



NIPPLE INNOVATION PROJECT

Role Description – Volunteer Grants and Fundraising Officer

Who we are

Founded in 2018, The Nipple Innovation Project (NiP) was born from a deep desire to help breast cancer patients heal - both physically and emotionally. After mastectomy surgery, many patients face the reality of living without their nipples, which can deeply affect their self-image and mental health. The absence of a nipple can be a constant reminder of what they have been through. NiP exists to change that, to offer an alternative to the current basic, semi permanent areola tattoos commonly offered in NHS hospitals. We offer free, long-lasting, realistic 3D nipple tattoos to individuals across the UK, to help those in the breast cancer community restore not just the appearance of their body, but a sense of self that cancer took away. In 2024, we became the first charity to partner with an NHS trust to offer this medical tattoo service to their patients.

This partnership is a huge step forward, not just for NiP, but for the entire breast cancer community. It's proof that medical tattooing is finally being recognised as an important part of post-mastectomy care, and it opens the door for more partnerships with NHS trusts across the UK.

- **Our vision** is to drive a nationwide shift in the narrative around life after mastectomy and reconstructive surgery and body image by working in partnership with the NHS and medical community to make our services a fundamental part of the recovery journey.
- **Our mission** is to educate on the innovation of high-standard quality medical tattoos so individuals know their options before surgery, and to be the trusted, compassionate provider of nipple and areola tattoo restoration services.



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About the role

Help grow the reach and sustainability of a small charity by securing funding to help us thrive and create meaningful change.

Voluntary Unpaid Remote, within the UK

Travel and other reasonable expenses will be reimbursed in line with our policy.

3-7 hours per week

We're looking for a passionate and proactive Volunteer Fundraising & Grants officer to support the charity in securing funding by researching, writing and submitting winning bids and grant applications, as well as identifying and supporting broader fundraising opportunities.

As a small charity, we rely on fundraising to continue delivering our service at no cost to those who need it. Each grant secured helps increase access to areola tattooing, and this role will play a key part in ensuring the organisation's sustainability and growth.

In this role, you'll work closely with our close-knit, purpose-driven team to shape funding bids and help build a strong pipeline of income opportunities.

This is a great opportunity to build hands-on experience in fundraising and grant-writing while making a tangible difference to people affected by breast cancer.

Key Responsibilities

- Research potential funding opportunities, including trusts, awards, foundations, and grant-giving bodies
- Write compelling, tailored grant applications aligned with the charity's mission and projects



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- Maintain a pipeline of funding opportunities, tracking deadlines and application progress
 - Work with the team to gather information, data, and impact stories to strengthen applications
 - Reporting on funding and donation income to the Board, and assist in reporting back to funders, including contributing to impact reports where required
 - Identify new fundraising ideas or income streams where appropriate
 - Support with organising and planning fundraising activities

Essential criteria

Applicants **must** have:

- Experience in grant writing, with the ability to develop clear, compelling funding applications
- Previous experience within the charity sector
- Excellent research skills, with the ability to identify relevant funding opportunities
- Strong written communication skills
- Excellent IT skills (Microsoft Office including Word, Powerpoint and Excel)
- Attention to detail and ability to meet deadlines
- Ability to work autonomously and remotely as part of a mainly volunteer team
- A proactive, reliable, and passionate approach towards supporting our charitable objectives

Desirable

- Experience contributing to fundraising strategy or wider income generation
- Ability to analyse data and incorporate impact metrics into applications
- Experience writing funder reports or evaluations
- Interest in or understanding of the charity's specific focus area



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Practical Expectations

- An average of 4 hours per week volunteering time (at times that suit you)
- Minimum commitment of 12 months
- Attend a volunteer meeting 1-2 times per month

What You'll Gain

- Opportunity to make a meaningful impact on a small charity
- Development of professional writing and research skills
- Experience working collaboratively as part of a supportive, purpose-driven team
- Opportunities to attend events and grow professional networks

NiP is at a point of exponential growth, and this role will allow you to support and make a real impact on the future of the charity.