



## Presenting Your Skills

### Making the most of your experience in your applications

If you have not previously worked in the not-for-profit sector, it would be helpful to consider the skills that you possess, which might be utilised in a fundraising environment. Have you ever worked:

- with volunteers
- as a volunteer
- in marketing
- in public relations
- in telesales
- as an organiser of events or activities?

All these areas of work may give you valuable transferable skills in working with charities and the voluntary sector. You may wish to highlight these areas of experience in your curriculum vitae and in your covering letter of application.

Working in the not-for-profit sector demands a high level of personal commitment. Demonstrable evidence of such commitment would be helpful, as would evidence of a practical approach to problem-solving.

In parallel with the commercial world, large charities offer the opportunity to develop more specialist skills within a departmental team. In smaller organisations, the roles of team members may be more diverse and the exposure to different areas of work greater.

When considering your applications, it would be helpful to assess your own preferences in personal development, as this will affect your selection of role.

### Related Links:

- [Fundraising Internships](#)
- [Jobs in Fundraising](#)