



Irish Aid

An Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha agus Trádála
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IRISH AID VOLUNTEERING FAIR

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Welcome to the Irish Aid Volunteering Fair



Above: Minister for Trade and Development, Joe Costello T.D. and UNV interns in the Irish Aid Centre, 2012. Photo: Maxwells

Cover photo: Brigitte Daley, with Womens's Craft Group, Tekera Resource Centre, Uganda.

I am very pleased to welcome you to the Irish Aid Volunteering Fair 2013, the theme of which is “Volunteer for a Better World”. This theme reflects the impact of volunteering globally and volunteers’ contribution to a fairer global society. Volunteerism is based on a sense of solidarity with fellow global citizens for whom poverty is a daily reality. It also reflects a concern for the well-being of others and embodies a spirit of mutual trust, empowerment and unity.

Volunteering for service overseas is a time-honoured tradition in Ireland that has left a rich legacy throughout the developing world, particularly on the continent of Africa. Today, volunteers continue to play a very important role in efforts to eliminate poverty and injustice in developing countries. The Irish Government’s commitment to building on Ireland’s strong tradition of volunteering abroad is reflected in our new Policy for International Development *One World, One Future*. **In line with this, I will launch a new Irish Aid Volunteering Initiative at this year’s Fair, which will enhance Ireland’s future support for volunteering.**

The Initiative will strengthen support for volunteering and promote civilian participation in high quality volunteer programmes that contribute to the achievement of clear sustainable

development goals. It will reflect local needs in developing countries and increase volunteering opportunities for those who have skills and experience that are in short supply in the developing world. It will modernise our support for volunteering, encourage innovation and seek to attract interest from a diverse group of skilled volunteers. **Given the recent increase in early retirements in the public sector I believe there is huge potential, in particular, to attract interest from more mature volunteers who have a unique range of skills and experience that can be shared overseas.**

The aim of the Irish Aid Volunteering Fair is to showcase volunteering options in a variety of developing countries. I am hopeful that, as a result of the information, advice and presentations during the day, many more volunteers will be actively encouraged to contribute to Ireland’s rich legacy of overseas volunteering.

I look forward to meeting you at the Fair!



**Joe Costello T.D.
Minister of State for Trade
and Development**

Irish Aid Volunteering Fair 2013: Participating Organisations

Saturday, October 12th, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

No. Attending Organisations	
1.	Irish Aid
2.	Comhlámh

Long Term Volunteering	
No. Attending Organisations	
3.	GOAL
4.	Viatores Christi
5.	VMM
6.	VSO

Short Term Volunteering	
No. Attending Organisations	
7.	Agape Adventures
8.	Cristina Noble Children's Foundation
9.	EIL Intercultural Learning
10.	Friends of Londiani
11.	Global Schoolroom
12.	Habitat for Humanity Ireland
13.	The Hope Foundation
14.	Music Harvest
15.	Nurture Africa
16.	SAVIO
17.	SERVE
18.	Suas Educational Development
19.	The Volunteer Projects
20.	UCDVO
21.	Umbrella Foundation
22.	VLM
23.	VSI

Timetable for Presentations

Venue: The Workshop Room

Time	Presentation
11.30	SERVE presentation
12.00	VMM Presentation
12.30	Best Practice in Volunteering for Global Development, Comhlámh
13.00	Launch of the Irish Aid Volunteering Initiative Minister of State for Trade and Development, Joe Costello, T.D.
13.30	Volunteer for a Better World Panel Discussion chaired by Minister of State for Trade and Development, Joe Costello, T.D., profiling the experiences of returned volunteers
14.30	Register your interest in Volunteering and Find the Perfect Volunteering Opportunity Presentation by Comhlámh
15.00	Irish Aid Presentation on UN Volunteering and the Rapid Response Initiative
15.30	VSO presentation

Irish Aid



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Irish Aid is the Government of Ireland's official aid programme administered by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, working on behalf of the Irish people to address poverty and hunger in some of the poorest countries in the world. A new Policy for International Development *One World, One Future* was published in May 2013. Full details of the Policy and the commitments contained therein can be found on our website or by requesting a hard copy as per the details below.

