Clean water, decent toilets and good hygiene are basic human rights and crucial for overcoming poverty. These basic human rights should be a normal part of daily life for everyone, everywhere – but they aren’t. That's why WaterAid is here.

WaterAid Speakers are trained volunteers that deliver inspiring talks and workshops, across the UK, to raise awareness about the importance of clean water, decent toilets and good hygiene, to transform peoples’ lives for good.

Our Speaker volunteers engage people about the important work of WaterAid, inspiring them to take action, as they speak with schools, universities, businesses, youth groups, religious places of worship, service organisations, and many more community groups.

Expectation for WaterAid Speakers

• Give a minimum of four talks or workshops per year and where possible on our key days, including World Water Day, World Toilet Day, Menstrual Hygiene Day and/or Global Handwashing Day.
• Attend Speaker Network training and adhere to volunteer guidance and best practise.
• Make use of our latest public speaking resources (such as PowerPoint presentations) included in our Speaker e-newsletter, emails, and online platform.
• Keep up to date with our key messages, appeals, campaigns, fundraising and volunteering.
• Regularly liaise with WaterAid about talks and workshops.
• Distribute our paying in form to audiences following a talk or workshop, where appropriate.
• Provide feedback on talks or workshops by completing the online evaluation.
• Contact local community groups to develop new talk and workshop opportunities.
• Provide support to new Speakers around their public speaking development.
• Demonstrate our values (see below), including being considerate when representing WaterAid and always leaving others with a positive view of our organisation and the work that we do.

**What makes a good WaterAid Speaker?**

• A commitment to raise awareness about the importance of clean water, decent toilets and good hygiene and to engage people in the work of WaterAid, inspiring them to take action in support of our work.
• An interest in the work of WaterAid, including our key messages, appeals, campaigns, fundraising and volunteering.
• Passion and enthusiasm for public speaking and confidence to speak publicly to a diverse range of community groups.
• Good availability to volunteer 4 times a year, potentially for morning school assembly talks, mid-day educational workshops, evening and weekend talks.
• Competent in using PowerPoint and email.
• Access to travel locally.

**What is in it for you?**

• A sense of personal achievement through volunteering locally, for an established international charity, helping to tackle extreme poverty and transform people’s lives for good.
• Becoming part of an influential, UK-wide volunteering network of over 250 Speaker volunteers, reaching around 50,000 people a year with important messages about international development.
• An opportunity to learn from sector specialists, about international development and global issues around water, sanitation and hygiene.
• Development of public speaking skills and confidence through public speaking training, presentation resources and varied presenting opportunities.
• A personal Speaker Mentor to support your ongoing development as a Speaker.
• Regular support from the small and friendly WaterAid Speaker Network team, including support via email, phone and face to face in the London office.
• Reasonable expenses for travel to training, talks and workshops.
• Invitations to Supporter Thank You events across the UK.
**WaterAid values**

WaterAid’s values provide a guiding philosophy, which drives our thoughts, words and actions:

**Respect** We treat everyone with dignity and respect and champion the rights and contribution of all to achieve a fairer world.

**Accountability** We are accountable to those whose lives we hope to see transformed, to those we work with and to those who support us.

**Courage** We are bold and inspiring in our actions and words, and uncompromising in our determination to pursue our mission.

**Collaboration** We work with others to maximise our impact, respecting diversity and difference in the pursuit of common goals.

**Innovation** We are creative and agile, always learning, and prepared to take risks to accelerate change.

**Integrity** We act with honesty and conviction and our actions are consistent with openness, equality and human rights.

**Next steps?**

If you are interested in becoming a WaterAid Speaker, here are the next steps:

1. Register your interest in volunteering for the Speaker Network online at [www.wateraid.org/uk/volunteer-application-form](http://www.wateraid.org/uk/volunteer-application-form).
2. You will be emailed the application form to complete and return to WaterAid.
3. Undertake a 25-minute phone interview.
4. If successful, complete our Speaker training course.
5. Give talks for WaterAid and receive support from the WaterAid Team.

“Undoubtedly the best thing about volunteering for WaterAid is the tremendous support and positive feedback that everyone that works at WaterAid gives to us volunteers.”

Elizabeth Sparrow, Speaker and recipient of the WaterAid President’s Award 2017