

Volunteer Speaker Role Description

VISION AND PURPOSE

We want to grow and invest in a team of inspirational and authoritative speakers who can connect with different audiences and inspire churches, groups and individuals to committed support for the persecuted church through prayer, action and giving. We also want to encourage and challenge audiences to grow in their personal and corporate faith through a greater connection with the global body of Christ.

RESPONSIBILITIES & EXPECTATIONS

Because of the essential Christian context in which the role will be performed, it is a requirement for the applicant/volunteer to be a practising Christian. As part of our team of volunteers, all Speakers will be expected to:

- Represent the holistic ministry of Open Doors in a personal and relevant way with integrity and compassion
- Book, prepare and deliver a minimum of five inspirational presentations a year
- Be trained to portray the reality of persecution faced by Christians around the world
- Inspire and motivate individuals, groups and churches to become supporters of the ministry through praying, giving, volunteering or campaigning
- Speak 'on message' about the relevant Open Doors campaigns and communication themes as directed by our Communications team
- Network locally to spark new ministry opportunities
- Follow and adhere to all administrative processes and policies, including:
 1. Submitting meeting reports on time
 2. Paying in any income from meetings or personal conversations into the official Open Doors account
 3. Sending any sign-up forms and requests for our literature to our office within the time frame specified by our Supporter Services team
- Attend the annual speakers' weekend and at least one regional gathering or national event per year
- Receive Open Doors' monthly mailings and emails and commit to praying for the persecuted church regularly
- Agree to and sign all required volunteer agreements and policies, including our Statement of Faith, Safeguarding Policy and Confidentiality Agreement
- Working in such a way to reflect biblical principles of leadership and service.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Characteristics:

- Passionate for God and the persecuted church
- Good knowledge of, and enthusiastic about, the ministry of Open Doors
- Self-motivated and committed to arrange and organise speaking events throughout the year
- Not intimidated by indifference; eager to see more Christians on their knees in prayer and on their feet in action for our persecuted family

- Willing to commit to Open Doors' core values and messages and be a trusted ambassador for persecuted Christians
- Reliable and organised in corresponding with people by phone, email and letter.

Competencies:

- An inspirational communicator with public speaking and/or preaching experience
- Able to deliver relevant and motivating presentations whether speaking to six people or standing in front of two hundred
- Capable of understanding and adhering to GDPR, money handling and safeguarding policies
- Physically fit and healthy to cope with the demands of speaking events (e.g. carrying/moving equipment)
- Computer literate and comfortable in using email and other applications, including Microsoft PowerPoint, Word and Adobe Acrobat Reader

Enhanced disclosure information may be requested from the DBS in the event of a successful application.

ACCOUNTABILITY & RESOURCES

Volunteer Speakers are ultimately accountable to the Volunteer Development Manager. The Volunteer Development Manager will be the primary point of contact for Volunteer Speakers, but speakers will also have regular contact with our Inspire and Supporter Services Team.

Open Doors will provide ongoing support and encouragement through:

- Induction into the history and core values of Open Doors, as well as the processes and procedures required for this role
- Training in how to present the work and ministry of Open Doors
- Up to date news, resources and information to assist you with your talks
- Contact by phone and email to offer advice and support
- Contact with other local volunteer speakers, when possible
- Refunds for any reasonable expenses such as travelling costs
- An annual weekend conference, as well as at least one regional event per year.