



Skill-Sharing Project: RWANDA

A six-week voluntary placement working alongside teachers and community workers at a community centre located in Kigali, Rwanda

Music as Therapy International is a UK registered charity whose mission has long been to make the unique and life-enhancing benefits of music available to as many vulnerable, marginalised people as possible. Our accessible approach equips local workers with new ways of working with vulnerable people in their care on a day-to-day basis, using simple music therapy techniques.

We are seeking to appoint a volunteer team (one music therapist and one 'assistant') to deliver this project, working alongside the local staff to share the key principles of music therapy and experience needed to develop a locally-led therapeutic music programme for the children and young adults that access the centre.

- **The Music Therapist** will have experience of group work, early intervention, emotional behavioural difficulties and working with parents and families. Additionally, the successful applicant will have experience of participating in and/or leading music therapy workshops or experiential groups. Other teaching experience would also be considered helpful.
- **The 'assistant'** need not be a music therapist, but might be someone looking into music therapy as a career with experience of working with children and/or young adults with additional needs. Your role will be to support the therapist as necessary, possibly videoing sessions or assisting with group work, as well as assuming responsibility for all administrative matters. You will need to raise a minimum contributory funding of £750. This is an excellent opportunity for anyone wishing to gain valuable experience working alongside a music therapist.

Both volunteers will have all their travel, accommodation and local living expenses met during the project.

For either role, relevant travel experience is valuable and basic French would be beneficial but is not essential.

Applicants will be checked by the DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) and applying Music Therapists must be HCPC and RAMT registered

You will be working with vulnerable children and young adults aged 3-25 years old, who have previously been living in long-term institutional care. These young people will have experienced abandonment and severe lack of stimulation for as long as they were living in institutional care. As a result many will have heightened emotional needs and developmental delays, with the potential for consequent neurological impairment (although few have diagnosed learning disabilities).

We anticipate this project will focus on supporting their social and emotional needs as they build new relationships in their adoptive/foster families or birth families (where re-uniting children and families has been possible) with potential to work with parents and guardians as well.

The new music programme will add to the existing activities and programmes offered at the centre and through community outreach work. These activities have a focus on developing life skills and promoting the emotional well-being of those that access the centre, and include a targeted early years programme.

For more information and an application pack, please contact: hannahhulin@musicastherapy.org

Deadline for applications: 6th February 2017

(interviews will be held on Saturday 25th February in London). Successful candidates at interview stage will be invited to attend a selection day on 18th March.

The successful team will travel to Rwanda for six weeks in the summer (provisional dates are 17th June – 27th July).

Please visit our website to find out more about our work in Rwanda to date: www.musicastherapy.org and find us on Facebook.