

Innovation Ambassadors



6 month social entrepreneurship placements in rural Zambia



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What is an Innovation Ambassador?

School Club Zambia's Innovation Ambassadors are talented, socially motivated graduates and professionals willing to volunteer 6 months of their life on social entrepreneurship projects in rural Zambia.

We offer 6 month structured placements where volunteers are paired alongside young Zambian Innovation Ambassadors from the communities where we work. Volunteers work together to develop or improve a social entrepreneurship projects at a School Club Zambia school.

This placement is for people looking to develop their skills and contribute their time in a sustainable way. We are confident that we represent the best alternative to traditional volunteering.



Am I a social entrepreneur?

Social entrepreneurship refers to the practice of combining innovation, resourcefulness and opportunity to address critical social and environmental challenges.

A social entrepreneur will apply business skills to tackle social problems and create wide-scale change. A social entrepreneur values innovation, sustainability and the development of self-reliance for the communities they work with.

Everyone has the potential to become a social entrepreneur! This could be your opportunity to discover your entrepreneurial spirit under the ongoing support of the School Club Zambia team.





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School Club Zambia

We are a young, vibrant and innovative UK and Zambian charity addressing the causes of youth unemployment in Zambia.

The majority of SCZ's work is focused on the vulnerable primary schools located in the rural fishing communities around the southern shores of Lake Kariba.

Our work covers four impact areas of self-financing schools, vocational education, literacy development and girls' education. All of our projects are focused on our key objective of creating qualitative, relevant and creative education opportunities which will lead to reducing the high youth unemployment rates of our targeted communities



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Our volunteer ethos

Sustainability is at the core of all of School Club Zambia's work and this can only be achieved by involving young people at every stage of our programme cycles.

Our Innovation Ambassador volunteer programme was developed in response to a request from young people in the communities where we work to provide more opportunities to develop entrepreneurial school projects alongside receiving hands on training. We strongly believe that by pairing young people from our school communities alongside skilled volunteers we can create solutions that are innovative and grass-root led.





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How does it work?

As an Innovation Ambassador you will be paired with a local Zambian Innovation Ambassador of the same gender and with similar interests during our recruitment process

During week one of the programme, Innovation Ambassadors participate in an induction week which includes training in the skills that you will need to complete your 6 month placement

In pairs you complete your own needs assessment which will lead to the development of your project for the next 6 months

At the end of the placement you will be expected to present your project to your community at an official end of project sharing day



As an Innovation Ambassador you will be able to develop and exercise your entrepreneurial skills that will have a direct impact on improving the lives of local youths.

At the end of your 6 month placement you will have experience in situational analysis, project planning, implementation, as well as monitoring and evaluation. Your final presentation to the community will be a combination of a self-evaluation and impact report of your time in Zambia.

This is your opportunity to be at the fore-front of a sustainable and participatory poverty reduction programme which is derived from the SDGs and UN Charter on the Rights of the Child.



Costs

International or national (but not from our schools' communities) Innovation Ambassadors must commit to raise £1,900 for their placements (the equivalent of £316 per month). If needed our team are on hand to give you lots of ideas on how to raise this money. A £500 deposit will be required to secure your place a minimum of 4 months before departure.

This includes accommodation, return transport from Lusaka or Livingstone International airport, your 6 month work visa if required, and all materials needed for completing your project

It does not include your flight, travel insurance or food costs

Innovation Ambassadors should bring their own laptop and a phone for their placement.



How do I apply?

Innovation Ambassadors will be selected twice a year for placements starting in September and March. It is a competitive process and we can select a maximum of 3 Innovation Ambassadors and 3 local Zambian Innovation Ambassadors in each round.

Interested? Please send your CV and covering letter to info@schoolclubzambia.org and we will email you our application form. Shortlisted candidates will be invited to an interview in London or a Skype call depending on the location.

Please visit our website for more details www.schoolclubzambia.org

