

Volunteer Role Description

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Role Title: Diversity Volunteer (London and East Midlands only)

About People & Planet:

People & Planet is the largest, student network in Britain campaigning to end world poverty, defend human rights and protect the environment. The People & Planet network consists of groups at Universities, Colleges and Schools, plus many other individual supporters, supported by an office staff team. You can find more information about P&P on our website here: www.peopleandplanet.org/aboutus/

Role Description:

You will support a ground-breaking project which works in further education and higher education institutions (FE/HE) to find exciting new ways of engaging a diverse range of young people in campaigning. This will involve 3 or more of the following:

- Carrying out research into reaching and motivating a diverse range of students to campaign in a way that engages with their existing interests and pastimes
- Working closely with the FE/HE team to organise campaign events, actions and projects in your region which are attractive and accessible to a more diverse range of students
- Supporting the formation of new People & Planet groups at Further and Higher education institutions in your region
- Helping FE/HE groups to communicate with each other and the wider People and Planet network, coordinating transport to P&P events such as Shared Planet; the UK's biggest student conference on poverty, human rights and the environment.
- Supporting the FE/HE groups to make links within the local community and work together with community-based organisations.
- Supporting the P&P University Groups in your region to attract students from diverse backgrounds by working with the P&P Regional Representative to organise and run a diversity training session.
- Contributing your ideas on how to make P&P events, communications, workshops, etc. more attractive and accessible to the young people you work with.

Accountable to: The FE/HE Intern in the People & Planet office.

What is expected of a Diversity Volunteer?

This role will take up 2 - 4 days per month (time required will vary throughout the year). You will be expected to stay in phone and email contact with your outreach staff member each fortnight and attend the following:

- A training day on 6th December 2009
- A meeting with the Regional Representative to discuss regional plan
- Shared Planet 2009 (you will receive a free ticket) and the Forum 2010 with your group. Help the group with organising travel and logistics
- A mid-year review meeting with the FE/HE Intern and Regional Rep.
- Evaluation meeting in June 2010 to discuss the achievements and suggestions for the following year.

What do Diversity Volunteers get out of the role?

- Full training and ongoing support from dedicated support office staff
- Experience of volunteering with a leading student campaign organisation. Employers really value the skills you get from this role and the People & Planet support office will supply you with a reference.

- Formal recognition of your contribution and the skills you have gained. People and Planet are accredited by Vinspired, the youth volunteering charity, and we can support you to complete your v50 award (See <http://www.vinspired.com/awards/v50> for more information).
- The freedom to develop and implement new and creative ways for increasing diversity in the People & Planet network
- Travel expenses in your region and to any national events, free ticket to Shared Planet.
- The chance to meet and engage young people in your area in campaigning on global issues
- And most of all, the opportunity to play a key role in creating a stronger, more diverse P&P network of young campaigners.

How to Apply:

If you would like to apply to be a Diversity Volunteer and you will be based in London or the East Midlands for the academic year 2009-10 download an application form from peopleandplanet.org/volunteers.

We'll contact suitable applicants to arrange an informal discussion about the role and your volunteers agreement.

Person Specification

All applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Previous involvement in the P&P network AND/OR experience of youth work (paid or voluntary)
- Ability to communicate and empathise with young people aged 16-25 from diverse backgrounds.
- Creativity and motivation to engage young people in campaigning
- Reliability and ability to commit the required amount of time **over the course of an entire academic year.**
- Access to phone or internet
- Commitment to meeting the expectations of a Diversity Volunteer (outlined above).

PLEASE NOTE: This is a pilot project and will be running in **London** and the **East Midlands**. Please **only apply** if you are based in one of these regions.