**Development Volunteer**

**Volunteer Position: London, UK 8 hours / week**

**Duration: 6 months**

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**Overview**

SkatePal is looking for a volunteer to join our team at our London office. This is a great opportunity to join our award-winning organisation and help us to support young people in Palestine through skateboarding!

We are seeking an enthusiastic individual with a passion for non-profit work to join our team as a Development Volunteer for a six-month volunteer position. The position offers the successful candidate the opportunity to get involved in a small but rapidly growing non-profit at an exciting time in our journey.

This is a volunteer position of 8 hours a week. As the position is uncompensated we provide travel / lunch expenses, flexible hours and hands-on experience alongside office perks.

**Purpose of the role:**

- To identify appropriate sources of funding in support of SkatePal’s programmes.
- Research, cultivate and help maintain relationships with unrestricted income donors including corporations and individual donors
- To liaise with external funding bodies, prepare and manage detailed applications for grant funding.

**Main responsibilities:**

- Research and secure external funding to enable SkatePal to deliver their programmes.
- Develop and maintain a funding database detailing the various sources of funding available to SkatePal.
- Submit funding applications on SkatePal's behalf and manage all relevant processes and progress of funding applications.
- Keep records of funding bids and reports.
- Develop and maintain a close working relationship with potential funding bodies and high net worth individuals.
- Act as the point of contact for specified funding agencies and individual donors.

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Key requirements:

- Knowledge and experience in securing external funding.
- Good interpersonal, communication & negotiation skills and the ability to inspire people and organisations to support SkatePal’s work.
- Ability to write reports and financial bids.
- Good time-management skills.
- Commitment to SkatePal’s core values and mission.
- Comfortable asking for money, including in-person and by phone.
- Strong interpersonal and relationship-building skills.

Desirable:

- London based.
- Experience in the charity sector preferred, ideally in sport for development.
- Knowledge and interest in the current political climate surrounding Palestine.
- Passion for skateboarding or other action sports.
- Previous experience working with young people.
- An existing network of relevant donors.
- Kickflips are a bonus :)

SkatePal is committed to promoting equality and diversity and welcomes applicants from all backgrounds.

If you are interested in applying, please send your CV and cover letter in PDF format to jobs@skatepal.co.uk with the subject DEVELOPMENT VOLUNTEER. Students are welcome to apply and seek university credits through the position.

Application deadline: 28th February.

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Organisation Background:

SkatePal is a non-profit organisation working with communities throughout Palestine to enhance the lives of young people and promote the social and health benefits of skateboarding, in areas where cultural, educational and sporting opportunities are severely limited.

Since 2013, our ongoing presence and award-winning projects have reached hundreds of young people across the West Bank and won acclaim and recognition from supporters around the world. We are run by a committed team of local and international staff and volunteers who, through teaching skate classes, building skateparks, providing workshops and equipment, are enabling an ever-growing number of Palestinian skaters to empower themselves and inspire the next generations of Palestinian youth.

SkatePal is working towards a 4-year handover whereby our projects in Palestine will be fully sustainable and successfully handed over to 100% local management. Our mission from the outset has been to create a self-sustaining skateboard scene in Palestine which does not rely on international aid.

In addition to our main projects in Palestine, we also support other community projects in the following ways:

- Running regular skate classes for young people at a drop-in centre for migrants in East London
- Offering pro-bono advice and guidance to other skateboard NGOs and related projects
- Co-organising the international skateboarding conference 'Pushing Boarders'

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