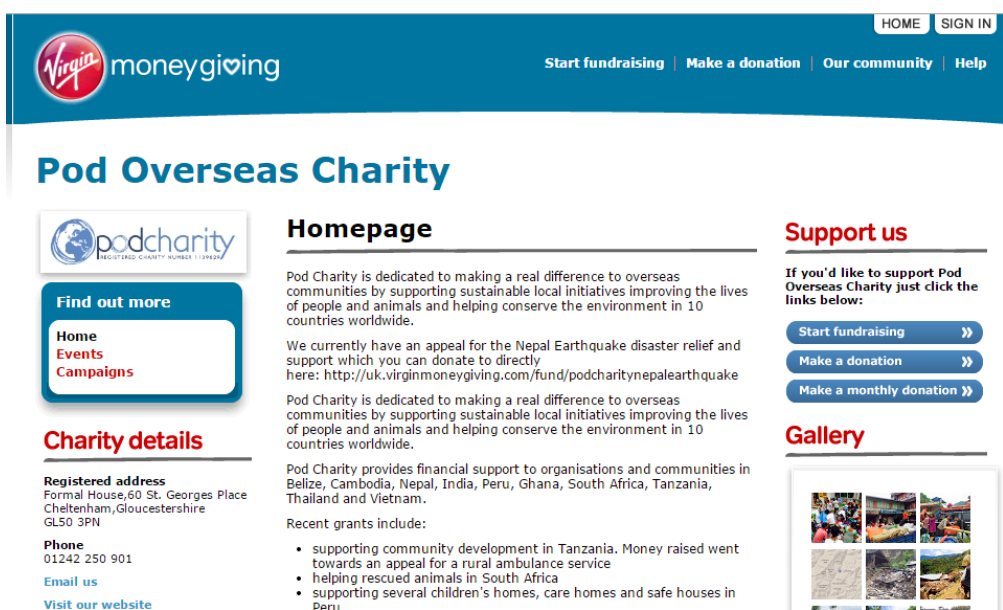
- relieve poverty and improve living conditions for socially and economically disadvantaged communities;
- care for sick, injured and homeless animals;
- protect the environment through research and conservation activities.

For more details please see the Pod Charity website: <http://www.podvolunteer.org/pod-charity.html>

Online charity fundraising web pages - for donations to the Pod Charity

For donations to the Pod Charity you can either donate one off or become a regular giver Virgin Money Giving or create your own personal online fundraising page with Virgin Money Giving and send it on to all your friends and family:

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charities/overseascharity>



The screenshot shows the 'Pod Overseas Charity' page on the Virgin Money Giving website. The page has a blue header with the Virgin Money Giving logo and navigation links: 'Start fundraising', 'Make a donation', 'Our community', and 'Help'. Below the header, the 'Pod Overseas Charity' title is displayed. On the left, there's a sidebar with 'Find out more' (Home, Events, Campaigns) and 'Charity details' (Registered address: Formal House, 60 St. Georges Place, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire GL50 3PN; Phone: 01242 250 901; Email us; Visit our website). The main content area is titled 'Homepage' and contains text about Pod Charity's mission, a current appeal for Nepal earthquake relief, and a list of recent grants including community development in Tanzania, rural ambulance service, and rescued animals in South Africa. On the right, there's a 'Support us' section with buttons for 'Start fundraising', 'Make a donation', and 'Make a monthly donation', and a 'Gallery' section with a grid of images showing various projects.

You can ask your friends and family to visit your webpage and they can find out more about why you are fundraising. They can also securely donate online using credit or debit cards. Even better, Gift Aid can be reclaimed from the government on all eligible donations, adding an extra 25%.

Please note that this can only be used for fundraising for donations to the charity; it's not eligible for any fundraising towards the personal costs of your volunteer placement.

Allocation of Pod Charity fundraising and when/how the money is spent

Uniquely, donors to the Pod Charity can choose to allocate their donation to a specific project of their choice. You can choose from over 25 grassroot initiatives in 10 countries around the world. And, because all the main running costs of the charity are covered by Pod Volunteer, we can pass on an incredible 100% of donations received to the projects we support!

Money raised online is received by the Pod Charity and is transferred to projects on a quarterly basis so unfortunately this probably means it won't arrive while you are volunteering but we can assure you the receiving projects are incredibly appreciative of your efforts. Where Gift Aid is collected, this goes into a central fund to provide a source of additional grants for the projects.

