actionaid FUNDING FUTURES Network

An exclusive network of young leaders, entrepreneurs and innovators who commit their resources and enthusiasm towards making a real difference in fighting world poverty and creating long-term, self-sustaining change for women and girls.

Kongelai Primary School girls being taken through the ways of reporting cases of FGM by their patron at their school.

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About ActionAid

ActionAid is an international charity that works with women and girls living in poverty. Our dedicated local staff are changing the world with women and girls. We are ending violence and fighting poverty so that all women, everywhere, can create the future they want.



The launch of the ActionAid Ghana Activista network.



What makes us different?

- Our holistic approach to development

 tackling the root causes of poverty, not just the effects.
- Communities take the lead we don't impose solutions, but work with and listen to communities, empowering them with the tools to take responsibility for their own development.
- We work for long-term, sustainable change to end poverty – where people are out of poverty and on track to a future they choose.

By 2022, we will:

- Significantly reduce the risk of violence against women and girls.
- Fight for women's equal rights to economic opportunities.
- Prioritise women and girls' rights and leadership in humanitarian crises.



Abigial, 25, is a member of one of the women's groups that are active in the universities in Monrovia.



We will achieve this through:

Mobilising resources

We will raise money through investment, adapting our approach and innovation, to fight poverty and injustice and achieve the rights of women and girls.

Influencing for change

We will work alongside women and girls living in poverty to challenge violence and exploitation, fight for women's equal rights to economic opportunities and support women's leadership in humanitarian crises.

Supporting humanitarian action

We will build our capacity to respond when emergencies strike working with and through local communities, focusing on women's leadership, and on the specific threats faced by women and girls.

Why join the Network?

Joining the network will bring you closer to ActionAid's humanitarian and development projects overseas. You will have the chance to have a greater impact in creating long lasting change in the communities where we work by selecting a Funding Futures Network project to support together as a group.

You will be more connected to ActionAid through regular updates, video-link calls to ActionAid colleagues overseas, and special events throughout the year. Through giving in this strategic way, you can maximise your impact and ensure lives are changed for good!



ActionAid Ghana launched the Activista network on International Youth Day 2016, in Tamale in the Northern Region of Ghana.

As a member you will...

- Actively decide the nature of your giving by voting on a project you wish to support as a network and receive regular updates on the progress.
- Connect with overseas ActionAid colleagues to share experiences and keep in contact with those who you support
- Attend **special events**, including insightful briefings, discussion forums to meet experts in the field.
- Be the first to receive **regular digital updates** on our work by joining the network's online forum.
- Become a **founding member** of the network and assist in shaping the Funding Futures Network.
- **Network** with like-minded young professionals and discover common interests.
- Have access to a dedicated member of ActionAid Staff to answer any questions about our work.



Cynthia (holding her young daughter) reports and tackles violence against women and girls through an ActionAid community team in rural Ghana.

How can I join?

Make a monthly membership donation of £50, plus a £1,000 annual gift to the chosen project. Alongside your fellow Philanthropists in the network, you will leverage funding and have a greater impact. You can choose to give by Direct Debit or make a one-off payment for the year. This amazing commitment enables ActionAid to help thousands more people who may not otherwise be reached.

You can make a difference when you support our work at any level. For example, for just £20 we have supported two children to speak at the national parliament in Kenya as part of the Global Action Week – leading to the Minister writing to 17,800 primary schools saying that a lack of a uniform should not prevent access to schooling. Just think of the impact your donation could have!

For more information about becoming a Funding Futures member, please contact Sophie Maguire in the Philanthropy and Partnerships team at ActionAid UK on +44 (0) 2031220737 or email: <u>sophie.maguire@actionaid.org</u>

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