

Use your faith to inspire



Volunteer Speakers, like Emma, raise awareness in their local communities, speaking about poverty and climate justice, and sharing the work of Christian Aid

About the role

'Being a volunteer speaker for me is all about being an ambassador for Christian Aid, and really getting their message out there, putting my faith into action' says David, one of our fantastic volunteers.

Join Christian Aid's volunteer Speaker team, and be part of a network of over 100 like minded people across England, Scotland and Wales. You'll have the opportunity to use and develop your presentation skills, put your faith into action and help to promote justice in the world.

Our inspiring volunteers arrange and deliver talks in their local churches and community to encourage others to give, act or pray for our work.

What can I do?

Volunteering as a speaker is a flexible opportunity that can grow depending on the time and energy you want to commit. It can involve:

- Learning about the work, values and mission of Christian Aid
- Receiving requests to speak throughout the year, especially around Christian Aid Week (May)
- Building your own connections within your community
- Arranging your own speaking opportunities
- Attending regular training and our annual supporter conference

Many of our volunteers speak in local churches, and you're welcome to make connections in different community spaces that support the aims of Christian Aid.

What difference will I make?

Do you want to stand with us and share our vision in your local community? Are you driven by your belief to speak about poverty and climate justice?

You'll be inspiring diverse audiences to give, act, and pray in support of our work. Be it rallying a church to fundraise, engaging a community group in a climate change campaign, or fostering prayer-chains.

Your involvement is crucial, contributing to impactful initiatives worldwide, from promoting gender justice to aiding marginalized communities in the face of climate change.



Raise awareness of farmers like Esther in Malawi facing soaring costs of food, fuel and essentials, the impact of climate crisis and the covid pandemic

What skills do I need?

'You don't have to be a great orator at all, just to be able to speak from your heart' explains Sue, another of our volunteer Speakers.

Do you have:

- engaging presentation skills?
- the ability to inspire others?
- enthusiasm for the work of Christian Aid?
- the willingness to speak in a variety of church and community environments

In addition, confidence in presenting online via Zoom and similar platforms is useful to meet virtual requests. If this sounds like you apply now.



Join our movement for change - our volunteers pictured making their voices heard at Circle The City in London. Can you use your voice in your local

What support will I receive?

You'll be supported by your regional Church Engagement and Fundraising Officer.

You can expect:

- initial induction and training
- ongoing training sessions with other volunteers
- access to published and online resources
- quarterly volunteers e-newsletter
- annual review and action plan
- volunteer expenses reimbursed

If you have any individual requirements you'll be able to discuss this after you've applied.

What's the time commitment?

This will depend on your availability. Christian Aid Week (in May) is our busiest time so you can expect requests to be concentrated around then - and many of these will be on a Sunday morning.

Where you've got time you can make connections and plan talks all the year round to suit your availability.

At least once a year, you'll get the chance to meet other speakers and get training using Christian Aid's resources, stories, and messages.

Do I need to be a Christian?

Our work is grounded in the Christian faith and sponsored by supporting British and Irish churches. Christian Aid works with all faiths and none, and that's true also of our staff and volunteers.

About Christian Aid

At Christian Aid, we believe that poverty is an outrage against humanity. It robs people of dignity, freedom and hope, of power over their own lives. We've a vision - an end to poverty - and we believe that vision can become a reality.

We're a global movement of people, churches and local organisations. We work with local partners and communities to fight injustice, respond to humanitarian emergencies, campaign for change, and help people claim the services and rights they're entitled to.

If you're planning on speaking in churches you need to feel comfortable asserting Christian Aid's beliefs and values. You'll also need to feel confident in helping people make the connection between these issues and their faith.

However, if you're speaking in other community spaces, then it's more about having a set of personal values that are in line with those of ours.

How do I apply?

If you're excited about this opportunity, apply online through our website. Got questions or just want to chat about the role? Reach out to our friendly volunteering team.

After applying, we'll set up an informal volunteer interview to make sure it's a good match. You'll get to ask any burning questions, and, since it's a speaking role, we usually ask you to give a short example talk.

This role is subject to two references and a Basic criminal record check.

We'll leave that last words of encouragement to David... 'If you're thinking about becoming a volunteer Speaker, I would really encourage you to do it. It's a great opportunity to really immerse yourself in the stories behind Christian Aid's work!'

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