Volunteer Pack

How do I become a ‘Children in Crossfire’ volunteer?

Becoming a volunteer for ‘Children in Crossfire’ is very easy. Just follow the guide below:

1. Read through this pack to find out all you need to know about becoming a ‘Children in Crossfire’ volunteer. If you have any further questions then please call us on 02871 269898.

2. Complete the registration form included with this pack and return it to us at 2 St Joseph’s Avenue, Derry/Londonderry, BT48 6TH.

3. You will receive regular information from ‘Children in Crossfire’ to keep you updated on our news and latest volunteering opportunities and activities.

4. If you need support at any time, then please do not hesitate to contact us on 02871 269898, or email volunteer@childrenincrossfire.org.

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Who can volunteer for ‘Children in Crossfire’?

Anyone over 16 can volunteer for ‘Children in Crossfire’ and we have a wide range of activities that are suitable for young and old.

Where is this voluntary work based? (Can I work on projects in Africa?)

All of our voluntary work is based exclusively in Ireland and the UK; there are no opportunities for people to work on a voluntary basis on our projects in Africa.

How much time do I have to give?

The time that you give is entirely up to you – you can volunteer as much or as little as you like. You could help at one-off events such as a sponsored and street collections, or set up a fundraising group that meets forарe and join your own events.

What skills and experiences do I need?

Volunteers don’t require any specific skills or experiences, just a desire to help us whenever you can. Of course, if you have any specific skills or experience we would love to hear about them and see how you can apply them to volunteering activities.

What will happen after I have signed up?

Once we have received your completed registration, a member of the Volunteer Team will then have a chat with you about some of the things you might wish to help us with. After this, we will send you regular information about our charity’s news, events and upcoming volunteering activities.

Will I be given any training?

We will provide you with all the necessary information about our charity’s work, and we will do all the steps that we take are designed to keep you safe.

Frequently asked questions

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Can I claim expenses?

We will refund any travel expenses while volunteering for us. Just complete an expense form and submit this along with any tickets or receipts as proof of purchase.

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Welcome

Thank you for your interest in volunteering for Children in Crossfire.

Children in Crossfire's vision is for a world where children's rights are protected so they can reach their potential and lead fuller lives; we do so by supporting local organisations in communities in the developing world to improve the lives of young children, with a particular focus on children with disabilities. One of the vital elements of our organisation is the participation and involvement of volunteers in our local community to help us achieve our aim of making a positive difference to the lives of vulnerable young children living in Ethiopia, Tanzania and The Gambia. Volunteer work can take many forms—we help with street collections, doing work in our office, or raising awareness of our organisation—and the input of volunteers is very important. Volunteering is also great fun and an excellent way of meeting people and making new friends.

Everyone's a winner!

This pack is designed to give you lots of information on volunteering for Children in Crossfire. You will find out more about how you can get involved, ways of helping us, and hear from existing volunteers about their experiences.

Thank you for your interest in volunteering for Children in Crossfire.

Volunteer Profiles

‘Children in Crossfire’ are lucky to have some great volunteers...

Laura Fuertes

Laura is a volunteer student who has been volunteering for Children in Crossfire for the last three years. She has helped with the processing of donations received through our Advent Appeal, and also collected donations on flag days and promoted events in our local community.

“I enjoy contributing what time I can to help Children in Crossfire continue their important work. There is a great sense of togetherness and I find it very rewarding to work with others. Everyone in the office is working towards the same goals. Children in Crossfire gives me the opportunity to understand some of the problems facing people in the poorest parts of the world while helping in what little way I can.”

Claran O’Connor

Claran joined Children in Crossfire’s team in 2011 and has been a flag day volunteer, church volunteer, Advent calendar volunteer and has also collected donations on flag days and promoted events in the local community.

“I have been volunteering for Children in Crossfire for the last three years. I enjoy working in the office and meeting new people. I have got to know the office staff very well and they are always welcoming and friendly. It’s very rewarding to know you are helping others in need. I especially enjoy meeting people from all around the world while helping in what little way I can.”

Laura & Ciaran

Laura & Ciaran have volunteered in our office after school as well as assisting with the packing of Advent boxes, putting up posters and helping to count donations.

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Raising Awareness of our Charity and the Work we do in the Local Community

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Advent volunteer

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Volunteer ambassador

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