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## Save the Children

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Save the Children works in 120 countries to save children’s lives, fight for their rights and help them fulfil their potential. Their vision is a world in which every child attains the right to survival, protection, development and participation.

Save the Children UK hosted UEA DEV students Timothy Humphreys and Natasha Brewis as Campaign Champion Volunteers in 2018. They actively supported the organisation’s varied campaigns to improve early years’ education and childcare funding in the UK, the fight to bring perpetrators of atrocities against the Rohingya to justice and also to stop the UK selling arms to Saudi Arabia.

Adrienne says as a result of having Timothy and Natasha volunteering with their organisation, they were “able to raise the profile of our campaigns at UEA, with local MPs and the general public.” She believes both students “developed as speakers and developed innovative ways of approaching people. They also learnt more about how an international NGO works.”

Having young volunteers has benefited the organisation. “From our point of view we embrace the energy and creativity of our volunteers which enable us to do things which would otherwise be costly and less significant.”

Her advice for students looking to volunteer is: “Be ready to ask questions about the time commitment and sort out how much time you have to give to an organisation. As an organisation we put time and resources into taking on volunteers which is a cost. Please don't make promises you cannot keep.”

