

PROGRESSIO

Progressio has been leading the way on practical international development issues for more than forty years. Whether through placing development workers overseas, or in our policy and advocacy achievements, Progressio has a track record of making a difference. We work with people of all faiths and none.

Empower Regional Mobiliser (several roles)

Policy and Communications Team

Starting autumn 2012 for 1 year (flexible commitment)

Based around the UK

Progressio is looking for inspiring, passionate, committed, creative, innovative leaders to be the dynamism at the heart of our work in the UK.

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Progressio, founded in 1940, is an independent charity, with strong roots and stakeholders amongst progressive Christians. We work with people of any religious belief or none to overcome poverty and injustice internationally. Progressio is committed to the pursuit of development based on democratic political and economic participation, social justice and gender equality.

Progressio works for justice and development through a combination of two approaches: Development Workers and policy/advocacy. We place experienced professionals as Development Workers with partner organisations overseas. The Development Workers undertake specific placements that will help the partner organisations to improve their capacity and skills to be more effective locally in tackling poverty. Partner organisations are generally community and non-governmental organisations, trade unions, small-scale farmers, church and women's groups and, in some cases, government ministries.

It is not just a lack of skills that keeps people poor. Therefore Progressio works for justice and development by seeking changes in policy at local and international levels. For Progressio it is important that policy change comes from the experience of working with our partners and we seek to enable the voices of the poor to be heard in the corridors of power at various levels.

More detailed information about our work is available on our website: www.progressio.org.uk.

THE TEAM

Working within Progressio's strategic vision of People Powered Development¹, your home will be the Policy and Communications Team which works to ensure effective, consistent and complementary communication of Progressio's key messages to a range of target audiences.

Progressio's policy messages are drawn from the voices of, and our experience of working with, communities in the global South. In using these messages for policy influencing and outreach, the team engages policy makers and opinion formers, and mobilises and engages Progressio's supporter base, which numbers around 6,000. This is done by increasing the understanding and involvement of supporters and potential supporters in acting and campaigning for change and raising funds.

Drawing on all the communications tools and channels available – staff and Board, volunteers, fundraising, web, our church resources, direct mail, events, networking, third party endorsement, and media relations – the team drives home the uniqueness of Progressio and the importance of joining us in our mission to help people gain power over their lives and overcome barriers that keep them poor.

¹ For more information on People Powered Development see <http://www.progressio.org.uk/content/what-people-powered-development>

WHAT WILL THIS ROLE INVOLVE?

You'll lead young adults in your region to take action against poverty overseas. You will:

1. Support grassroots young adult activists, Local Leaders, in your region to
 - undertake their chosen actions;
 - fundraise
 - campaign
 - attend events
2. Work together with other Regional Mobilisers to develop your own high-profile projects regionally
3. Develop your own specific skills or knowledge, alongside an expert in the field
4. Share responsibility for organising or providing guidance on input for Local Leader training
5. Mentor the next generation of Regional Mobilisers when your term comes to an end
6. Take responsibility for a small activity budget

PLACEMENT OUTCOMES

You'll spend a year at the leading edge of Progressio's work to end poverty by mobilising young adults in the UK. At the end you will have developed:

- the skills and experience of young adults in your region in their action against poverty
- great personal relationships with other Regional Mobilisers UK-wide
- your own skills and experience in the international development field including but not limited to event organising, people management and fundraising
- memorable events across the UK

IS THIS ROLE RIGHT FOR YOU?

You will receive induction, training and support to carry out this role, but the person we are looking for should be able to bring the following to this role:

- Some understanding and previous experience of issues of international development possibly by campaigning locally, volunteering overseas or through studying
- Excellent written and spoken English
- Analytical and critical thinking and problem solving
- Great organisational, administrative and time management skills
- Great attention to detail but able to work to a vision
- Initiative, enthusiasm and a proactive approach
- The ability to work well with others and some experience of getting the best from others
- Being a great team worker
- Having great IT skills – email, social media, etc. And a commitment to using them

OTHER DETAILS YOU NEED TO KNOW

Timescale

The role will start from the beginning of September and will last one year. Ideally you will be able to commit a couple of hours a week, but this is variable depending on what is going on at any particular time.

Finance

While the role is voluntary, some expenses will be covered, laid out in the Empower expenses policy.

Based

Regional Mobilisers are based at their home around the UK.

Support and supervision

The volunteer will be supported and supervised by the Campaigns Officer.