



MAGGIE

Administrative Assistant: 4 years

“On retirement I did not, at first, consider volunteering...

As time went on I realized that, having been a teacher all my life, I had been working with a sense of purpose and 'public

service' and that retirement left

a hole in this part of my identity.

I wanted to find something

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with refugees and speakers

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YE O MIN

Rainbow Club: 8 months

“Coming from Singapore, I’ve had little exposure to the topic of displacement and how it affects people. I started to think more about this after coming to London, and also about how I could offer any sort of support to people who have been displaced. Then AFRIL happened to be at my uni’s volunteer fair and I decided to give it a try! I find being at Rainbow Club a rather therapeutic experience - for four hours every week, all my worries disappear and my mind is just focused on trying to come up with games, songs, or permutations of problem sums that involve the numbers 1-10.”

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MANASSE

Rainbow Club: 2.5 years

“AFRIL gave me the opportunity to volunteer and since then I keep coming back. You learn new things every day. They reward volunteers and they send us for training.”

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CHARLI

Marketing: 6 months

“I love working for AFRIL because of the fact that it is still a small, grassroots organization. Meaning that the impact of us volunteers can really be felt. You feel like you are really making a difference. Talking to lolanda really solidified my commitment to this organization because she is so passionate about it.”

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JESSICA

Fundraising: 1.5 years

“Working with AFRIL, since it is a small, grassroots organization, I genuinely feel like my fundraising efforts are making a difference because there are no worries about where the money is actually going. It is made up of such an incredible group of people to work with. The energy is so great and seeing the difference we’re making is an amazing feeling.”

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LEAH

Fundraising: 10 months

“Working in the news, I became very aware that there was so much going on in the world. We covered a lot of news about the refugee crisis and I felt compelled to help in any way that I could. When I reached out to Lolanda, her passion for AFRIL’s mission made

volunteering

me even more excited to help.

I started at the Rainbow Club but moved to working events/fundraising.

I find that volunteering is a really valuable way to spend my time. I believe

that everyone has a

responsibility to help others in whatever way they can, and

volunteering with AFRIL has allowed me to spend my time making a

difference with like-minded people.”

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SIMON

Rainbow Club: 1 month

“In terms of my motivation, for those refugees who are fortunate enough to make it into the UK, I think it is vitally important that they are welcomed, supported, & given every chance to lead happy & successful lives. I’ve been looking for a volunteering opportunity with refugees, & assisting with the Rainbow Club is a very practical way in which I can help. I have children of my own & I feel strongly that children who have been through difficult events in their lives should be given as much assistance as possible & that this is something I can help with. I’ve only done 3 Saturday’s at Rainbow Club, but the kids who come are great & I’ve seen first-hand what a fantastic resource it is for them. In no small part that’s down to Tom, Ruth, and the other teachers & teaching assistants all of whom have been so welcoming & friendly; there is a real sense of shared purpose & positivity, which I love.”

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IMOGEN

Office Administrator: 3 months

I decided to work at AFRIL because I wanted to be involved in something that benefitted people living in my borough. It was a pleasure working with AFRIL's enthusiastic volunteer team!

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MANIOLA

Advice Volunteer: 5 months

"I have been in the UK for no more than 1 year and 2 months and I have been lucky enough to have a chance to work in the UK's voluntary sector. Volunteering, especially with AFRIL, has given me a great support to extend my experience, enrich me with new skills and evolve current skills, to grow my confidence and willingness to help others in need. I have always enjoyed my time in AFRIL and I will miss my time being part of your organisation. Thank you for everything"

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