

The Big Give | Interim Tech Lead (4-6 months) | Job Description

Are you a senior PHP developer looking for a leadership position within a “Tech For Good” organisation?

We’re hiring an Interim Tech Lead in an exciting period in the organisation’s growth. You will be given autonomy and responsibility to take the lead on all technical aspects of delivering the UK’s largest online match funding campaign, The Christmas Challenge. You’ll also play an integral part in an exciting digital transformation project to help deliver a successful transition across to a new Salesforce system.

As well as having experience of PHP, you’ll have strong understanding of cloud infrastructure on AWS and front end technologies such as KnockoutJS, AngularJS and CSS-preprocessors, like LESS/SASS. You will also manage a Full Stack Developer and liaise closely with external suppliers, contractors and tech partners.

We’re located in Holborn where we’re hosted by Reed.co.uk (UK’s #1 Job Site). This means you will get all of the benefits of working in a small non-profit team with a start-up mindset, while being supported by a much larger corporation with a significant technical team who are on hand to provide support, advice and guidance.

Whilst this is an interim position initially, we’re happy to discuss longer term opportunities and/or part-time working for the right candidate.

What you’ll do

- In-house website development, both front and back end ensuring continuity of the website for both donors and charities.
- Working closely with third-party partners and contractors.
- Championing new technologies and applying new concepts to the site.
- Designing and managing the hosting architecture for the site (using AWS), ensuring high availability during peak demand, such as the Christmas Challenge.
- Ensuring the smooth transition of the Big Give platform to Salesforce.
- Implementing security measures for the site and ensuring technologies are kept up to date to protect against vulnerabilities.
- Report to the Director with regular exposure to the Big Give’s Board of Trustees including our founder Sir Alec Reed CBE.

About you

- The ability to take ownership and responsibility for all technical aspects of the organisation including line management of a Full Stack Developer and managing external contractors/suppliers.
- A problem solver with a “can-do” attitude.
- An excellent communicator, working closely with tech and non-tech team members.
- Has an Agile approach.

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- Enjoys working as part of a small and successful team.

What you'll need

- Experience in PHP 5.3 or above in any of the following frameworks (CakePHP - preferred, Yii, Codeigniter), understanding of GIT version control system.
- Experience working in LAMP stack.
- Experience in HTML (including HTML5), CSS (including CSS3), Javascript and code to W3C standards.
- Experience of working with cloud infrastructure, ideally AWS (EC2, RDS, VPC, S3).
- Experience working in a Unix/Linux environment and excellent knowledge of the Linux command line.
- Experience working with SOAP & REST API's.
- Experience working with source control software, in particular BitBucket.
- A working knowledge of MySQL, especially inserting and retrieving data and writing complex queries (using CakePHP's ORM) and experience of caching engines e.g. Memcache, redis.
- Experience of working with Salesforce (ideal but not essential).

What you'll get

- A competitive salary (commensurate with experience).
- 25 days Annual Leave excluding Bank Holidays (pro rata).
- Flexible working.
- Ongoing social events throughout the year.

**Other benefits include childcare vouchers, a company pension scheme, personal accident cover, a personal development allowance and free eye tests.

About Us

The Big Give exists to promote good causes and inspire people to give. We are responsible for the UK's biggest online match funding campaign, the Christmas Challenge, which in 2017 raised £11.3m for 528 charities. Since being founded by Sir Alec Reed CBE in 2007, the Big Give has helped to raise £97 million for thousands of UK-registered charities. We have bold plans for growth having just articulated our 10 year strategy.

To apply

To apply, please send your CV to alex.day@thebiggive.org.uk.