Ideas

Start by thinking about who you know. Do you know the local pub landlord? Could you do an office collection or email around? Have a friend in a band? The owner of a local bar, café, club or restaurant? Have a brain storm with friends and family and start networking! Here are some ideas to get your creative juices flowing!

Quiz night / Casino night

You will either need some good questions (there are lots of pub quiz style questions online) and a prize or you could borrow/hire some casino equipment. You will need a venue to hold the night and you can sell tickets to the event.

Effort required: * * *

Fundraising power: * *



Auction of promises

Get your friends to offer their services and get others to bid for them (make coffee for the week, spring clean your house, a weeks ironing etc.)

Effort required: * * *

Fundraising power: * *

Golf or football tournament

Organise a tournament, charge your friends to get involved and have a prize for the winner or the winning team.

Effort required: * * * *

Fundraising power: * *

Dinner with paying guests

You'll need a good chef, kitchen and a nice dining area. By just charging friends and family a normal meal out price, say £20 a head, money will quickly add up! You could even make the food themed by your destination. Search online for some local dishes and create the flavour of your project.

Effort required: *

Fundraising power: * * * *

Murder mystery

Buy a murder mystery game (several are available online), invite guests over for a meal and entertainment, provide a few drinks and ask for a donation. The night will be great fun and gives an extra twist to a dinner or drinks party.

Effort required: * *

Fundraising power: * *

Office event or whip around

You could organise an event in your office i.e. cake sale, dress down day, fancy dress or simply have a whip around the office.

Effort required: * *

Fundraising power: * * *

Join an existing fundraising event

Two great websites listing 'open' events where you can fundraise for a charity of your choice are:

www.doitforcharity.com

www.acrossthedivide.com

Effort required: * *

Fundraising power: * * * *

Even more ideas...

Busking!

Play an instrument, sing or be a human statue. You may need a licence if you are in certain public areas, so contact your local council beforehand to check. Simply turn up and display your skills to people and collect money in a hat or bucket.

Effort required: * * *

Fundraising power: * *

(the amount of money that you can raise depends on the skills you perform!)



Sell your creations or just sell your old stuff!

Get creative and produce something that's cheap and easy to make and people will want to buy; for example soaps, cards or candles. Or you could just sell old toys, clothes, books either on e-bay or at a car boot sale.

Effort required: * *

Fundraising power: * * *

Extra job

Get a part time job e.g. bar work, waitering at events (especially good money over the Christmas or Easter period!). Register with an event organisation as a temporary worker in your holidays or at weekends.

Effort required: * * * *

Fundraising power: * * *

Offer your services

Car wash - wash your neighbours' cars or set up a public car wash in a local car park or at your college/uni/work (check permission with the car park owner first).

Gardening or cleaning for neighbours. Leaf clearing in autumn is especially easy – you could try saying that you won't charge but ask people to donate to your fundraising efforts - you may get more money that way.

Effort required: * * *

Fundraising power: * * *

Sponsored walk / run / bike ride / skip / leg wax / climb / swim / row / knit / 24 hours staying awake / diet / abseil / silence / sky dive / head shave / no alcohol or no smoking...

This is a great way to get in shape or challenge yourself to something new as well as raise money for your project. You could either do one big event or daily challenges. It will be best to use a simple sponsorship form for this.

Effort required: * * *

Fundraising power: * * *



Raffle or auction

It's a good idea to get in contact with local shops, hairdressers, businesses to ask for donations. You can then either organise a raffle or auction off the donated prizes to the highest bidder.

Effort required: * * * *

Fundraising power: * * *

And the ideas keep coming!



Live music and barn dance evening

You'll need a venue (a pub or barn would be a good choice) with either a few good bands or musical volunteers.

You'll probably be aiming to make your money from ticket sales and donations and you may also be able to sell raffle tickets on arrival and hold a raffle at the end of the night.

Effort required: * * *
Fundraising power: * *

Restaurant meal

Get in contact with a local restaurant and ask if you can bring a large party on a weekday evening and they may be able to give you reduced prices or a share of the takings. You can then charge guests a fixed price to attend and it's also a great event to hold a raffle or games at.

Effort required: * * *
Fundraising power: * *

Guess the number of: balloons in a car, sweet in a jar etc.

Ask people to pay £1 and guess the number in the jar, the closest person wins the jar of sweets or another prize.

Effort required: * *
Fundraising power: *

Night at the races

This is where you rent a 'night at the races' DVD. You will need a venue and some guests. You present the evening just as though you were at the horse races and your guests bet on the races that you show on a big TV / projector. Search online for more details and places to rent the DVDs – you could make a killing!

Effort required: * * *
Fundraising power: * * *

Cheese and wine tasting evening

You could buy your own supplies or could ask a local cheese company and a wine merchant to attend. Many will attend for free or very low cost as they have chance to sell their products to your guests. The companies can give a talk and tasting and give information about each of the wines and cheeses. You'll sell tickets for the evening to raise money, your guests will get to taste fine wines and cheeses plus the companies will be able to sell their products – everybody wins!

Effort required: * * * *
Fundraising power: * *

Money for Christmas and birthdays instead of presents

Effort required: *
Fundraising power: * * * *

Sell sandwiches in offices

Effort required: * * *
Fundraising power: * *

Some final ideas!

Fancy dress bar crawl

You'll need to borrow or hire a crazy fancy dress costume (the funnier the better) and you must contact the pubs/bars to get permission before you do your bar crawl. It's more fun and safer to do this idea with friends. You will need a collection tin or bucket. Simply go round the bars and pubs in town, explain to customers what you are collecting for and get collecting!

Effort required: * *
Fundraising power: * * *



For even more ideas on fundraising visit: <http://www.how2fundraise.org>

Corporate sponsorship, donations and grants

If you are currently working the best first step is to approach your employer to see if their company could support the project you are volunteering with or give some sponsorship for your placement. They may be prepared to match some of the money that you fundraise or if they have nominated charities they regularly support, it might be possible to get them to add the Pod Charity to this list.

You can ask other organisations that you think would support your fundraising efforts. The key here is offering them something in return – normally free publicity. The better publicity you can offer, the higher quality of sponsorship you are likely to receive. So if you can get your local paper to agree to run a series of articles covering your volunteering you'll have sponsors queuing!

Here are some examples:

- Your local hotel, pub, town hall or school may offer you a free venue
- Local shops and organisations may donate items or services for you to either use at your event, as prizes for your raffle or for you to sell in an auction
- Persuade a local beautician, or masseuse to provide free treatments at your event – they'll get great publicity in return
- A local travel agent may offer a weekend break at cost price for you to auction to the highest bidder

The options here are endless, think of all the organisations in your local area that you may be able to persuade to let you have their services for free (or at a discount) or they may give you a voucher for you to raffle or auction.

You could also apply for sponsorship from local grant giving organisations. Try the local Rotary Club or Lions Club. The local library or an online search for a directory of grant giving organisations will give you many organisations to approach.

How to make the most of communications

A great way to raise awareness of your fundraising cause is to create an event on a social networking site such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or LinkedIn or set up a blog.



Not only will it allow you to publicise your fundraising efforts and events, it will also allow your sponsors to see how you are getting on once you start volunteering. You can add pictures, stories and post any business sponsors' links on your site as a thank you.

You could also write letters and emails to ask for donations. When writing a letter it's important to consider who you are writing to and make it tailored and personalised for them. Don't make the letter too long and try to follow up the letter with a phone call. It is best to target family, friends and local businesses. Networking is a great idea; ask friends and family for suggestions of possible contacts. If possible, make your letters personal and stand out e.g. "My Uncle, John Smith works for you and suggested that I get in touch." When targeting businesses think of what they could get out of helping you. Could you wear their company t-shirt while volunteering, get photos taken then feature in a local newspaper when you return home?

If you are making collections, it's a good idea to print out one of the Pod Volunteer support documents to show to potential donors - see the next page for more details.

Example letter - asking for donations to the project via the Pod Charity

Dear [NAME],

I am volunteering with Pod Volunteer a leading non-profit organisation arranging ethical, inspiring and supported volunteering opportunities around the world.

I am volunteering on their (INSERT PROJECT) in (COUNTRY). I will be covering all of my own costs but I am also fundraising to make donations to the project via the Pod Charity, a charity registered in the UK number 1139629. For more details please see the Pod Charity website: www.overseascharity.org

It would be fantastic if you could make a donation to help the ongoing work of this project. It is really simple to donate through my website (INSERT WEBSITE)

I will keep you up to date with my volunteer work along the way via (BLOG/EMAIL/FACEBOOK).

Pod works with long term projects that they know personally and where there is genuine benefit to local communities. (INSERT BLURB FROM Pod CHARITY ABOUT YOUR PROJECT)

Your donation would be greatly appreciated. I really need your support to help me reach my goal! If you have any questions please get in touch.

Many thanks,

Example letter - asking for contributions to cover your own costs

Dear [NAME],

I have decided to volunteer with Pod Volunteer a leading non-profit organisation arranging ethical, inspiring and supported volunteering opportunities around the world. I would love to help make a contribution of my time to the community and project where I will be volunteering.

I am going to volunteer abroad in (COUNTRY) working on their (PROJECT NAME). I will be working for (NUMBER OF WEEKS) at a placement that is supported by Pod Volunteer. Pod Volunteer works with long term projects that they know personally and where there is genuine benefit to local communities. For more details please see the Pod Volunteer website www.Podvolunteer.org

I believe the placement will be challenging but fulfilling, helping me to appreciate life while getting out of my comfort zone. I would love to do my part to help make a difference to this project.

Will you please help me to volunteer on this project? I am looking for sponsorship and donations to help me complete this volunteer placement. I will keep you up to date with my volunteer work along the way via (BLOG/EMAIL/FACEBOOK).

Your donation will go towards to my project fee, which will cover my pre-departure support, in-country orientation, accommodation and on-going support in country. Pod keep the fees as low as they can to ensure that the opportunities they offer are available to as many people as possible. Fee levels are set to match costs (on a non-profit basis) and any surplus monies are distributed to the overseas organisations and charities they work with via the Pod Charity.

Any contribution would be greatly appreciated. You can either contribute to my account (INSERT DETAILS) or send me a cheque.

I really need your support to help me reach my goal! If you have any questions please get in touch.

Many thanks,

Fundraising support documents - show donors what you are raising money for

To help support your fundraising efforts we have some support documents that you can show to potential donors which shows them what you are doing and why and can help to add credibility to your fundraising efforts.

Gemma would love to hear about your fundraising activities and if you have any questions please get in touch by email to gemma@podvolunteer.org



Important fundraising considerations - make sure it is legal and safe

Insurance

If you decide to organise an event that involves the general public, it is important that you check if the owner of the venue has Public Liability Insurance. If needed, you can purchase Public Liability Insurance from most insurance companies.

Collecting money

You require a license to collect in any public place; you will need to contact your local authority to enquire about their specific license regulations. For fundraising events on private property you will need permission from the owner or manager. All collectors must be over 16 years old.



Lotteries and Raffles

There are very strict regulations surrounding lotteries and raffles so you should consult the Institute of Fundraising (www.institute-of-fundraising.org.uk) before planning your own lottery or raffle.

Food

If there will be food and drink sold at your fundraising event you should ensure that food safety laws are adhered to. For further information please see: www.food.gov.uk/foodindustry/regulation/foodlaw/

Alcohol

A license is required to sell alcohol at a venue which doesn't already have a license. You should apply to your local Magistrates court over a month before the event if this is needed.

Health and Safety

You must carry out a health and safety assessment of the event. If there are children at the event, they should be supervised at all times by an adult.

For further information please see www.institute-of-fundraising.org.uk

Gift Aid - how it works and maximising the benefit

When donations are made to the Pod Charity, we are able to claim back the tax that donors have paid on the donation from the Inland Revenue (HMRC). This mechanism is called Gift Aid and amounts to an extra 25p for every £1 that you give. This extra money makes a huge difference to donations so we always want to collect it where we can.

Note: Gift Aid is only eligible for donations you make to the Pod Charity, not on any fundraising you do towards your own costs.

Donors must be a UK taxpayers for their donations to qualify for Gift Aid. This can either be Income or Capital Gains Tax, but they must have paid enough in the tax year that they make the donation to at least cover the amount that the charity will claim (25p per £1).

If donors pay a higher rate of income tax, either at 40% or 50%, they can claim the difference between the basic rate of tax reclaimed by the charity and their highest rate. They can choose to either keep this relief or donate it.

If you are fundraising using our online fundraising site, donors will automatically be asked about gift aid so there is nothing you need to do. However if you are **taking donations by cash or cheque** e.g. from a collection at work, please contact us and we can provide you with gift aid declaration forms / envelopes to make sure we can try and capture the gift aid too.

Getting publicity

Getting some publicity will enable you to raise awareness of the project that you will be volunteering at, as well as providing an opportunity to help raise some money too!

It's all about writing a good press release, which with some guidance from us needn't be difficult!

A press release is when you give your story to the local media; this could be a radio station, website or regional/national newspaper. The local media is usually very keen to hear about local people going on personal adventures. Not only could you be publicising your own fundraising event, you could help to raise awareness about volunteering overseas and may inspire others to follow in your footsteps.

