



CORPORATE VOLUNTEER PROJECTS WISHLIST

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. 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 with the kids or improve their environment there will be a way in which your support will be invaluable in helping our kids' lives.

PROJECT	TASK	ROLE OF VOLUNTEERS	NO. OF VOLS	BUDGET
<p>School Trip</p> <p><i>"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!"</i></p>	<p>School trips enable children to participate in new experiences and learn in stimulating environments, as well as offering an opportunity to interact outside of 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 a variety of different museums.</p>	<p>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!</p>	5-15	£500 (plus entrance fee)
<p>Paint a School</p> <p><i>"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!"</i></p>	<p>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 the environment, volunteers enhance the children's experience of school life thus having an impact on their learning and happiness at school.</p>	<p>These days are perfect for a team building activity. You can prime outside or inside walls, apply basecoats, paint detailed murals (under close supervision!) or work on school gardens – replant, re-paint benches or create an eco area.</p>	5-15	£1000 (over 15 people: £1000 plus £45 per head)



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<p>Colour a Child's Life</p> <p><i>"What you have done means so much to someone who had no interest in a proper way of living until now."</i></p>	<p>Many inner-city children live in chronic deprivation due to their parents/carers being unable to sustain an appropriate standard of living. Kids Company has set up a housing intervention programme that creates a happier and healthier environment for their children.</p>	<p>Volunteers help redecorate a family's home. Activities involve painting and decorating, but any extra skills in putting up shelves or laying flooring are always welcome.</p>	5-12	£1000
<p>Fun Day</p> <p><i>"I don't think you realise how much sunshine you brought into their lives today."</i></p>	<p>Have fun! We organise fun days in our schools. We can bring in bouncy castles, face-painters and endless games. These days are an opportunity to spoil each child and give them lasting memories.</p>	<p>Fun days can be as varied, as creative and as exciting as your team can think up. We 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!</p>	10-15	£600 (over 15 people: £600 plus £45 per head)
<p>Drama Workshop</p> <p><i>"I had no idea that some of my more reserved children in class had the ability to respond so confidently and creatively, until I watched them in the group activities."</i></p>	<p>Taking part in drama activities provides children with a unique, 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.</p>	<p>Drama therapists lead workshops which centre 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 design, develop and perform short pieces of theatre. Above all, the day is about having fun. Results are frequently moving and surprising, and the kids love it. Budding young actors are born each time!</p>	10-15	£500





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Art Workshop
"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."

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 access the arts.

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 fun, creative environment. Importantly it provides a chance to make something beautiful and to end the day with a sense of achievement.

5-15 £500

Sports Day
"It was great fun working with the children -seeing the world through their eyes and doing something completely different"

Sport is high on our agenda. With the help of our Sports - Coordinator we design a day for a class or year group or even the whole school. Sport is a brilliant way to teach new skills and to learn new games.

Depending on the tasks chosen, the role of the volunteers 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.

15-20 £1000 (indoor)
£700 (outdoor)

Cookery Workshop
"The kids absolutely loved making the cous cous and Eton mess... a big thank you to all involved"

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.

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 together afterwards.

5-15 £750

Music Workshop

We are in the process of introducing music workshops to our programme of corporate volunteering days. Music is a brilliant way for children to express themselves. Many of the schools we work in do not have the resources to provide music for children.

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 positively interact with the children, and most of all great fun!

5-15 £650

