

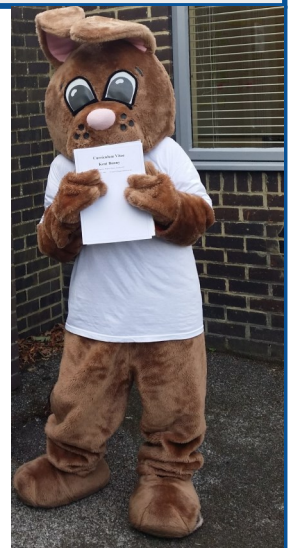
Welcome to the first charity and NGO sector update from the Careers and Employability Service. We know that it can be difficult to find information on careers in the third sector so we hope this will be a good starting point. If you would like more information and to talk through your plans with a careers adviser please visit [www.kent.ac.uk/ces](http://www.kent.ac.uk/ces) for more details.

### On Campus Events this Term

There are a number of events on campus this term that can help support you to find a career in the charity sector including the Careers Fair on the Canterbury Campus and the Employability Fair on the Medway Campus. Employability Festival includes a number of events such as 'The Benefits of Volunteering'. See the full Employability Festival Programme [here](#)

### Application Advice

- ⇒ The key to a successful application is convincing the employer that you understand their organisation and the sector they operate in. [Third Sector Careers](#) has a great article on how to effectively **target your cover letter** for the third sector.
- ⇒ **Work experience** is key to getting a graduate role and this is especially true in the charity sector. This handy guide from [CharityJob](#) explains more.
- ⇒ It's often who you know when it comes to job hunting. Michelle Rebosio offers **networking tips** on her [International Development](#) blog



### Job searching resources

[Charity Job](#) advertises jobs and volunteer opportunities as well as blogs and careers information

[Goodmoves](#) Charity and voluntary sector recruitment

[Third Sector Careers](#) surveys, reports, jobs and career information

[Bond](#) Jobs in international development, events and training

[Relief Web](#) humanitarian and development jobs

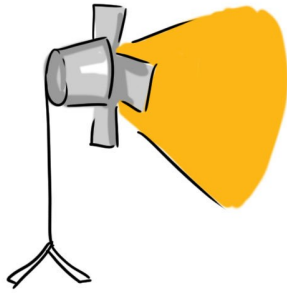
[Idealist](#) jobs and internships

[Impactpool](#) jobs and career resources for global organisations

[WANGO](#) offers a worldwide list of NGOs



## Spotlight on job roles



There are a number of different job roles in the third sector. Fundraising is one of the biggest growth areas and organisations are always seeking new and innovative ways to fundraise. Strong research, communication and report writing skills are needed in policy and advocacy roles. Click the links below for more information

[Policy and Communication Assistant](#)  
[Digital Fundraising Officer](#)  
[Policy and Advocacy Manager](#)

## Graduate Roles in the Sector

- ⇒ Jobs range from campaigning, advocacy, fundraising, marketing, policy, research, operations, project management, legal to name but a few. Further information about job roles is available [here](#)
- ⇒ A number of roles in this sector will require you to build up experience through internships, volunteering and other work experience.
- ⇒ Graduate schemes and internships do however exist in the sector, including the [Charity Works](#) graduate scheme Barnardos, British Red Cross, Cancer Research UK, MacMillian Cancer Support and Oxfam. Remember that graduate schemes and internships have early closing dates so start applications in your first term.
- ⇒ For further details see [Prospects](#)



## Sector news that you can use



The NCVO UK Civil Almanac 2018 has the most up to date figures from the voluntary sector. There were 166,001 voluntary organisations in the UK in 2015/16. The voluntary sector's total income increased by £1.6bn (4%) to £47.8bn in 2015/16. Find out more [here](#)

The NCVO also produce a monthly roundup of sector news on their [blog](#)

**Charity Works** have an excellent [blog](#) offering an overview of news in the sector.

Read about Brexit and the Charity Sector [here](#)

Read about the **Amnesty International** new digital archive [here](#)

**Liberty's** [blog](#) offers up to date information on human rights. Liberty is an independent organisation not affiliated with any political party.

**Porchlight** are a Kent based homeless charity. The [news](#) section of their website will help keep you informed of the latest developments in the sector such as the governments £100 million strategy to end homelessness.

The [Charity Digital News](#) site offers interesting thoughts on concepts such as the 'attention economy' and how this affects the charity sector.