

Volunteer Role Description

Regional Representative

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Role Title: Regional Representative

Role Description: Working closely with People & Planet staff, you will contribute to People & Planet's position as the leading organisation working with students in the UK on issues of economic and social justice and the environment by:

- Helping to support People & Planet university groups in your region through advice and training;
- Facilitating the formation of new People & Planet groups;
- Organising an action and training day for the university groups in your region. You should also help groups to communicate with each other, coordinate campaign actions and transport to national events such as Shared Planet;
- Communicating the views and needs of university groups in your region to the staff in the support office;
- Helping to promote People & Planet's campaigns and events to university groups in your region;
- Meeting with People & Planet university groups to pass on advice and share skills

Accountable to: One of the universities team interns in the People & Planet office.

What is expected of a Regional Rep?

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 handover meeting with the previous Regional Rep in June '08.
- A training day in Oxford on June 27/28 followed by The Summer Gathering (28 June - 2 July), where you will receive expert skills and issues training, and prepare a short 'Regional Plan'.
- A catch up meeting with your Outreach Officer in September 2009.
- Shared Planet 2009. November 21-22 2009, venue tbc.
- A mid year review meeting in January 2010.
- The Forum 2010 (a weekend early in March).
- A Regional Reps debrief meeting in June 2010.
- Handover meeting with new Regional Rep in June 2010.
- General contact with other Regional Reps via social networking to help provide a support forum

What do Regional Reps get out of the role?

- You will be provided with full training and one-to-one support for your role.
- You will have the opportunity to take part in a volunteer accreditation scheme, highly regarded by employers, for your volunteer work as a Regional Representative
- Experience of volunteering with the leading student campaigning network in the UK focusing on poverty, human rights and the environment.
- All of your travel expenses covered, plus a free Shared Planet ticket and a guaranteed space at the Summer Gathering.
- Use of a People & Planet email address e.g. yourregion@peopleandplanet.org
- Employers really value the skills you get from this role, and the People & Planet support office will supply you with a reference.

- The chance to meet dozens of other activists from your region.

How to Apply:

If you would like to apply to be a Regional Representative. Please download an application form from peopleandplanet.org/regionalreps. The deadline for applications is Monday 01 June.

We'll contact suitable applicants by 05 June 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 People & Planet network.
- Sympathy with the aims of People & Planet and the desire to create a just and sustainable world through campaigning.
- Access to a phone and the internet.
- Commitment to meeting the expectations of a Regional Rep (outlined above).

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you'd like to have an informal chat about the role and what it involves.

Call or email Lucy Horton: 01865 245678 or lucy.horton@peopleandplanet.org