**A Partner in Education**

***UK Schools Ambassador - Role Description***

***About APIE***

**A Partner in Education (APIE)** is an International NGO and UK Charityfacilitating delivery of sustainable, locally-led programmes of teacher training and accelerating progress towards fully inclusive, quality education in Rwanda. Our work focuses on three strands:

1. Our pilot project – Umubano Academy in Kigali – where, in line with the new Rwandan curriculum, we have developed a high level of competence in the following areas: Early Childhood Education, ICT for learning, Inclusion and SEN provision, bilingualism (English and Kinyarwanda, with French also taught) and an overall commitment to an ethos of Education for Peace.
2. Outreach work - developing outreach professional development opportunities in line with the Government’s priorities and working with other local and international partners to share best practice more widely.
3. National engagement and advocacy to influence policy makers and the Government of Rwanda based on APIE’s lessons learnt.

We raise funds in the UK to support our outreach and advocacy work, and also for our Scholarship Fund through which we provide school places at Umubano Academy for children from the poorest local families.

***UK Schools Ambassador***

The **APIE UK Schools Ambassador** is a voluntary position with the objective of developing and sustaining relationships with a small number of both independent and state UK schools to support the work of APIE. The nature of relationship between any UK school and APIE/Umubano Academy can vary as long as the following principles apply:

1. There is an agreed mutual benefit to the relationship;
2. There is respect and willingness on both parties to communicate professionally;
3. There is willingness and commitment from both parties to openness and learning.

**Role Objective:** To encourage and support meaningful relationships between a small number of UK schools, APIE and Umubano Academy, and to encourage fundraising in UK schools to support APIE’s Scholarship Fund.

**Job Description:**

The UK Schools Ambassador will work on a voluntary basis to focus on 4 priority areas:

1. To maintain and deepen our existing relationships with a small number of UK schools, exploring further possibilities for engagement and fundraising
2. To renew previous partnerships with a small number of UK schools, assessing the possibility of reengaging them in APIE’s mission
3. To proactively broker new school relationships, often in liaison with Charity Coordinators, Chaplains, Heads of House and PHSE leads
4. To provide information, resources and practical support to enable all our partner schools to raise funds for APIE

Whilst the principle aim of the role is to raise money for the Scholarship Fund, our experience has shown that school partnerships are most effective when schools are able to gain benefit from the relationship for their pupils and staff. Working in partnership with APIE provides an opportunity for pupils to learn more about Rwanda, the Commonwealth and the history of the 20th century, and fundraising projects teach students a range of valuable ‘softer’ skills and provide opportunities for broader enrichment.

**Person Specification:**

**Essential:**

* Good communication skills including with APIE team, UK schools management, staff, parents and students;
* Background in education, with an understanding of how schools work and insight into school fundraising, particularly in the independent sector
* Commitment to social justice, thereby understanding the need and impact of our work;
* Willingness to learn about and develop a good understanding of Rwanda and its current educational context and priorities, thereby able to communicate to UK schools the rate and nature of progress and impact of our work in this context;
* Proactive in reaching out to UK schools and other related potential contacts

**Desirable**

* Some experience of fundraising, either as a volunteer or as part of an education role
* A network of actual or potential contacts in one or more schools