



CORPORATE VOLUNTEER PROJECTS WISHLIST 2012

You can support Kids Company through many of our ongoing projects. Each project is tailored to match your volunteers and your budget with the kids' needs at the forefront. You do not have to be fantastic with children or a creative genius, the important thing is that you have the desire to help and to get involved. Whether you want to work directly with the kids or improve their environment there will be a way in which your support will be invaluable in brightening up these kids' lives.

For any further information and for help in choosing the perfect activity for your team, please contact: corporatevolunteer@kidsco.org.uk.

PROJECT

TASK

ROLE OF VOLUNTEERS

NO. OF VOLS

BUDGET

School Trip

"The children were lovely and very well behaved - it made my day when one of the boys said it was the best day of his life!"

School trips enable children to participate in new experiences and learn in stimulating environments, as well as offering an opportunity to interact outside the classroom. Many schools do not have the resources to organise trips. We will help plan your trip to a wide number of destinations in London including The London Eye, London Zoo, London IMAX and any one of a variety of different museums.

Adult support is vital to the success of these days in terms of encouraging and supporting the children. Your help will enable children to access the wealth of resources London has to offer. As remarkable as it may seem, many of our children who live in the centre of London have never even seen the River Thames!

5-15

£600 (plus entrance fee)

Music Workshop

"The team had a great day, we all surprised ourselves with hidden musical talents. A great end to a busy working week!"

Music is a brilliant way for children to express themselves, as well as being fun and a different experience. Many of the schools we work in do not have the resources to provide music for children. We offer a range of music workshops including world percussion, African drumming and songwriting.

Volunteers will be working together with the children to encourage and support them in their musical journey. It is a brilliant opportunity for volunteers to interact positively with our children, and most of all it is great fun!

5-15

£700



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Colour a Child's Life

"At the start of the day all the staff felt saddened to see children live in such appalling conditions. But by the end of the day, they were all thrilled to have made such a difference."

Many inner-city children live in chronic deprivation due to their parents/carers being unable to sustain an appropriate standard of loving. Kids Company has set up a housing intervention programme that aids families by creating a happier and healthier environment for their children.

Volunteers help redecorate a family's home. Activities involve painting, decorating and assembling flat pack furniture, but any extra skills in putting up shelves or laying flooring are always welcome.

We have introduced two different branches of Colour a Child's Life, each with a different budget, depending on what the volunteers would like to achieve from the day

It is a sad fact that the over-whelming majority of young people at Kids Company are without suitable beds, many sleep on the floor. A donation of £1,500 will allow us to purchase beds for the children in the home as well as invite ten volunteers and two Kids Company staff in a fun day of flat-pack furniture building, painting and decorating.

up to 10

£1500

The young person or family will get the chance to nominate three rooms which they want completely transforming. Up to fifteen volunteers will have the task of making their vision come true, using all their industry and creativity. Two Kids Company staff, one of whom is a handyman, and a professional carpet-layer will be available.

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Fundays

"I don't think you realise how much sunshine you brought into their lives today."

Have fun! We organise fundays in our schools. We can bring in bouncy castles, face-painting, and numerous games. These days are an opportunity to spoil each child and give them lasting memories.

Fun days can be as varied, as creative and as fun as your team can think up. We are here to work in collaboration with you to ensure that every part of the day is a success. Volunteers can help lead or support games, but your main role will be to ensure that EVERY child is having fun!

10-15 £700

Big Events

*"A fantastic day!
What an array of activities.
The kids loved it and so did we!"*

We can also run events for teams of more than 20 people that will benefit several year groups or even an entire school. We can have a collaboration of workshops on one day (including art, drama, cookery, music, Paint-a-School, sports day). We can also include funday activities (bouncy castles, face painting etc) on these days.

In all the workshops, the role of the volunteer is to support and encourage the children through the activities and to make sure they are joining in. We encourage all volunteers to get stuck in, and to help create a day that will provide the kids with lasting memories.

20+ Workshop/Funday prices

Drama Workshop

"I had no idea that some of my more reserved children in class had the ability to respond confidently and creatively, until I watched them in the group activities."

