



Church Representative

Role description



About Release International

Release International serves persecuted Christians in over 25 countries around the world: supporting pastors, Christian prisoners and their families, and anyone who is subject to oppression or persecution simply because of their Christian faith.

Our Mission is: “To help Christians in the UK and Ireland actively engage with their persecuted brothers and sisters around the world by praying with them, standing with them, helping them, and learning lessons of true Christian discipleship with them.”

Our Vision is: “A world in which the whole Body of Christ understands persecution and responds prayerfully, pastorally and practically every time a Christian is persecuted.”

About this role

As a Church Representative you will help your local church to engage with persecuted Christians through raising awareness and encouraging prayer and other support. You will play a vital in the fulfilment of our mission to both our persecuted family and the UK Church.

Typical tasks include

It is anticipated that this role will typically require at most one or two hours per week. However, this is a voluntary role and the actual level and scope of activity can be discussed and will depend on your available time and energy. The main tasks within the role are:

- Keeping your church aware of the persecuted Christians by displaying and distributing Release resources and through other relevant means.
- Encouraging prayer for persecuted Christians including within your church’s regular prayer life.
- Looking for other ways your church could engage with persecuted Christians including inviting a speaker to visit your church, organising fundraising and other events.

Who we are looking for

You will need to have a good relationship with your local church and its leadership. You will be able to work on your own initiative with grace and perseverance. You will have the full support of the staff team and receive training and help where needed.

For this role, we're particularly looking for someone who:

- Has a sense of calling to serve persecuted Christians along with an understanding and agreement of Release International's Mission and Vision, Values and Purposes.
- Can communicate well with church leadership and congregation.
- Spot opportunities to share stories with the church and to encourage prayer.
- Can be on the alert to identify other ways the church can engage with persecuted Christians including fundraising.
- Can work towards long term goals with grace and perseverance.
- Is able to agree fully with our Safeguarding policy, Statement of Belief and Safe Practice Code of Conduct.

What we offer

- The opportunity to serve the Church in the UK and Ireland, and our persecuted brothers and sisters around the world.
- Appropriate and relevant free induction / training so you can represent Release International with confidence.
- Management support in your role including regular communication and a dedicated line manager.
- Opportunities to meet with other volunteers including those with a similar role.

Further information

We value the energy and enthusiasm young people bring to this role. To carry out full delivery of this, volunteers must be 18 or over.

The role will be reviewed, for mutual benefit and to facilitate shared learning, annually and at the conclusion of the role or its related project.

To speak to someone about this role or to register your interest in volunteering for Release International please email volunteer@releaseinternational.org or call 01689 823491.

“Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.”

(Hebrews chapter 13 verse 3).