

Next Steps @ TRGA

Your weekly Careers news!

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Next Steps @ TRGA is a weekly newsletter which aims to provide students at TRGA with useful careers information, advice and ideas for the future – stay tuned for more tips and information next week!

Career of the week

This week – The Charity Sector

What jobs could I do?

- Advice Worker
- Fundraiser
- Volunteering
- Arts Worker
- Coordinator
- Campaigns Assistant
- Grants Officer



What would I do?

Fundraising and Events – A significant role of the charity sector is to generate funds for the people and organisations that they are trying to support – this can be done by Charity Fundraisers on the high street or massive PR/Events Management teams who set up charity concerts, festivals or showcases!

Administration and Logistics – Charities and the organisations that support them could not exist without large teams of administrative staff, from Accountants and Volunteer Coordinators who ensure the smooth day-to-day running of the charity, to Bid Writers and Grants Officers who work hard to secure government or private funding to help support their organisations!

International Development – Many individuals choose to support charities or Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), such as WaterAid or Oxfam, which could involve setting up infrastructure in developing countries, or providing aid to governments or support services in deprived areas.

What qualifications or skills do I need?

To work in the sector, the following pathways are available:

- GCSEs and A-Levels in subjects like Business, Languages, Art and Design, Media and Performing Arts are all useful, as well as a university degree in subjects like Education, Economics, Logistics, Social Policy or International Development.
- Qualifications are not always essential for working in the Charity Sector, as employers often value experience highly. Start by volunteering for a charity you are interested in, so you can gain experience and find out what it is like to work in this field!

Key Skills for the industry:

- Excellent communication
- Admin/organisation skills
- Networking with new people
- Ability to work well independently and w/ others
- Flexible to change
- Empathy for others' needs
- Ability to inspire/motivate

How much could I earn?

Salaries in the industry can vary as there is such a range of different job roles but you could earn anything from **£16,000-£25,000** as a Charity Officer, **£15,000-£40,000** as a Charity Fundraiser or **£25,000-£50,000** as an International Development Project Manager!

Where could I work?

- UK e.g. Macmillan
- Global e.g. Oxfam
- Research Bodies
- Advice Centres
- Events Companies
- Social Enterprises



Did you know?

There are about **166,000** charities in the UK that exist to support good causes, which provide **£12.2bn** to the UK economy!

I want to know more about...

Got a job or career area you'd like to find out more about that we haven't featured in the newsletter?

Let us know by coming and speaking to **Mr. Webb** in the **Careers Room** (Room 203)!

Monday Morning inspiration:

"Fortune always favours the brave, and never helps those who do not help themselves." **P.T. Barnum**

Need some support with your future plans?

Speak to your Careers Adviser!



You can find **Mr. Webb** in the Careers Room (203) on the 2nd floor at breaks or lunchtimes if you have any questions!

Email: careers@ruthgorse.leeds.sch.uk

Check out the link below for more info on pathways in the Charity sector:

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/job-sectors/charity-and-voluntary-work/overview-of-the-charity-sector-in-the-uk>