Taking part in drama activities provides children with a unique and therapeutic form of creative expression. From playing games to creating small, presentable snippets of theatre, the workshops give each child the opportunity to speak, behave and act freely within a supportive environment. Both volunteers and children develop teamwork, communication and leadership skills, problem-solving abilities and confidence.

Our drama workshop leader will centre the session upon the idea of 'shared experience': the feeling of being part of a group and interacting positively with others. Through games and activities volunteers work with the children to help them achieve a theatre experience. Above all, the day is about having fun. Results are frequently moving as well as surprising, and the kids love it. Budding young actors are born each time!

10-15 £500



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<p>Art Workshop</p> <p><i>"Through the activities, you get to actively participate in their learning; sharing in their imaginative and creative ideas while helping to build their confidence and making school fun."</i></p>	<p>Get involved in an artist-led workshop. This is a fantastic way to interact with the children we work with. The children learn new ways of expressing themselves creatively, as well as improving their communication skills. Creativity is frequently squeezed out of the school curriculum; this day of activities ensures children get access to the arts.</p>	<p>A Kids Company artist plans and prepares the day. The volunteers work in groups supporting the children – it involves enthusiasm and fun! For the children this is a fantastic opportunity to spend time with adults in a creative environment. Importantly it provides a chance to make something beautiful and to end the day with a sense of achievement.</p>	5-15	£600
<p>Sports Days</p> <p><i>"What a brilliant day with the kids playing games that I enjoyed as a child. Seeing the smiles on their faces (especially when I stacked it playing Red Rover!) made it all worthwhile."</i></p>	<p>Sports is high on our agenda. With the help of our sports co-ordinators we design a day for a class, a year group or even a whole school. Sport is a brilliant way to teach new skills, learn new games and to create a focus on teamwork.</p>	<p>Depending on the tasks chosen, the role of the volunteer is to engage with the children with enthusiasm and energy in order that all involved enjoy themselves. If the volunteers have ideas and games we welcome their input.</p>	15-20	£1000 (indoor) £700 (outdoor)
<p>Cookery Workshop</p> <p><i>"The kids absolutely loved making the cous cous and the Eton mess. A big 'thank you' to all involved."</i></p>	<p>These workshops, led by professional chefs, are a great way of introducing the children to the art of cooking. They have proved to be very popular with the children as well as the volunteers.</p>	<p>Volunteers will work in small groups, assisting the children in creating culinary delights! Past groups have enjoyed a fantastic array of dishes which they all can enjoy eating together afterwards.</p>	5-15	£800



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Paint-a-School

"The murals looked so beautiful in the playground, it was a great day out of the office, and to do something creative for a day felt extremely uplifting!"

Many of the inner city schools we work with cannot afford to spend money on the upkeep of their classrooms, libraries and communal areas. By improving their environment, volunteers enhance the children's experience of school life thus having an impact on their learning and happiness at school.

These days are perfect for a team building activity. You can paint outside or inside walls, apply base coats, paint detailed murals (under close supervision!) or work on school gardens – replant, paint benches or create an eco area.

5-15

£1000
(over 15 people: £1000 plus £50 per head)

Animation Workshop

This fantastic animation workshop will involve learning about film making, designing and creating characters as well as making and editing your very own short animation film. It is a fantastic way for children and adults to get creative and unleash their imaginations!

Volunteers will be working in groups with the children to encourage and support them on their film-making journey. It will be a fun-filled day, ending with an exclusive premiere of the finished result!

5-15

£600

NEW

Circus Workshop

Circus skills is a perfect activity for children to learn new skills and be creative whilst they play. Every child is successful in a circus workshop, whether this is catching a juggling scarf, balancing a peacock feather or even juggling with 3 balls and doing multiple throws with a diablo. As a result of this confidence boost, the fear of failure gradually fades and without fear so much is achievable. Circus skills has a wide appeal as it is enjoyed by all children, from the most able to those with learning difficulties.

Our workshop leader will ensure the session is expertly led with the emphasis always on fun. Children and volunteers will be encouraged to share their new skills with each other and to challenge each other to go above and beyond even their expectations. Circus days are great fun and completely exhilarating!

5-15

£600