WaterAid
Speaker
Volunteer
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 is an international not-for-profit, with over 40 years experience, determined to make clean water, decent toilets and good hygiene normal for everyone, everywhere within a generation.

Since we started in 1981, we've remained resolutely focused on tackling these three essentials that transform people's lives.

These three essentials are fundamental for people to unlock their potential, break free from poverty, and change their lives for good.

Children grow up healthy and strong, women and men get to earn a living, whole communities thrive.

It sounds normal and it should be.
About the Speaker role

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

Our Speaker volunteers engage audiences 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.

Currently the Speaker Network is providing a virtual service, with Speakers delivering talks and workshops via ZOOM and Microsoft Teams. We plan to resume face to face visits later in 2021 and offer both options to audiences.

Expectation for WaterAid Speakers

- Deliver a minimum of four talks or workshops per year, either online and/or face to face.
- Deliver talks or workshops on key days such as: World Water Day on 22 March, World Toilet Day on 19 November, Menstrual Hygiene Day on 28 May and Global Handwashing Day on 15 October.
- Contact new audiences to organise and deliver talk and workshop opportunities.
- Complete online Speaker Network training and adhere to volunteer guidance and best practise.
- Make use of our public speaking resources (such as PowerPoint presentations) included in our Speaker e-newsletter, emails, and online resource library.
- Keep up to date with our key messages, appeals, campaigns, fundraising and volunteering.
- Regularly liaise with the Speaker Network team about talks and workshops.
- Provide feedback on talks or workshops by completing the online evaluations.
- Provide support to new Speakers around their public speaking development.
- Demonstrate the WaterAid values including being considerate when representing WaterAid and always leaving others with a positive view of our organisation and the work that we do.
About the Speaker role

The WaterAid Speaker Network has over 200 volunteer Speakers who have delivered over 10,000 talks and workshops across the United Kingdom.

Each year, the Speaker Network receive over 500 requests for talks and workshops, with our messages reaching audiences of over 30,000 people.

The logistics of being a Speaker:

- **Accept a talk or workshop request from WaterAid or generate your own visit:** Each week, the Speaker Network team emails Speakers the details of talk and workshop requests recently received. Speakers indicate their interest in taking on a talk or workshop request by responding to the email. Alternatively, Speakers generate their own visits with audiences.

- **Once confirmed as the designated Speaker, contact the audience:** The Speaker will liaise with the audience to confirm logistics around the visit.

- **Prepare resources to deliver the talk or workshop to the audience:** The Speaker will use the latest WaterAid resources to develop a bespoke talk or workshop, for the audience.

- **Deliver the talk or workshop**
  Talks and workshops are delivered either face to face or virtually using online tools such as ZOOM or Microsoft teams.

- **Immediately after the visit:**
  The Speaker will ask for any immediate feedback and let the audience know to expect an email later for online feedback.

- **Shortly after the visit:**
  The Speaker will email the audience as a thank you and include the audience feedback survey link. The Speaker will fill in their own feedback survey regarding the visit. Any surprises, changes or challenges on the day are emailed to Speakers@wateraid.org. Finally, the Speaker will delete any contact details or sensitive information from their records.
About the
Speaker role

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 (for face to face visits only).

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, reaching audiences across the UK 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, webinars, phone and face to face in the London office.
- Access to the Speaker Network Facebook group to virtually engage other Speaker volunteers.
- Invitations to supporter “thank you” events.
- Reasonable expenses for travel to training, talks and workshops.
**WaterAid’s values** provide a guiding philosophy, which drives our thoughts, words and actions and all our volunteers must represent these accordingly:

**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.

“I’ve been a Speaker for over 25 years and continue to be very proud to speak about the life-changing work of the charity dearest to my heart.

Clean water, decent toilets and good hygiene for everyone, everywhere – who could disagree with that?”

Paul, Speaker volunteer
Safeguarding
WaterAid is committed to ensuring that wherever we work in the world there is no tolerance for the abuse of power, privilege or trust.

WaterAid reinforces a culture of zero tolerance towards any form of inappropriate behaviour, abuse, harassment, or exploitation of any kind.

The safeguarding of our beneficiaries, staff, volunteers and anyone working on our behalf, is our top priority, and we take our responsibilities extremely seriously.

All volunteers are required to share in this commitment through our Global Code of Conduct. We will conduct the most appropriate references and checks to ensure high standards are maintained.

WaterAid is an equal opportunities, disability-confident organisation and committed to achieving the highest standards of diversity, fairness and equality.

Next steps?
1. Register your interest in volunteering for the Speaker Network online at www.wateraid.org/uk/volunteer-application-form
2. You will be emailed the application form to complete and return to WaterAid.
3. Complete our online Speaker training course (approximately 7 hours).
4. Have an interview and deliver a practice presentation.
5. Give talks and workshops for WaterAid and receive support from the WaterAid team.

Thank you for your interest in the Speaker Network! If you have any queries email us at Speakers@wateraid.org