



2023-2024

SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS GUIDE



ABOUT EDUSPOTS

EduSpots is a small but growing charity that exists to connect, train, and equip local volunteers who ignite change through education spaces called 'Spots'. We have trained and connected over 300 passionate 'Catalysts' like Nimatu (below) from 50 underserved communities in Ghana and Kenya, who support 15,000 users each year. **We are proud of our innovative low-cost and community-led model which we believe could have applications across the world.**

Why do we exist?

In our communities, learning resources are scarce and classroom provision is variable. As one example of challenges relating to the low income context, many volunteers report teenage pregnancy to be high, with many girls turning to sexual contact as a means of securing money for basic needs such as sanitary provision. However, our Catalysts (a mix of teachers, students and community members) are ready to be the solution.

Who leads our Spots?

The Spots are led and owned by community committees comprising local educational leaders, traditional leaders, political leaders, teachers, students, and parents. These committees build local volunteer teams who we connect centrally via WhatsApp, national and regional conferences, and our three leadership programmes.

What do they do?

Alongside opening the Spots as learning spaces, our Catalysts lead a range of clubs in early years development, literacy, STEM and sustainability education, and girls' empowerment, alongside locally designed projects, supported by our Ghanaian staff team, 50% of whom are drawn from the volunteer network. Together, we are building a movement of community educators.



Recognition

- We were a finalist for the 2023 Their World Scale-Up Innovation Prize.
- We won the 2022 Big Give Supporters' Choice Award.
- Our Founder was a finalist for the \$1 million UNESCO-backed Global Teacher Prize.
- We were shortlisted for the EDUCOM Award for Contribution to Education in Ghana.
- We won the 2018 Tes International Award in 2018.



YOUR SCHOOL CAN PARTNER WITH A SPOT!

01. STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT A COMMUNITY AND SEE THE DIRECT IMPACT OF FUNDRAISING

We can partner you with one of our Spot communities, enabling your students to learn about the volunteer-led activities and the community context. .

02. STUDENTS CAN JOIN OUR AMBASSADORS' NETWORK AS VOLUNTEERS

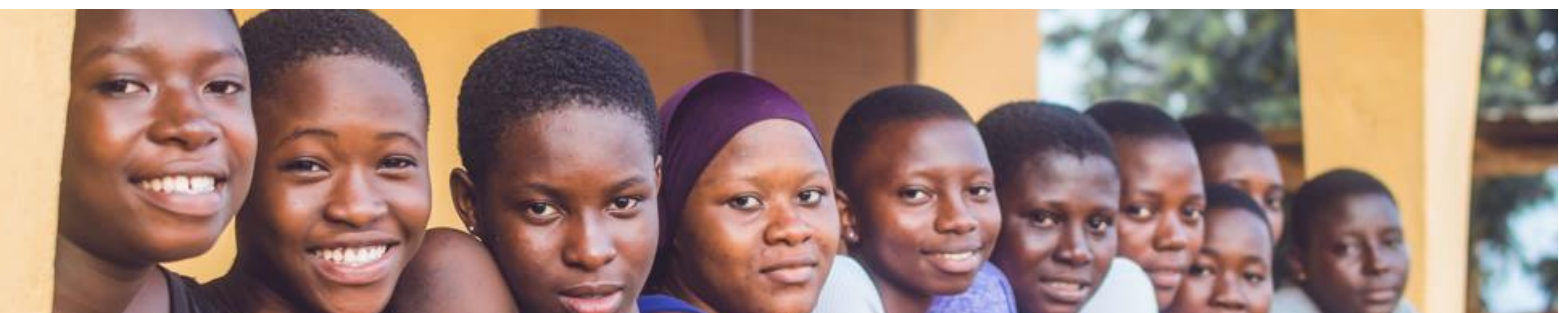
Students and/or staff can become EduSpots Ambassadors, with a structured and certificated opportunity to learn, act and reflect. Students build teams, promote our work more widely, fundraise and lead resource collections. This is perfect as a Duke of Edinburgh's Award or CAS project.

03. STUDENTS LEAD A 'SPOTS FOR EDUSPOTS' DAY!

Lead a spot-themed home clothes day or event in support of one of our Spots. We can show you the direct impact of your funds, and our Founder is happy to give in-person talks or organise remote workshops with community volunteers. You could choose a UN international day: International Day of Education, World Book Day, or International Children's Day - we can provide you with learning resources for tutor group sessions or assemblies.

04. STUDENTS TAKE OUR ONLINE COURSES

We offer four six-week online courses in global development, postcolonial thinking, leadership and social entrepreneurship. Students from African and European contexts share ideas via our discussion board. Students who are fundraising can take these courses for free with certificates of pass, distinction and 'top in cohort' awarded. Read more about the course curriculums at www.eduspots.org/onlinecourses.



WHAT COULD YOUR FUNDRAISING SUPPORT?

We are looking for the help of 50 partner schools and organisations to equip and renovate our 50 spots across our relatively low-resource network.

Unlike bigger charities, we are able to send you the direct impact of your fundraising for a particular 'Spot'. We can send photos of items in use and give you direct understanding of the context and impact from local volunteers. Many Spots are still lacking basic resource and renovation support, as shown in the image below; yet our voluntary Catalysts continue to lead activities with remarkable commitment!



A SHELF OF BOOKS BY AFRICAN AUTHORS

£100



A SET OF TABLES AND CHAIRS

£250



SIMPLE SPOT RENOVATION

£1,500



**SUPPORTING A SPOT
EXPANSION/BUILD**

£10,000

Note that we are a fully audited UK registered and Ghanaian charity with our annual reports published on the charity commission website .



EDUSPOTS IN NUMBERS



50
EDUCATION SPACES

15,000
STUDENTS & ADULTS USING SPOTS

Under our community-led model, it costs us less than £5 to enable one student to access a Spot for an ENTIRE YEAR!!

255
TRAINED VOLUNTEERS

1000+
STUDENTS ENROLLED IN OUR CLUBS

Take a look at our website www.eduspots.org to find out more about our Spots, our remarkable Catalysts and our innovative community-driven model.

We work with: Wellington College, Eton College, African Science Academy, Benenden School, Sevenoaks School, Brighton College, Brentwood School, and many more schools in Ghana and beyond.

Email info@eduspots.org with any questions or to organise a chat.