Press release overview

A press release is a great way to get the word out about your fundraising event or about your volunteering experience. You can do a press release alongside your fundraising or simply publicise your volunteering experience when you return to your local newspapers to spread the word about charitable volunteering overseas.

A press release is something you send to the media with details of what you want to publicise. Editors are often quite picky so it needs to be eye catching. The headline and first paragraph are crucial, as journalists often don't read any further.

If you are contacting your local paper or local radio station, it is essential to mention your home town or village in the headline and the first sentence. By doing this, journalists will instantly spot that this is a local story and it will stand out.

Make sure you include your contact details at the end of the release so the journalist can contact you.



How can I make it catchy?



It is absolutely vital that the first paragraph is short, to the point and newsworthy. It must clearly state the 'five Ws':

Who, What, Where, When and Why (in any order)

The first paragraph must be able to stand on its own as a concise piece of information.

It's good to send a high resolution photograph of yourself with the release.

For further advice on how to write a press release visit:
<http://www.wikihow.com/Write-a-Press-Release>

Who should I send it to? How should I send it?

Write a list of all the local newspapers, radio stations and if you are doing something very unusual or different then you may consider sending your release to the desk of the local TV station too. You can check the contact details of your local media at www.mediauk.com

Speaking to the right person at a newspaper or radio station can make the difference between your story getting in or it ending up in a pile of discarded releases. In most cases you will want to speak to the news editor. It can often be best to send the release and photo by email and follow this up with a phone call the next day. When speaking to the editor try to get their name, their direct line and email address. There is usually a generic address for releases but if you get a personal address it has a better chance of being read.



If you are holding an event ensure it is listed in the local “what’s on” guides. These can often be found on your local BBC website and in your local newspaper.

Remember if they use your press release you could offer to write a follow up article when you get back or email a regular diary from your placement if you are going for more than a couple of weeks.

Some facts about Pod Volunteer...

At Pod Volunteer we are proud of what we do and you might find journalists asking for a bit more information about us so here are some Pod facts:

- Pod Volunteer was established in 2001 to support long term projects and development overseas by placing volunteers within communities in developing countries
- We are an award winning, leading non-profit organisation placing over 600 volunteers every year in Belize, Cambodia, Nepal, Peru, India, Madagascar, Ghana, South Africa, Thailand and Vietnam
- We work with long term projects that we know personally and where there is genuine benefit to local communities
- In addition to providing volunteers, we support our projects through the Pod Charity, a UK registered charity providing financial assistance to overseas causes
- All year round departures with flexible start and end dates; 1 week to 6 months duration
- Example placements include caring for elephants and wild animals; Amazon jungle conservation; marine conservation; community building projects; volunteering at children’s homes; teaching English and running summer English camps
- Member of Responsibletravel.com
- Full member of the Year Out Group
- Partner of the FCO Know Before You Go Campaign

For more information please see www.podvolunteer.org, call + 44 (0) 1252 250 901 or email info@podvolunteer.org

An example press release

For immediate release (date)

LEEDS VOLUNTEER TO WALK ON THE WILD SIDE IN THAILAND

Leeds born accountant, Sally Fielding is walking in the “West Yorkshire 20” mile challenge this weekend to raise funds to volunteer at a Wildlife Rescue Centre in Thailand next month with Pod Volunteer.

Sally will be swapping her usual commute for life at the centre where she will be buying food from the local market and preparing it for the animals, building and maintaining their houses and cleaning out their enclosures.

“I will be working with gibbons, tigers and bears amongst other animals in Thayang which is about 100 miles south of Bangkok” Sally explains “It’s an amazing project which really needs volunteers to continue and I feel so privileged to be given the chance to go there and work with these wild animals.”

The project has been arranged through the leading non-profit organisation Pod Volunteer. Pod Volunteer supports projects overseas by sending volunteers on short and long term placements to assist within communities who extra skills and resources.

