

Community Engagement Programme 2022

Role description

○ **Role description: summary**

You'll be collaborating in teams of 6-8 LSE students to complete a consultancy volunteering project for a charity. The charity will assign you a task that will centre on solving an issue which they are facing. Over the course of weeks 1 to 10 of Lent Term 2022, it will be your job to research the issue, and then submit to the charity recommendations for action.

○ **What will I be doing? A closer look**

- helping others and making a difference
- researching
- gaining deeper insight into a cause and a non-profit organisation
- working closely with internal (LSE) and external partners
- learning new skills, including in regard to consultancy
- applying existing knowledge and skills
- writing a report and presenting your findings
- competing (against the other groups for the LSE Community Engagement title!)

○ **Purpose of the role**

The role is an exciting opportunity to make a difference to the causes that you're passionate about. In your capacity as a volunteer consultant, you'll be helping a non-profit organisation to address an issue which they may not otherwise have the resources to resolve, and in the process, also positively impacting the communities the charities serve.

The role also presents an opportunity to learn new skills and to consolidate existing ones, make new friends, build your CV, enrich your experience of studying at the LSE, and acquire knowledge and connections in the consultancy and non-profit sectors.

○ **How much time will it take?**

We expect a commitment from each participant of approximately 4 to 5 hours a week. There may be some moments when less time is required, and others when a little more is needed. We'll provide a suggested itinerary for each week of the programme, but there will also be flexibility for you and your team to work as you wish. The programme will run for the first 10 weeks of the Lent Term 2022 (academic year 2021-22).

○ **What can you expect from the LSE Volunteer Centre?**

The Volunteer Centre will provide:

- assistance in understanding the project brief
- an initial 'information afternoon' where we introduce the programme as well as you to each other
- a suggested itinerary for the 10 weeks

- support sessions and resources on matters including consultancy, research methods, volunteering, collaboration, and report-writing
- regular check-ins
- assistance in connecting you with other relevant professional services, such as the Research Division

In addition, each group will be partnered with an LSE alumni mentor to provide support and to help to guide you through the consultancy process.

- **Application process**

Applications are now open. Please apply by completing the application form. The deadline for applications is 28 November 2021. We will notify all applicants of the outcome of their applications and of next steps in early- to mid-December 2021.

- **Selection criteria**

This programme is open to all students at the LSE. We seek to recruit applicants who express a strong interest in the programme and anticipate that they will gain a lot from it.

Applicants who meet these criteria, but are also new to volunteering, will be given some priority. One of the programme's chief aims is to support students who are interested in volunteering but have not yet volunteered or have limited volunteering experience.