

Trust for Sustainable Living

As the world increasingly recognises the urgency of climate change and the imperative of nature conservation, young people need tools and platforms to engage with sustainability learning and action.

The Trust for Sustainable Living's (TSL) vision is for a world where everyone is educated and empowered to achieve a sustainable future.

Since 2011, TSL has been connecting children globally with scientists and thought leaders in sustainability via its [world-leading international sustainability summits and debates for schools](#). TSL works with students aged 7-18 and teachers in 80+ countries, and with leading UN and international youth and science organisations. Many of these child alumni have now gone on to become sustainability leaders in their own right, with their own inspiring stories to share. TSL has also recently launched its own app, as a platform for connecting people to personalised sustainability learning journeys, both locally and globally.

TSL is also proud to operate an award-winning visitor centre in West Berkshire, 'The Living Rainforest' (TLR) to bring nature conservation and sustainability to life for local families, communities and schools.

The charity has a history dating back to 1993 and is a recognised leader in its field, bringing people together and delivering innovation and impact through a global network of partners, programmes and two recently launched apps.

TSL is ideally placed to meet the needs of empowering young people to tackle climate change, and to continue to grow as a beacon of global and local sustainability engagement, underpinned by an outstanding sustainability education experience. It has a strong development strategy to deliver this based on three overlapping parts:

1. Grow global engagement and impact.
2. Secure the visitor centre's financial sustainability
3. Build support and partners

The charity is run by an ambitious and experienced management team, however we recognise that we need to strengthen the team in the critical area of Fundraising. **This is an opportunity to support an ambitious and pioneering charity operating with high quality management in an area of urgent local and global concern.**

Fundraising

TSL's comprehensive strategic plan confirms the charity's ambitions for future growth and impact in the UK and worldwide. A global leader in education for sustainable development, TSL now aims to secure funding for The Living Rainforest site in order to purchase the visitor centre, upgrade ageing assets and increase visitor capacity.

This extra funding for TLR will allow TSL to grow and continue to positively impact and inspire thousands of school children, as well as adults, during the UN's Decade of Action towards 2030.

To achieve these goals we are looking for an experienced pro bono fundraiser who could help us in identifying and approaching corporate or other sponsors, in turn providing significant support/partnership for our global charity. This individual will work closely with Karl Hansen, CEO, and Penny Tomlinson, Trustee.

In addition we are looking for voluntary support with the following tasks :

- Identify grants available which align with TSL in both the public and private sector
- Research and secure regular committed funding from corporates, trusts, local community groups and individuals
- Support us in establishing Friends of TSL as a means of fundraising
- Develop and submit applications for four, five or six-figure grant funding
- Advise on setting up and maintaining our CRM database

We would be happy to hear from individuals who may not have significant fundraising experience but would like to be involved in our fundraising.

Initially employed on a voluntary basis, successful high-performing individuals may be considered for paid roles.