

Volunteer Role Profile: Global Youth Leaders for Nutrition

Why we want you

"Freedom is meaningless if people cannot put food in their stomachs, if they have no shelter, if illiteracy and disease continue to dog them."

"The youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow"

"To the youth of today, I also have a wish to make: Be the script writers of your destiny and feature yourselves as stars that showed the way towards a brighter future. "

- Nelson Mandela

In the year of what would have been Nelson Mandela's 100th Birthday, the SUN Civil Society Network, ACTION and Global Citizen, are supporting 10 inspirational young people to become leaders in the fight to end malnutrition.

In 2015, world leaders made a promise to end all forms of malnutrition by 2030. This means ensuring that everyone has enough food to survive but also the right kind of food needed to thrive.

We are making progress, but it is just not fast enough, and at current rates we are not on track to meet these global commitments.

Every year, over 3 million children die due to undernutrition and nearly a quarter of all children under five are stunted, preventing them from developing properly and reaching their full potential. What's more, poor nutrition is also an underlying cause of nearly half of all child deaths under the age of 5. At the same time the number of overweight children is increasing, with 41 million overweight under-5s in the world today. And it is the most excluded who are being hit hardest, with malnutrition disproportionately affecting women, children, and adolescents, and those in poorer households.

This is unfair and unjust but also completely preventable.

We know what it takes to tackle malnutrition, but we need politicians, businesses and citizens to put it at the top of their to-do list. That's where you come in. We need your help to make tackling malnutrition a priority in countries across the world. We need your help to make the end of malnutrition by 2030 a reality.

What you will be doing

This one-year programme will support 10 young campaigners to develop the skills and knowledge needed to help accelerate progress to end malnutrition. The role will include:

- Attending a global advocacy training workshop in Washington, D.C. from 12-19 July 2018 to develop new skills, hear from experts and learn more about malnutrition and being a leader in development
- Putting your newly developed skills into practice by meeting decision makers in Washington, D.C.
- Developing your own campaign and running campaigning activities such as events, petitions and speaking to the media, to increase support for tackling malnutrition both in your country and globally
- Making links with local decision makers, such as parliamentarians, to advocate for change
- Working with other young people in your community to pass on your skills and knowledge and help them become champions for good nutrition
- Attending global and regional campaigning events in 2018/19 (e.g. the 2018 G20 summit in Argentina and the Global Citizen Nelson Mandela festival in South Africa) to campaign for change and ensure young people's experiences of malnutrition are heard
- Working with other young people around the world to share your ideas and improve your campaigns
- Using the Global Citizen platform to amplify your campaign

The programme will run from July 2018 - July 2019, but there will be opportunities to continue to campaign beyond this. We also expect attendees to continue to seek opportunities to use their skills to advocate for good nutrition and demonstrate leadership.

What's in it for you

- Full training programme delivered by experts in advocacy, campaigning and international development
- Gaining, or deepening, the knowledge, skills, and experience in advocacy, campaigning, media and communications needed to become a future leader
- Additional opportunities to take part in regional and global events throughout the year to continue developing your campaigning skills.
- Reasonable out-of-pocket expenses in-line with our policy e.g. travel, accommodation, and per diems
- Being part of a global movement of young people advocating for a better and healthier future generation.

What you need

- Age 18-25
- Available from 12-19th of July 2018 to travel to Washington for the training workshop
- A valid passport
- Actively involved in a community campaigning group or youth group linked to a SUN Civil Society Network member organisation or RESULTS UK/ACTION partner organisation.
As well as a reference from this organisation confirming their ongoing support for your application (see more information under 'supporting organisation')

- Confident, clear English speaker and happy to speak publicly at large events. Unfortunately, at this stage we are unable to accept applications from non-English speakers
- Interested in issues linked to development and injustice; you don't have to be an expert in nutrition and food but you must be interested in learning more
- Committed to participating in or running campaigning activities locally, nationally, regionally and/or globally following your training
- Interested in meeting and working in partnership with new people from many countries around the world

Applications will be selected based on the above criteria, along with ensuring diversity (e.g. gender, nationality).

We actively encourage applicants from diverse backgrounds, particularly low- and middle-income countries and those who have been directly impacted by malnutrition. We are committed to supporting accessibility requirements for successful candidates.

Supporting Organisation

All applicants must have a reference from a SUN Civil Society Network Member organisation or RESULTS UK/ACTION partner organisation, confirming the organisations commitment to supporting the applicant throughout the programme. Responsibilities in this supporting role could include:

- Providing access to IT services (e.g. Skype), to enable the applicant to participate in webinars and teleconferences, if required
- Supporting the applicant in preparing for the training in Washington
- Supporting the applicant in travelling to/from airport in a timely manner, if required
- Providing guidance and support to the applicant with the implementation of their campaign plan
- Identifying opportunities for the applicant to continue using their skills
- Supporting the applicant to share their training with other young people
- Ensuring links between the applicant's campaign plans and the plans of the member organisation or SUN CSA
- If required, receive and manage a grant on behalf of the applicant. This grant would be provided by the SUN Civil Society Network to enable the applicant to deliver campaigning activities. The supporting organisation will not be required to offer any financial support, but administrative and time commitments from staff will be required.

Child Safeguarding

We are committed to protecting and keeping children safe. We select, check and manage our applicants to make sure that we are able to do this.

About the organisations

ACTION is a global partnership of advocacy organisations working to influence policy and mobilise resources to fight disease of poverty and achieve equitable access to health. ACTION partners work across five continents in both donor and high burden countries. Founded in 2004, ACTION began as a partnership of independent, locally-established civil society organisations working to mobilise new resources against tuberculosis (TB). Building of successes in fighting TB globally, ACTION expanded its efforts to include child survival, with a focus on expanding access to childhood vaccines and increasing the political will and investment needed to fight childhood undernutrition

Global Citizen is a movement of engaged citizens who are using their collective voice to end extreme poverty by 2030. On our platform, Global Citizens learn about the systemic causes of extreme poverty, take action on those issues, and earn rewards for their actions — as part of a global community committed to lasting change.

RESULTS UK is a non-profit advocacy organisation that works to create the public and political will to end extreme poverty. RESULTS' focus is on educating and empowering people - whether they are ordinary citizens or key decision-makers – to bring about policy changes that will improve the lives of the world's poorest people. Our advocacy focuses on areas that have the most potential to make a difference. RESULTS UK has a track record of expertise in education, global health and economic opportunity. RESULTS UK is a partner of the ACTION Global Health Advocacy Partnership.

The Scaling up Nutrition Civil Society Network is part of the Scaling Up Nutrition Movement which unites governments, UN bodies, businesses, donors as well as civil society in a collective effort to end malnutrition. The SUN CSN encourages the formation of vibrant civil society alliances in each SUN country to strengthen national plans to tackle hunger and malnutrition.