

Volunteer Role – Fundraising Support

Can you spare some time to help us raise funds to support the work of Venture Scotland? This volunteer role will support our Fundraising and Communication Team to engage with more small trusts and community groups to raise awareness and funds for the work of our charity.

Help with writing engaging funding bids would enable us to share the long-term impact of the programmes that we have been running for the past 36 years, and influence funders to support our work during a very challenging economic time.

If you are looking for some fundraising experience for your CV, we can help you! By giving us some of your time, you will raise funds and awareness of our charity and indirectly help marginalised young people get vital support. Your impact will be measurable, and we would provide references and a summary of your work with us to support your future plans.

About Venture Scotland

Venture Scotland (VS) is a registered Scottish charity (SC013901) founded in 1987 by a group of young volunteers who understood the benefits of being in natural spaces for one's wellbeing.

Our Vision: A world in which marginalised people see their self-worth and have hope for the future.

Our Mission: To deliver long-term, outdoor-based programmes creating a safe environment for marginalised participants to develop an understanding of themselves, connect with others and gain hope.

Our Values: Trust, Respect, Belonging, Compassion and Empowering.

From our bases in Glasgow and Edinburgh, we deliver progressive, outdoor-based programmes over 5 months to vulnerable participants who live in areas of high deprivation and struggle with complex mental health conditions.

Role Overview

We are looking for someone who is interested in people, someone who has great verbal and written communications skills, and can create engaging funding bids to generate more income.

Key Responsibilities

- Research and identify new opportunities to raise funds for Venture Scotland.
- Developing links with other organisations and participating in fundraising opportunities.
- Write and submit engaging bids pertaining to the funder's criteria.
- Write and post engaging letters to rotary clubs.
- Administer our donor and funding database.
- Assisting at fundraising events

Skills Required

- Enjoys working as part of a team.
- Good written and verbal communication skills.
- Confident using Microsoft Office, the internet and email.
- Able to follow Fundraising Regulator standards and fundraising best practice.
- Committed to our values.
- Willing to understand and follow external and internal policies and procedures.
- Willing to develop skills and experience.
- Effective administration skills, planning and problem-solving skills.

What you will gain for this volunteering experience

- Gain practical experience of fundraising.
- Develop your written and verbal communication skills.
- Develop your team work skills and effective relationships with others.
- Develop an understanding of the third sector and in particular the needs of marginalised young people and how VS supports them.
- Develop your database and IT skills.

Why This Role Matters

At Venture Scotland, we transform the lives of marginalised young people by increasing their confidence and giving them hope for the futures. With your help, we can support more young people and give them a positive future. By taking on this role, you'll be an integral part of our fundraising and communications team, and you'll play a crucial role in achieving our mission.

How To Apply

This volunteer opportunity is flexible, allowing you to contribute your skills any time or place that suits you. If, after reviewing the **Role Description Key Responsibilities and Skills Required**, you are interested in the role, please contact Fern by emailing fern.urquhart@venturescotland.org.uk with your CV.

As per our equal opportunities policy, we welcome applications from everyone, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, religion, sexual orientation or age.