Volunteer Application Pack

Role: Editorial Volunteer  
Reporting to: Editorial Manager  
Time commitment: Flexible, role can be part/full time - ideally totalling at least 14 days.  
Expenses: Travel & Food (up to £10 per day). Possibility to work remotely if desirable.  
Start: Immediately

On Our Radar

On Our Radar trains and supports networks of ‘citizen reporters’ rarely heard in the media or decision making circles, to share information on the issues that affect their lives. The groups we work with are often those excluded as a result of their disability, ethnicity, poverty or remoteness. Others face the isolation of social or cultural stigma. Sharing information via basic mobile phones, they use our award-winning communications hub to connect with the people that need to hear their stories from policy makers to service providers to digital news consumers. To date, we have trained 340 reporters in the UK, Sierra Leone, Kenya, Nigeria and India for a range of governance, media and advocacy projects.

We are looking for a bright, conscientious volunteer to support content development and documentation across two of our projects - one in Nigeria and one in the UK.

Volunteer Role

You will gain experience in a small team drawn from the media, development and tech sectors, and will support our story gathering, development and curation. You are likely to be working on one or both of our Nigeria Elections project (http://nigerdelta.onourradar.org) or our Dementia Diaries project (www.dementiadiaries.org). More details can be found in Annex 1..
The role would suit someone inquisitive, self-motivated and diligent with strong writing and communication skills. If you have experience using web platforms such as wordpress that would be great, but we will provide all the training you need for the role.

What will you gain experience doing?
- Supporting the Editorial Manager and Editorial Networks Assistant to:
  - Gather, document and organise incoming stories from our reporter networks; editing and transcribing them for publication on the website;
  - Maintain project websites and social media channels;
  - Maintain internal reporting logs;
  - Develop relevant media and communications plans;
  - Conduct outreach with our reporter networks;
- Provide ad hoc general administrative support to the editorial team.
- Support the launch of our new organisational website.

Meet the team:
You will love being part of the On Our Radar team. We work hard, are highly motivated and value each other greatly. Our hiring criteria is designed to ensure that everyone who joins us is entrepreneurial, empathetic, self-motivated, and team orientated. You can meet the team here: [www.onourradar.org](http://www.onourradar.org).

How to apply
Applications for this role (CV and a short cover letter - max 1/2 page) should be submitted to Paul Myles [paul@onourradar.org](mailto:paul@onourradar.org) and Olivia Stewart [olivia@onourradar.org](mailto:olivia@onourradar.org) at the earliest opportunity. (Subject line: Editorial Volunteer). For any further information, please contact Paul.

Please note that you must be legally permitted to work in the UK to apply for any paid or unpaid position at On Our Radar.
Annex 1: Two projects you will be working on

Election Reporting | Niger Delta

Radar’s Reporters for Peace Project enables a small group of citizen reporters affected by violence in the Niger Delta to share their news and stories on a dedicated website (nigerdelta.onourradar.org) and in international media. The project will run until the end of April and has a particular focus on the upcoming Presidential and Gubernatorial elections. Via BBC World Service and BBC World News, reports from this project have been shared with over 10 million people.

Dementia Diaries | UK

Radar’s Dementia Diaries project enables people with early stage dementia from across the UK to record their experiences via specially designed, 3D printed handsets, linked to a voicemail system. Reports shared are managed and curated by the Radar team, shared on a dedicated website dementiaadiaries.org and pushed to relevant media outlets and policy makers. The project is funded by Comic Relief and runs in partnership with the Dementia Empowerment and Engagement Project.

On 26th February, Comic Relief handed the Red Nose Day Twitter Feed over to the project, helping reporters share their stories with over 3 million people. Over 5,000 people went on to share their own experiences using the #dementiadiaries hashtag. Our reporters also appeared on BBC national TV and radio and on a number of local media stations. On Our Radar have been invited to two major dementia conferences and have secured meetings with the Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Dementia and Ageing, and with the Head of Digital for Dementia at the NHS, reflecting the enthusiasm that people are showing for the project.