



Pratham UK

In the words of Nobel Laureate Abhijit Banerjee *“Pratham's impact on the lives of millions of kids has been tremendous; it is quite simply an exceptional, best-in-class organisation that has managed to scale across India.”*



Volunteer Opportunity: Pratham Gala Intern

September – November or December 2026 • Hybrid | London

■ Welcome from the Team

Thank you for your interest in volunteering with Pratham UK.

Each year, our Gala brings together business leaders, philanthropists and members of the Indian diaspora to raise vital funds for Pratham's education programmes. This year, the Gala will take place on **26 November at the Victoria & Albert Museum**.

The Gala is the highlight of our fundraising calendar and plays a vital role in helping children and young people across India access quality education. We're looking for someone enthusiastic, organised and keen to gain practical experience behind the scenes of a large-scale charity event.

Whether you're considering a career in events, fundraising or the charity sector, or simply want to use your skills to support an important cause, we'd love to hear from you.

■ About the Pratham Network

Founded in 1995, Pratham is one of the world's leading education organisations, working to improve learning outcomes for children and young people.

Pratham develops practical, low-cost and scalable solutions that help children learn effectively and has reached millions of children through partnerships with communities, schools and governments.

Its mission is simple: Every Child in School and Learning Well.

The wider Pratham network includes organisations across the UK, USA, Canada, Australia, Sweden and the UAE, alongside Pratham Education Foundation in India and Pratham International, which is expanding proven programmes to other countries.

Pratham's work has been recognised globally through awards including the **Yidan Prize**, **Skoll Award** and **Kravis Prize**, while programmes such as **Teaching at the Right Level (TaRL)** are recognised internationally as among the most effective approaches to improving foundational learning.

■ Our Key Programmes

- **Teaching at the Right Level (TaRL):** Helping children catch up on lost learning. [Watch video](#). This has been recommended by the What Works Hub for Global Education as one of just three **smart buys** for education in developing countries and has been subject to **multiple RCTs by JPAL**.
- **Second Chance Programme:** Supporting women who have dropped out of school to complete secondary education. [Watch video](#).
- **Vocational Training:** Preparing young people from disadvantaged communities for skilled employment. [Watch video](#).
- **Early Childhood Development:** Focusing on school readiness. [Watch video](#).
- **The ASER Report:** Estimates the learning levels of children in every district of India, which has been used as a phenomenal advocacy platform. [Watch video](#).

■ About Pratham UK

Pratham UK raises funds and awareness to support Pratham's education programmes.

Over the past few years, the organisation has grown significantly, increasing annual income from around **£350,000 to more than £1.7 million**, allowing us to support even more children and young people through high-quality education programmes.

Our annual Gala is our flagship fundraising event, bringing together around 300 guests for an evening of inspiring speakers, fundraising and celebration.

■ The Opportunity

As a volunteer Gala Intern, you'll work alongside our Philanthropy, Events and Communications teams to help prepare and deliver this year's Gala.

You'll gain experience across many aspects of charity event management: from planning and guest communications to fundraising and event delivery, you'll be a part of a small, supportive team working towards a shared goal.



During your time with us, you'll support the team by:

- supporting event planning and coordination of Gala
- supporting with the planning and execution of Future Leaders programme
- assisting with guest communications and guest list management
- researching and coordinating auction prizes
- preparing event materials and logistics
- liaising with suppliers where appropriate
- helping deliver the Gala on the day, including guest registration and front-of-house support
- assisting with post-event follow-up and donor stewardship.

■ We're Looking for Someone Who...

- enjoys organising projects and paying attention to detail
- communicates confidently and professionally
- is proactive and happy taking initiative
- enjoys working collaboratively in a busy environment
- is keen to learn quickly
- has an interest in events, fundraising or the charity sector
- has some familiarity with London's Indian community (desirable)
- shares our belief in improving educational opportunities for every child.

No previous charity experience is essential: we're looking for enthusiasm and a willingness to learn.



■ Practical Information

This is a **voluntary internship**, with reasonable travel expenses reimbursed.

We'll agree to a schedule that works around your availability. Ideally, you'll be able to:

- **2–3 days per week** between September and November
- be based in London or within easy travelling distance
- support the Gala in person on **26 November 2026**
- stay involved until mid-December if possible to help with post-event activities.
- we do not have an office, but borrow and rent rooms in Central London to meet, this will become more frequent around the gala.

You're free to change your mind about availability at any time, with no obligation to attend on any particular day.

■ What You'll Gain

In return, we hope you'll leave with:

- practical experience delivering a major fundraising event
- insight into how an international education charity operates
- experience working with fundraising, events and donor engagement
- the opportunity to build new skills and professional connections
- the satisfaction of helping raise funds that transform children's education.

■ How to Express Your Interest

If this sounds like the right opportunity for you, we'd love to hear from you.

Please send your CV together with a short covering note (maximum two pages) explaining:

- why you'd like to volunteer with Pratham;
- what interests you about this opportunity; and
- any relevant experience or skills you'd bring.

Please email this to **gala@pratham.org.uk** by **26 July 2026**

Informal conversations with shortlisted applicants are expected during week commencing 27 July.