



VOLUNTEERING WITH THE GREAT FOOTBALL GIVEAWAY

Thank you for wanting to be a part of The Great Football Giveaway. The whole idea behind the charity is to open it up to people who want to get involved. We are all volunteers and we rely 100% on people stepping forward to help us put together our projects.

While we try not to make The GFG all about giving money, we always need people to donate balls and help with fundraising, whether its organising a party, running a marathon, or cycling to Timbuktu. [Just Giving](#) makes it really easy to set up a fundraising page for your event.



Here are our suggestions for other ways to get involved:

1. Donate a skill

We always welcome people who want to use their existing skills and experience to make The Great Football Giveaway better. So far people have donated accountancy, graphic design, online media strategy, and photography skills. What can you do to help? Let us know.

2. Host a film screening

For the last few years we have been putting together a short film about The Great Football Giveaway. The more people that can watch it, talk about it, recommend it to others, the better. We have a number of copies on DVD that we could send you, for you to arrange an evening's viewing with people you think might enjoy it and might want to support The Great Football Giveaway.



3. Volunteer for a project

This is open to anyone over 21, but numbers are quite limited. Everyone that volunteers on a project needs to pay their own flights, food, jabs, and basic accommodation (although there is a small contribution towards this that can be made by the charity if required). This is no luxury tour – it's hard work, emotionally challenging, involves sleeping in basic rural accommodation or in the back of a landrover. But the rewards are hugely exciting.

The onus is on you to make things happen – we are not a travel agent organising some sort of charity tour. This will become your project and you will be part of a team making decision every day about where to go next and how to best deliver the project. We always try and balance the team with a range of people – some have never been to Africa before, others are seasoned travellers. It's useful to have people with certain skills, for example doctors or nurses, mechanics, football coaches, as well as people who speak the national language if it isn't English. Whatever your background you will become an equal part of the team, everyone is given their own responsibilities, not just told where to go and what to do. Because of the logistics of getting to rural areas, the shortest time we need from volunteers is normally about 10 days. Every project is different, but by the time you've sorted your flights





and all the other costs, it will probably end up in the region of £1,000. If you want a copy of our more detailed and specific volunteer guidelines then do contact us.

4. Run your own micro-project in Tanzania

New for this year. Rather than us putting teams of people together, the great thing about The Great Football Giveaway is that anyone can do it. Put together a team of three people. Between you, raise what you can for the charity, then head out to Tanzania (to an area that we will designate). For every £10 you've raised, there will be a ball waiting for you to hand deliver. You will need to pay for your own flights, accommodation, vehicle hire, guide/local driver, petrol, etc. Our help and guidance will be available at all times, but this project will be 100% your own making. We have a limited number of balls available for this so it will operate on a first come - first served basis.



5. Organise your own full project, start to finish.

This is the Daddy of all things Great Football Giveaway. This is what we need more than anything. People to step forward for the ultimate challenge of organising a project start to finish. We are there to help you on every step of the way, but you will be responsible for:



- deciding where you want to run a project
- fundraising to fill a container with over 3,000 balls
- enjoying the logistics/headache of shipping & customs clearance
- putting together a team of volunteers
- planning your project
- and spending a month bouncing around in the back of a landrover, deciding which way to go next, visiting over 150 schools as many orphan centres again, handing out balls to as many kids as you can and helping support any organisation working with kids that you come across along the way.

This will be without doubt one of the most exciting, challenging and rewarding things you can do. And it will all be down to you.

The Great Football Giveaway does not exist without people supporting us with their time and effort. Money and fundraising is important but without volunteers we do not have a charity. So please do get involved.