Irish Aid is committed to ensuring that there are an increased number of opportunities for Irish people who wish to share their skills in response to the needs of partners in the developing world. In that context, our new policy *One World, One Future* sets out a specific commitment to introduce a new **Irish Aid Volunteering Initiative**. The Initiative will complement and enhance work that has been undertaken and supported through our aid programme to date.

The Irish Aid Volunteering Fair aims to showcase and increase engagement with a variety of different of overseas volunteering opportunities. Many non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and missionary organisations supported by Irish Aid include volunteer sending as part of their development programmes. A significant numbers of these organisations are represented at the Fair.

Irish Aid has also developed a strong partnership with the **UN Volunteer (UNV) programme** and supports the placement of recent graduates through the UNV Youth Internship programme. Full details on the UNV programme are available at the Irish Aid stand at the Fair; a general overview of the programme is included in this brochure.

In response to the demand for increased emergency response assistance, a Rapid Response Initiative was developed by Irish Aid in 2007. The **Rapid Response Corps**, a register of volunteers with specialised skills in areas such as child protection, gender, information management, protection and WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene) represents a key component of this initiative. Members of the Corps have been deployed on 206 occasions to 44 countries, supporting humanitarian relief operations with our UN partners.

Irish Aid recruits for the Rapid Response Corps annually. The next recruitment round will be in 2014 and will be advertised on the Irish Aid website. Applicants should have a strong commitment to humanitarian principles, substantial technical qualifications, and relevant experience. Humanitarian experience with a multinational agency or an international NGO is highly desirable. Successful applicants should be in a position to be deployed at short notice for periods of 3 to 6 months.

For further information on any of the above initiatives please contact:

Irish Aid Volunteering and Information Centre

27-31 Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin 1

Tel. 01-8546920

e-mail: irishaidcentre@dfa.ie

Open: Mon-Fri 10am to 5pm, or view our website: www.irishaid.ie

Comhlámh's Code of Good Practice for Volunteer Sending Agencies

The Comhlámh Code of Good Practice for Volunteer Sending Agencies is a set of standards aimed at ensuring that overseas volunteering has a positive impact for the volunteer, the sending agency and the host project and community.

The Code sets out 11 different principles that are key features of quality volunteer programmes. All organisations that sign up to the Code of Good Practice agree to:

1	Have volunteer programmes based on realistic aims and objectives with appropriate and useful volunteer roles.
2	Provide sufficient resources and support to run volunteer programmes in an efficient and sustainable manner.
3	Provide marketing and imagery consistent with good practice and clear expressions of organisational aims, ethos and values.
4	Provide potential volunteers with free, fair and unbiased information on your organisation and volunteer placements.
5	Use fair, consistent and transparent recruitment procedures.
6	Assist and provide for the varying support needs of volunteers.
7	Ensure that volunteers participate in appropriate preparation, training and induction.
8	Ensure the protection, safety and well-being of volunteers and those they work with as far as possible.
9	Provide debriefing for returned volunteers.
10	Provide ongoing monitoring and evaluation.
11	Provide recognition to volunteers for their contribution to development whilst overseas and give them information on how they can further contribute to development at home.

The Code of Good Practice is open to all Irish-based volunteer sending agencies. By signing up to the Code of Good Practice, an organisation shows that it supports the values and principles articulated throughout the document, and makes a commitment to implement the principles if they are not already in place.

Your role as a volunteer

Ask each organisation whether they have signed up to the Code of Good Practice and what systems they have in place to review and improve their volunteer programme. Implementing the Code of Good Practice is an ongoing process that requires time and effort. If you feel that an organisation is not fulfilling its obligations under the Code of Good Practice, raise the issues with staff and get in touch with us at **info@volunteeringoptions.org**. Your input, as a volunteer, is a very important part of monitoring the commitment to the Code of Good Practice.

For the most up-to-date information about the Code of Good Practice and signatory organisations see Comhlámh's website: **www.volunteeringoptions.org**.

