

Volunteer With Us

Remote Volunteer Opportunities

We offer opportunities for international volunteers to work with us remotely. These roles allow you to contribute your skills and expertise towards achieving our program's goals without your physical presence at New Routes Foundation in Kenya. You will make use of video conferencing tools such as Zoom or Google Meet to collaborate with us and will perform the tasks assigned to you remotely.

Here are some of the roles you could fulfil as a remote volunteer:

Social Media



We are looking for volunteers to help with content creation and editing for our social media pages. You will create good quality, original, and varied content that will be reviewed by our team and uploaded to our pages. This role requires regular communication with our team through email, WhatsApp, or virtual meetings. Creativity, good communication, and the ability to work under minimum supervision while knowing when to consult our team are key to successfully executing this role.

Graphic Design



We need volunteers with digital designing skills to help our team generate annual reports, flyers, posters, alongside other documents. This role requires familiarity with tools such as Canva and good communication skills. You will pitch us ideas as per the required document, prepare and present rough drafts, and work with our team to refine the designs.

Fundraising



We need volunteers to help raise funds and expand our network in the UK. This role requires good research skills and excellent written and verbal communication skills. You will assist with identifying potential supporters aligned with our mission and values and working with our team to organize and participate in fundraising initiatives.

In-Person Volunteer Opportunities

We have a gap-year program that provides the chance for you to volunteer with us at New Routes Foundation in Kenya. This opportunity allows you to meet our team and beneficiaries and get to understand the details of our program from a first-hand perspective. You will stay with us for 1-3 months and use your skills to help us execute our daily operations.

Here are some roles you would take on as an in-person volunteer:

Social Media



Aside from the remote social media role, we would like volunteers to create content that portrays our work in Kenya. This role requires digital content creation and editing skills. You would need to travel with a good-quality video camera to capture our daily operations, our beneficiaries' progress, and other activities. Thereafter, you will work with our team to edit and upload the content to our social media platforms.

Teacher



We are looking for volunteers to help us teach our beneficiaries courses that we administer upon their intake such as soft skills, financial management, health and wellbeing, and computer skills. We also teach our beneficiaries English to help them improve their writing and speaking skills. You will review our courses to gain a better understanding, help us develop a teaching plan, and teach and assess our beneficiaries.

Community Helper



We would like volunteers to help us run our community outreach program. This role would involve going out to Elgeyo Marakwet County to teach secondary school graduates employment skills and life skills coupled with Christian discipleship. You would need to have good communication, patience, and interpersonal skills, alongside being conversant with the course knowledge areas.

We are open to working with volunteers who have any other expertise. We would love to hear what you are passionate about or how your skills can benefit our work. Please reach out and we will do our best to accommodate you.



Volunteer Testimonials

We have worked with a number of volunteers from the UK and Kenya, who have contributed greatly to our programme. Here are some testimonials of their experience with us

Bridie

“My time volunteering with New Routes Foundation (NRF) in Kenya was undeniably transformative. NRF is dedicated to enriching the lives of orphaned and vulnerable young adults through a holistic university program. I am deeply inspired by the profound impact of their mission. Transitioning from a month spent in Kenya collaborating closely with the NRF team to now serving on their Board of Trustees has been an extraordinary privilege.

Working closely with the organisation, I witnessed firsthand the resilience and unwavering determination of these young individuals in their pursuit of higher education. Forming personal connections with the beneficiaries made my experience profoundly meaningful. I am immensely grateful for the opportunity to contribute to NRF's journey, and I wholeheartedly recommend them to anyone seeking a rewarding and impactful volunteer experience.

My involvement has allowed me to cultivate my personal skills, ranging from communications and fundraising to establishing business partnerships for the charity. Additionally, participating in the selection process of new beneficiaries has provided invaluable insight. The experience gained through my work with NRF is unparalleled, and I am deeply appreciative to the team for embracing and integrating me into their community. Their guidance has enriched my understanding of humanitarian and NGO work immeasurably.”



Jenn

“Volunteering for New Routes Foundation is such a blessing. My first experience as a volunteer was having my boots on the ground in Kenya for a couple of weeks. I helped the team with the student selection process, whilst also getting the privilege to meet existing students and seeing the amazing operations NRF is involved with on a daily basis.

Once returning to the UK I was able to continue volunteering remotely on a weekly basis by offering English lessons for a couple of the students. It’s a highlight of my week! Being able to interact with the students and serve them regularly has impacted me personally and it’s been great to see the students develop in their studies. NRF and Kenya now have a really special place in my heart and being able to volunteer with them is such a wonderful opportunity not to be missed!”

Imogen

“I have volunteered remotely with NRF since October 2023. During my time, I have worked with the team specifically on the financials. I volunteer for about 1 or 2 hours a week where I help with excel coding to automate the spreadsheets for financial projections. This has allowed me to improve my excel skills and learn about new formulas which is something I probably wouldn’t have done otherwise. I have also proofread the financials to make sure there are no calculation errors. By helping the team, I have saved their time and allowed them to focus on other areas of New Routes’ operations.”

Eileen

“I volunteered in-person with NRF for 5 months and during this period, I was greatly inspired by their work. My experience started during the second beneficiary selection and I got to see first hand the need for this program in the Elgeyo Marakwet Community through the home visits for potential beneficiaries. Upon their selection, I helped with revising the courses and taught them Computer Skills , alongside other courses. I also helped with their mentoring and general transition into the program. This opportunity not only refined my program co-ordination skills, but it also greatly enhanced my passion for humanitarian work and serving communities.”