



AMNESTY SPEAKER

VOLUNTEER ROLE DESCRIPTION

Context

Human rights education is a strategic priority for Amnesty International UK (AIUK). We want all children and young people in the UK to access human rights education so that they know, value and can claim their rights.

Amnesty Speakers play a key role in us reaching our human rights education goal by volunteering time and skills to deliver human rights workshops, lessons and assemblies in local schools and in other youth settings.

The Amnesty Speaker Programme supports over 100 volunteers to deliver inspiring workshops and talks, encouraging children and young people to become engaged with human rights issues and Amnesty campaigns.

Role overview

The main responsibility of an Amnesty Speaker is to actively and independently go into schools and other youth settings to deliver engaging and participatory human rights workshops and talks.

Preparation for delivering sessions includes liaising with the Amnesty office and school staff, adapting and designing participatory sessions and preparing/ordering materials.

Amnesty Speakers are required to communicate regularly with staff in the Human Rights Education Unit by email and to give feedback online on their activities on a frequent and systematic basis.

Member of

A national programme of Amnesty Speakers delivering human rights education in schools and other youth settings across the UK.

Supported by

Regional Speaker Coordinator; Education Officer (Youth and Schools); AIUK Human Rights Education Unit.

Reports to

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Opportunities to

- Play a key role in increasing access to human rights education in the UK
- Develop skills to deliver effective human rights education
- Build knowledge and understanding of human rights and activism

Expenses

Amnesty Speakers are volunteers. Expenses are covered by the school or organisation being visited or by Amnesty International UK.

To apply

See overleaf for the volunteer task form.

To find training dates and complete the application form visit:

<https://www.amnesty.org.uk/become-amnesty-speaker>

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VOLUNTEER TASK FORM

Responsibilities include

- Responding to school requests within one week of receipt (you can choose to accept or decline requests) and informing the office
- Delivering a minimum of 3 school visits per academic year
- Submitting accurate and timely online reports on activities
- Planning and delivering effective human rights education for visits, including being open to receiving feedback
- Actively maintaining knowledge of relevant human rights issues
- Representing AIUK when sharing our values, positions and what we do
- Using appropriate and respectful language, behaviour and materials in all aspects of this role
- Completing safeguarding training and criminal record checks as required, and complying with [AIUK safeguarding policy and procedures](#), including the Amnesty Speaker safeguarding procedure
- Complying with [AIUK Activist Code of Conduct](#) and [AIUK Data Protection Guidance for UK Groups and Activists](#)
- Liaising with the Regional Speaker Coordinator and relevant staff at AIUK in a timely manner

Skills and knowledge

Essential:

- Understanding of and sympathy with the aims and objectives of Amnesty International
- An interest in the education work of Amnesty International
- An interest in developing the human rights knowledge, understanding and skills of school-aged students
- Basic organisational and planning skills
- Ability to problem solve and use own initiative

Desirable:

- Knowledge of human rights
- Experience of human rights activism
- Experience of communicating and upholding human rights values
- Membership of Amnesty International
- Experience of working in/with schools
- Experience of working with children and young people