All Organisations that are signatories of the Comhlámh Code of Good Practice are marked in this brochure with this symbol:



Questions to Ask the Organisations

1. What are the organisation's main aims and goals?
2. Is the organisation non-profit or for-profit?
3. Is the organisation a signatory to the Comhlámh Code of Good Practice? If so, what steps are they taking to implement the code?
4. What selection criteria does the organisation have when choosing volunteers?
5. What is the involvement of the host community in the project?
6. Is there a job description available?
7. What are the conditions in which volunteers live and work?
8. Can the organisation put you in touch with previous volunteers?
9. Can the organisation give you contact details for your host project?
10. Does the organisation provide pre-programme training and post-programme support for volunteers?
11. Does the organisation have appropriate health and safety, critical incident, child protection, and other relevant policies?
12. Are there costs associated with the volunteer placement and, if so, can you get a breakdown of how they are spent?

For more useful tips about important questions you should ask volunteer sending organisations see www.volunteeringoptions.org

Questions to Ask Yourself

1. **What are my motivations for volunteering overseas? And how do they link to my expectations?**
2. **What are my skills?**
3. **What type of working and living conditions would be best suited to me?**
4. **Would I like to work directly with the host community, or would I prefer to volunteer alongside other expatriates?**
5. **How long am I prepared to commit myself for?**
6. **What are my personal health and emotional needs?**
7. **What are the personal circumstances that may affect my choices?**

For more useful information about questions you should ask yourself before deciding to volunteer see www.volunteeringoptions.org

Information on Volunteer Programmes and Participating Organisations

Disclaimer: Please note that the following information has been provided by the participating organisations directly

United Nations Volunteers (UNV)

UNV facilitates and promotes volunteerism as a means of achieving peace and development. The UNV programme has three dimensions – advocacy, integration and mobilisation. UNV advocates for a better understanding and recognition of the value of volunteerism, promotes the integration of volunteerism in development programmes and in national policies and legislation, and mobilises almost 8,000 volunteers annually to work in development and humanitarian programmes, peace-keeping, post conflict recovery and electoral operations.

You can register on line at: <http://www.unv.org/how-to-volunteer.html>

UNV also facilitates connections between volunteers and development organisations worldwide through its online volunteering service.

Opportunities through UNV:

UN Volunteers work with UN agencies and peacekeeping missions, governments, non-profit and private sector organisations. They comprise one third of all international civilians working in UN peacekeeping operations. UNV assignments are quite diverse and volunteers work in a wide range of sectors - agriculture, health and education are common areas for assignments, as are human rights, ICT, community development, vocational training, industry and population. There are different options for volunteering through UNV:

UN Volunteers

This is UNV's main programme. It maintains a database of people interested in volunteering and responds to requests for volunteers from UN agencies, national governments and other development organisations. UN Volunteers are expected to have a strong commitment to volunteerism, appropriate professional or technical qualifications and at least 2 years relevant experience. Assignments can be from 6 months to 2 years and are often extendable. There is a lower age limit of 25 and no upper age limit. You can register online.

UNV Youth Programme

UNV Youth Programme are one-year assignments as with UN agencies and are targeted at recent graduates who have an interest in developing a career in overseas development but have limited experience. Irish Aid sponsors between 10 and 15 UNV Youth Programme placements annually.

Irish Aid advertises these placements in August / September each year. See: **www.irishaid.ie**

Online Volunteering

UNV manages an online volunteering service which helps connect volunteers at home with organisations overseas working for sustainable human development. Development organisations advertise online volunteering opportunities and interested individuals submit their applications directly to the organisations, which then select the volunteers they would like to engage in their activities. More information on the UNV Online Volunteering Programme, including the registration form, can be found at UNV Online Volunteering Service.

<https://www.onlinevolunteering.org/en/index.html>

Countries:

UN Volunteers are active in almost 130 countries in every region of the world.

Contact:

United Nations Volunteers
Postfach 260 111
D-53153 Bonn
Germany

www.unvolunteers.org

You can register on line at:

<http://www.unv.org/how-to-volunteer/register-to-be-a-un-volunteer.html>

See also the Irish Aid website (www.irishaid.ie) for general information.

Comhlámh

Comhlámh's vision is of volunteers and development workers working in solidarity for a just, equitable and sustainable world. Our mission is to foster good practice and critical engagement in volunteering and action for development.

