Reach A Hand Uganda (RAHU) is looking for two young people to join our Advisory Board. Could you be one of them?

About Reach A Hand Uganda
Reach A Hand Uganda (RAHU) is a youth centered organization premised on youth empowerment programs with a focus on sexual reproductive health and rights (SRHR), HIV/AIDS, modern contraception and family planning, behavioral change communication, livelihoods and skills development. Founded in 2011, RAHU works with young people 12 - 24 years in both rural and urban communities in Uganda to increase awareness through information dissemination on SRHR and strengthening of the health service value chain through traceable referral linkages.

What is Reach A Hand Uganda’s Advisory Board?
To foster strategic direction of the organization, Reach A Hand Uganda has been having a rotational/periodic Advisory Board since 2015. The Advisory Board is The RAHU Advisory designed to provide strategic guidance for the organization. The composition of the advisory board ranges from representatives of young people, civil society, school administration, religious leaders and well-wishers of Reach A Hand Uganda (outstanding individuals who have supported the growth of the organization in all capacities since its inception).

The Advisory Board, therefore, helps ensure that the organisation remains true to its mission, vision and Strategic Plan through promotion and provision of strategic direction for its development.

What will a Young Advisory Board member do?
Our mission is to work with young people and key players in the Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights as well as youth empowerment circles to address SRH challenges that young people face.

While we are particularly looking for people who are active within youth empowerment networks and can help us connect to our young audiences, you will be a full member of the Advisory Board and expected to contribute to all areas of the Board’s work. This is an important role and you’ll need to commit to a year (unpaid). This involves:

- Attending all-day board meetings (which are held on weekdays) plus one overnight stay (if need arises)
- Attending any relevant Advisory Board committee meetings
- Attend an induction, receive training and meet RAHU staff and teams in Uganda.

Advisory Board members are appointed for a term of one year. Please note that a young person selected to be on the Advisory Board can only serve one team to give opportunity to other young people to learn, network and grow.

What’s in it for you?
By joining the Reach A Hand Uganda Advisory Board you will:

- Make a lasting contribution to RAHU’s work to promote access to SRHR information and services as well as other youth empowerment programs to young people in Uganda
- Gain experience in top-level decision making for a fast growing youth led organization
- ‘Buddy up’ and be mentored by an experienced Board member.

About you:
We want to hear from young people aged 18 -25 years from a diverse range of backgrounds and experiences.

Personal Qualities

- Should have attended the annual Peer Educators’ Academy
- Passion and commitment to RAHU’s work, vision and values
- Leadership skills
- Strong interpersonal and relationship building skills
- Demonstrate tact and diplomacy, with the ability to listen and engage effectively
• Excellent communicator and influencer
• Strong networking skills
• A commitment to youth empowerment and peer education
• Good judgment
• Ability to commit time to perform the role well,

Knowledge and skills
• Current involvement with young people and youth movements.
• Experience of volunteering in a sexual reproductive health and rights field.

Desirable but not essential, one or more of the following:
• Some knowledge of the Uganda SRH sector
• Experience of volunteering with Reach A Hand Uganda

How to apply
Please send your CV, supporting statement and contact details for two referees to gb@reachahand.org Please put your name and ‘Advisory Board Recruitment’ in the subject box.

In your supporting statement, please include:
  1. Why you want to be an Advisory Board member of Reach A Hand Uganda
  2. How you fit the role criteria, in particular your involvement with young people/youth movements and/or your experiences of volunteering.
  3. What you’ll bring to the Advisory Board of Reach A Hand Uganda, and the wider organisation.
  4. Tell us what makes you special!

You should give the names, positions, organisations and telephone contact numbers of two referees, relevant to this role. References will only be taken once your express permission has been granted.

We would also be grateful if you could let us know if you will require any special provision as a result of any disability in case you have been selected.

Please note that candidates must be aged between 18 and 25 on the date they submit their application for the role. While we do not request proof of age as part of the application process, all new Advisory Board members of Reach A Hand Uganda are required to prove their identities before being formally appointed.

If you have any questions, please contact Gilbert Beyamba, the Chief of Staff at gb@reachahand.org
Reach A Hand Uganda’s peer educators from all years (and regions), and young persons living with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply.