

African Advisory Committee JOB DESCRIPTION

Summary

AbleChildAfrica is a charity based in the UK, working with partner organisations in Africa to achieve equal rights for disabled children and young people. We have been working in East Africa for the past 30 years and currently work with local organisations across four countries- Uganda, Kenya, Rwanda and Tanzania. We support and resource these partners, working together to create sustainable change to improve the lives of disabled children and their families. The AbleChildAfrica Africa Advisory Committee will provide strategic guidance and a cohesive governance mechanism for testing and responding to AbleChildAfrica's directions, programmes, policies and initiatives as they affect African disabled children and young people living in Africa.

We are looking for enthusiastic and self-motivated individuals with relevant expertise and experience to join our African Advisory Committee. AbleChildAfrica is committed to equality of opportunity and applications from individuals with personal experience of disability are particularly welcome.

Location: We work in Uganda Tanzania, Rwanda and Kenya.

We are currently looking for: a male and female representative based in **Tanzania** and **Rwanda** and a male representative from **Uganda**.

Hours: Committee members are expected to attend virtual meetings monthly and in person meeting at least once a year (budget allowing). From time to time the committee may be asked to undertake a specific piece of work to support AbleChildAfrica's overall work programme or support a local partner in your area.

Duration: We are looking for individuals who can commit to our Committee for a minimum of two years, absent unforeseen circumstances which prevent this.

Salary: This is an unpaid position. Reasonable expenses for face to face committee meetings will be provided but it is important to note that AbleChildAfrica is a small organisation that works extremely hard to keep costs down and applicants should be aware travel will be modest.

Job Purpose - Committee Member

1. To advise on general AbleChildAfrica strategy in order for it to achieve its overall objectives and mission; particularly considering policy relevance of our work.
2. Serve as a formal mechanism to exchange ideas and concerns related to AbleChildAfrica's support, as identified by AbleChildAfrica partners.
3. Serve as a sounding board for the work/plans of AbleChildAfrica and our partners and, act as an independent, neutral facilitator to support communication.
4. Track developments in AbleChildAfrica's work with partners in Africa, and remain current with AbleChildAfrica's activities.
5. To act as ambassadors on behalf of AbleChildAfrica, attending key events where possible and networking with key players/audiences on its behalf.
6. To advise on potential sources of funding and opportunities for us and our local partners.
7. Engage in a reflective, self-evaluative process to improve Committee effectiveness.
8. To undertake special projects, on an adhoc and as needed basis, where agreed jointly between with the AAC and AbleChildAfrica's Executive Director or Trustees.

Person Specification

The ideal candidates will have a genuine interest in disability and development and be motivated by supporting all aspects of our work. We are particularly looking for individuals with international development programme delivery, MEL, fundraising and finance expertise, but relevant expertise in other areas will also be beneficial. An understanding of the voluntary sector and previous experience as a charity trustee are both desirable but not essential. The ideal candidate will be motivated by the cause and have a genuine desire and ability to volunteer their time and get involved.

People with lived experience of disability (impairment, parent/guardian of child with a disability, etc.) are particularly encouraged to apply and those meeting the essential criteria are guaranteed an interview.

Essential	Desirable
<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Commitment to AbleChildAfrica's mission and values and to a rights based approach to development✓ Excellent communication skills✓ Relevant experience in at least one professional area, including but not limited to international development programme delivery, MEL, fundraising and finance.✓ Proactive, creative and enthusiastic✓ Ability to work in a team and to attend quarterly meetings✓ Experience, interest in or commitment to international development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Experience, interest in or commitment to children (such as direct work, advocacy or research experience)✓ Experience, interest in or commitment to disability issues✓ Experience, interest in or commitment to Africa✓ A working understanding of the voluntary sector

How to Apply

Please send your CV (2 pages) and cover letter (1page) to info@ablechildafrica.org.uk.

Your cover letter should highlight your interest in AbleChildAfrica and your motivation for joining our African Advisory Committee. Please also detail your availability and relevant experience, ensuring this is in line with above job description and person specification.

Applications close August 31st