Who we are: We are the Irish Association of Volunteers and Development Workers. Our work is driven by the experiences and passions of our members and supporters,

whether they are returned volunteers/ development workers or those with an interest in working for global justice from Ireland. Our membership is open to anyone and is available for free for those returning from an overseas development assignment of one month or more.

Some of our key services for volunteers include:

- > We have developed the **Code of Good Practice** for Volunteer Sending Agencies in Ireland setting our 11 principles of best practice in overseas volunteering. Look out for the Code of Good Practice logo on any organisation you are considering volunteering with and ask them how they are implementing these principles.
- > We have a **Volunteer Charter** which we invite all overseas volunteers to sign up to and adhere to.
- > We offer a variety of courses to volunteers and development workers before and after their assignments, preparing them for overseas placements and promoting ways to stay engaged in global justice issues on return. Visit our stall or website to find out about our upcoming 'Coming Home Weekend', 'Volunteering Overseas: Where do I start?', or 'Trade Justice' courses.

- > We support returning volunteers and development workers to access necessary support services such as counselling, debriefing, career guidance and social welfare benefits.
- > We facilitate a series of groups and initiatives led by members and supporters including a **Trade Justice group** and **Focus magazine** which aim to tackle global inequality and promote development from Ireland.

To **become a member of Comhlámh**, please visit our stand today, or go to our website. To get involved and keep up to date on our various groups, services, events and courses sign on for our e-link newsletter and connect with us on Facebook and Twitter.

For further information please contact:
info@comhlamh.org

www.comhlamh.org
www.volunteeringoptions.org

Long Term Sending Organisations

GOAL

GOAL is an international humanitarian agency dedicated to alleviating the suffering of the poorest of the poor. We are a non-denominational, non-governmental and non-political organisation. Since its inception, GOAL has spent in excess of €720 million on humanitarian programmes in more than 50 countries. We deliver emergency response, education, health, water and sanitation, livelihoods and nutrition programmes.

Length of placements available:

One year contracts, with the possibility for extension in many cases.

Skills required:

A minimum of two years post qualification work experience. Prior experience with a humanitarian organisation is preferred, but not essential for all posts. Typical vacancies include, but are not limited to:

- > Support Staff (accountants, logisticians etc.)
- > Senior Managers (programme managers, emergency co-ordinators, country directors etc.)
- > Technical Staff (nutritionists, engineers, doctors, nurses, midwives, and livelihoods specialists)

Recruitment Process:

Please apply via the GOAL website

<http://www.goal.ie/Vacancies/91>.

Successful candidates will be contacted by the HR department, who will conduct an initial screening interview. This will be followed by a second interview with a technical specialist. If no suitable open vacancies exist, candidates will be placed on a panel and contacted should a position become available.

Countries:

Ethiopia, Kenya, India, Haiti, Honduras, Kenya, Malawi, Niger, Sierra Leone, Sudan, South Sudan, Syria and Zimbabwe.

Costs:

GOAL provides annual return air fares, suitable accommodation (normally shared), travel insurance and appropriate training. First time volunteers receive a resettlement allowance and experienced personnel receive a salary commensurate with their level of responsibility and experience.

Age range for Volunteers:

Open to all

Contact:

Please apply online via

**<http://www.goal.ie/Vacancies/91>
www.goal.ie**

Viatores Christi

Viatores Christi is a faith-based volunteer group which recruits, trains and places people with transferable skills in areas of need overseas. A comprehensive training programme is provided to help prepare people for working in a developing country. Viatores Christi receives requests for skilled personnel from its mission partners overseas.

Length of placements available:

Minimum length: one year, usually two years.

Skills required:

Skills which can be transferred in capacity building projects.

Volunteers work individually/in groups:

Individuals.

Recruitment Process:

People are recruited onto the training programme and placements are arranged when individuals are sufficiently prepared to go overseas.

Countries:

We receive requests from Africa, Asia, Latin America and Haiti.

Costs:

€400 (less 20% for students/unwaged) to cover training programme. €10 Garda vetting processing fee. Funding usually arranged when overseas.

