

Volunteer Role: Fundraising & Grants Volunteer

Purpose of the Role

The Fundraising & Grants Volunteer will support Disability Africa in identifying aligned funding opportunities and preparing clear, well-structured grant applications. The role connects donor research with proposal development, helping to strengthen the organisation's funding pipeline in line with programme priorities and values.

Key Responsibilities

- Research and identify trusts, foundations, corporates, and other grant-making bodies aligned with disability inclusion, play, education, and community-based development.
 - Assess eligibility criteria, funding priorities, grant size, and strategic fit.
 - Prepare concise donor briefs summarising alignment and recommended next steps.
 - Maintain and update a simple tracking system (deadlines, application stages, reporting requirements).
 - Draft and edit sections of grant applications.
 - Adapt core organisational content to specific funder guidelines and word limits.
 - Support budget alignment in collaboration with the team.
 - Contribute to building a reusable content library (programme summaries, impact statements, organisational descriptions).
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What We Are Looking For

- Strong research and analytical skills.
 - Excellent written English.
 - Ability to synthesise complex information clearly and concisely.
 - Structured, detail-oriented approach.
 - Ability to work independently with guidance from the team.
 - Comfortable integrating feedback into draft applications.
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Approach and Mindset

- Alignment with Disability Africa's vision and Social Model of Disability.
 - Commitment to accurate, ethical, and respectful representation.
 - Sensitivity to power dynamics in funding relationships.
 - Respect for partner-led priorities rather than donor-driven agendas.
 - Commitment to inclusion and equal opportunities for disabled children and young people.
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Desirable (but not essential)

- Experience in fundraising, philanthropy, CSR, or NGO work.
 - Previous exposure to trust and foundation applications.
 - Familiarity with UK funding landscapes.
 - Experience working with or alongside grassroots organisations.
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Time Commitment

Flexible; typically 4–6 hours per week.

Minimum commitment of 12 months.

The role can be adapted to the volunteer's availability and strengths.

What the Volunteer Will Gain

- Hands-on experience in live funding pipelines.
 - Exposure to real grant applications and funder criteria.
 - Insight into how strategy translates into organisational sustainability.
 - Professional reference upon successful completion of the role.
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Location

Remote / flexible.