Sally will be taking part in the “West Yorkshire 20” charity walk this weekend so if you would like to sponsor her please go to <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/SallyFielding>

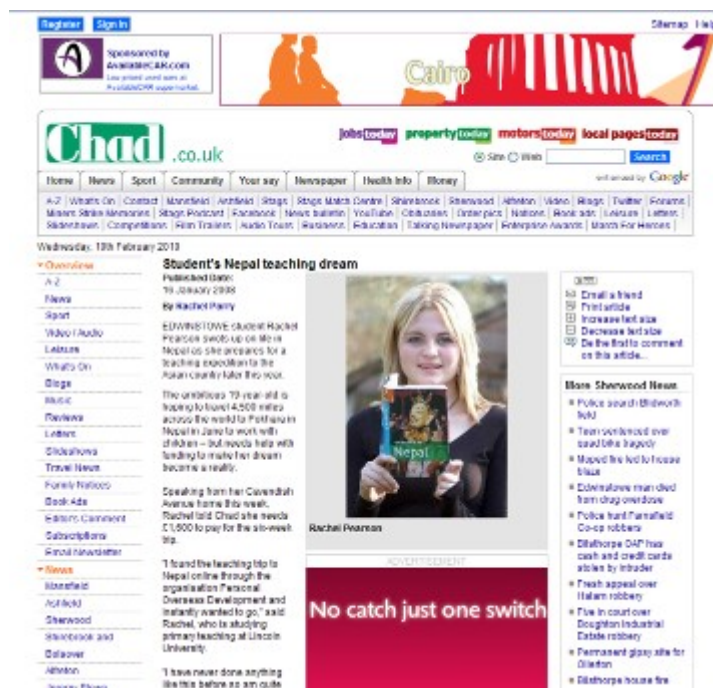
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For further information please contact Sally Fielding, 0113 2XX XXXX or sally.fielding@email.com

Notes to editor

- Pod Volunteer is an award winning organisation and was established in 2001 to support long term projects and development overseas by placing volunteers within communities in developing countries
- We are a leading non-profit organisation placing over 600 volunteers every year in Belize, Cambodia, Nepal, Madagascar, India, Ghana, Peru, South Africa, Thailand and Vietnam
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For more information please see www.podvolunteer.org.



Example of online coverage

Some useful links

Here are a few useful links for you to look at and help you get a few ideas of where to start with your fundraising and publicity:

- www.podvolunteer.org/pod-charity.html (Pod Charity)
- <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charities/overseascharity> (create your online fundraising page)
- www.volunteerforever.com
- www.how2fundraise.org (fundraising)
- www.ideasfundraising.co.uk (fundraising)
- www.raisingfunding.co.uk (fundraising)
- www.institute-of-fundraising.org.uk (fundraising)
- www.wikihow.com/Write-a-Press-Release (press releases)
- www.doitforcharity.com (fundraising events)
- www.acrossthedivide.com (fundraising events)

And finally..

If you would like any help with fundraising ideas or getting press coverage please do not hesitate to contact us and we can help.

Gemma is Pod Volunteer's Charity Manager so if you have any questions about fundraising please drop her an email at gemma@podvolunteer.org or give her a call on +44 1242 571 929.

We are always thrilled to see our volunteers in the media and it of course helps us to get more volunteers to continue the great work being done overseas. If you get coverage please do let us know.

Good luck!!



The Pod office team on a night out raising money for Tanzania's ambulance appeal dressed in traditional Kangas!



Volunteer placements with Pod Volunteer

Pod Volunteer offers volunteers the opportunity to help the projects that we support around the world. We support long term projects that we know personally and where there is genuine benefit to local communities.

Why support a Pod Volunteer?

- Volunteers donate their time and effort to help make a positive difference to the project that they work with. The fundraiser will make it clear whether the money that they are collecting is to cover the cost of their trip or if it is a donation to the project
- Approximately 60% of the placement fee goes to the project where the volunteer will be based. Fundraising may allow the volunteer to be on a placement for a longer period of time and therefore make a greater contribution to the project that they will be working on
- Pod Volunteer projects include marine conservation, teaching English in a local school or orphanage, caring for rescued animals, jungle conservation, community development, building projects and vocational training in orphanages and summer camps

About Pod Volunteer

Pod Volunteer is a leading non-profit organisation arranging ethical, inspiring and supported volunteering opportunities overseas. Pod supports local projects around the world that are working hard to make a difference in their local communities to the lives of people or animals and to the environment.

We provide this support by arranging for volunteers from the UK and other countries to spend time sharing their skills and experience with animal welfare, environmental and humanitarian organisations worldwide. We also provide financial, developmental and project support to our partner organisations.

Established in 2001, our aim is to support ongoing projects with our partners in Belize, Cambodia, Nepal, Peru, India, Madagascar, South Africa, Thailand and Vietnam by providing passionate and committed volunteers.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

**For any further questions about Pod Volunteer or the projects offered
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