



**Africa Writes 2016 – Call out for Volunteers**

Job Title	Africa Writes 2016 Volunteer
Working hours	Minimum of 2 shifts throughout Africa Writes (1-3 July)
Location	The British Library, 96 Euston Road, London NW1 2DB
Reporting to	Kelechi Iwumene & Caitlin Pearson
Salary	Voluntary role, expenses paid.

**The Royal African Society is looking for volunteers with a passion for all things African to help run *Africa Writes*, which returns for its fifth year running!**

[Africa Writes](#) is an annual festival organised by the Royal African Society, which aims to promote contemporary African writing and writers as well as to explore Africa’s long literary past and its future. Every year *Africa Writes* showcases established and emerging literary talent from Africa and the Diaspora. *Africa Writes 2016* will include three headline events: **Sex, Love and Poetry** an evening of readings and uncensored conversation on sex, love and desire spanning the sexuality spectrum and the African Diaspora experience; **On Being a Woman Writer** – feminist writer Nawal El Saadawi reflects on the question of gender and the challenges posed for women within traditional and religious societies; and **The Immigrant**, a provocative play by Joy Gharoro-Akpojotor that explores migration and asylum, if Africa was the most powerful continent in the World.

There will also be an exciting programme of free book launches, readings, talks, panel discussions, performances, children and young people’s workshops, family activities, and an international book fair. Some of the people that have participated in the festival include Warsan Shire, the young poet collaborating with Beyonce in the US! Who knows what other exciting people you might meet!

[The Royal African Society](#) is a membership organisation that fosters a better understanding of Africa in the UK and throughout the world. Our goal is to promote Africa globally in the spheres of business, politics, academia, arts and culture. We disseminate knowledge and insight to make a positive difference to Africa’s development and celebrate the diversity and depth of African cultures.

**Volunteering for Africa Writes 2016**

As an Africa Writes 2016 volunteer you will be required to take on the following tasks and responsibilities:

- Pre-festival publicity; flyering in locations around London in May and June.
- Meeting and greeting Festival guests and attendees
- Point of contact for Festival queries from the public
- Event registration and ushering
- Distributing and collecting monitoring & evaluation forms
- Management of speakers’ refreshments
- Sales of *Africa Writes* merchandise
- Mic running during Q&A sessions
- Live tweeting and updating social media
- Any other duties as required

**Your availability:** You will be required to commit to a **minimum of 2 shifts** (approx. 6-8 hours in length) throughout the Festival period, from 1 to 3 July, and requested to attend one or two additional shifts to assist with flyering throughout May and June.

**If you would like to volunteer please send a covering letter and CV to Kelechi Iwumeme at [ras\\_communications@soas.ac.uk](mailto:ras_communications@soas.ac.uk).** If you have any questions please don’t hesitate to get by email or phone on 0203 073 8337.