

### **Job Description: Ambassador, Volunteer Position**

International Bhikkhuni Day (IBD) is the primary educational and community outreach event to communicate the mission and work of the Alliance for Bhikkhunis (AfB), and to raise financial contributions from event participants. IBD Ambassadors are the educational “missionaries” who build awareness of the valuable contribution towards the propagation of Dharma made by Bhikkhunis and the early enlightened theris. IBD events are usually held by speakers to live audiences, but untapped potential exists for well-coordinated online events. This year IBD will be held on September 6<sup>th</sup>.

We would like to invite applications for Ambassadors beginning in April or May. It would be very inspiring to see one volunteer ambassador from each state within the United States and one from each country outside the USA.

Ideal candidates need to have an interest in Theravada, early Buddhism, Bhikkhunis and the role of women in Buddhism. Interest in learning about dhamma, building community, public speaking, educational outreach, and event planning are helpful. No prior outreach experience is necessary. We encourage volunteers from different cultures and language groups to apply.

Ambassadors are tasked with identifying, and communicating with, persons, groups and sanghas who might be possible hosts of IBD event sites. Alternatively, Ambassadors may host their own event(s).

Events can be organized in one’s home, in suitable public and community gathering places, in sanghas, or even online. Practitioners, lay and monastic, active in Theravada, are encouraged to be a leader for a day.

Usually our IBD falls on the weekend nearest to the first full moon day in September. The event day can be flexible depending on the local situation. Events can also take place around Vesak or other Buddhist celebrations in your community or sangha.

Study guides, presentation materials, and event planning/training support will be provided by AfB. All events and hosts need prior approval by AfB. Events will be posted on our interactive IBD map once they are confirmed.

Before and after the event, all Ambassadors report to Public Outreach Coordinator and the President. Photos and/or a short video to be posted on our website would be appreciated.