Age range for Volunteers:

Over 21 to 75 on first day of assignment

Contact:

Colette at: Colette@viatoreschristi.com
or telephone 01-8689986

www.viatoreschristi.com



Volunteer Missionary Movement (VMM)

VMM is an International lay Christian faith-based NGO founded in 1969. VMM recruits, trains and supports skilled professionals to work

in areas of need in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Contracts are for two years. VMM provides pre-departure orientation training, volunteer allowance, insurance and return flight. For more information, visit: www.vmminternational.org

Length of placements available:

Usually 2 years. Some short-term placements also available.

Skills required:

Depends on project

Volunteers work individually / in groups:

It is VMM's policy to try to place two or more volunteers within easy travel of one another while on placement, wherever possible.

Recruitment Process:

Applicant applies by e-mail or post. An informal meeting takes place; the applicant usually attends an introductory day, before CV and application forms are sought. A formal interview then takes place after which the applicant is invited to a training course if they are successful. References are sought, along with medical certification and police clearance.

Countries:

VMM works in countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

Costs:

Volunteers are required to fundraise over €1,000 towards the work of VMM. While overseas, volunteers receive basic accommodation and a modest allowance.

Age range for Volunteers:

21+

Contact:

Eugene at eugene@vmminternational.org

www.vmminternational.org



VSO

VSO is the world's leading independent, international development organisation that works through volunteers to fight poverty in low-income countries. Its high-impact approach involves bringing people together to share skills, change lives and make the world a fairer place for all. VSO recruits volunteers from the education, health, business, community and technical sectors.

Length of placements available:

Mainly long-term placements; 1-2 years. Some short-term placements are available depending on the volunteer's skills and experience. Each application is processed based on its own merit.

Skills required:

Placements usually require a 3rd level degree and 3-5 years' work experience. Requirements vary depending on the placement and sector, for example, education.

Volunteers work individually / in groups:

VSO recruits individuals to volunteer, and in some cases, their partners can also accompany them. VSO also helps organise group fundraising events and treks.

Recruitment Process:

You can register an interest on the VSO website, www.vso.ie or register to come along to an information event. If you decide to apply, you will be put in contact with a Volunteer Services Advisor who will guide you through the process. Potential volunteers are asked to attend an assessment day in Dublin. Volunteers are matched with partner organisations overseas, based on their skills and experience.

Countries:

VSO delivers programmes in 32 countries across the world, in Africa, Asia and the Pacific.

Costs:

VSO supports volunteers by paying for flights, visas, vaccinations, accommodation and a local living allowance.

Age range for Volunteers:

Usually 25-70

Contact:

You can call Donnacha or Ellen on 01 640 1060 to request an application form, or you can apply online. You can also send your CV to: volunteer@vso.ie.

www.vso.ie



Short Term Sending Organisations

Agape Adventures

Agape Adventures provides Career Breaks; Gap Years; Expeditions and Short Term Voluntary opportunities around the world. Its project focus spans a wide area including: Education; Community Development; Animal Welfare; Conservation/Environmental Education & Sports/Adventure.

Length of placements available:

2 weeks – 2 years.

Skills required:

Dependent on project, but generally no previous experience is required.

Volunteers work individually / in groups:

Both

Recruitment Process:

Application form; informal interview; references & Garda vetting.

Countries:

Agape Adventures run projects throughout Europe, Africa, Asia & North America.

Costs:

Varying costs depending on duration and project choice. All accommodation, food, training and 24/7 support included in price.

Age range for Volunteers:

All ages (18+)

Contact:

info@agapeadventures.ie

www.agapeadventures.ie



Christina Noble Children's Foundation

Christina Noble Children's Foundation is an international partnership of people dedicated to serving children in need of educational opportunities, nutritional rehabilitation, emergency and long-term medical care, vocational training and job placement, as well as children at risk of sexual and economic exploitation. The Foundation seeks to maximise the potential of each child and this is accomplished within the context of the family and the community whenever possible and always with respect for the dignity of each child as an individual.

Length of placement:

3 months.

Skills required:

Volunteers must be able to work with children from various backgrounds and disabilities.

Individuals/Groups:

N/A

Recruitment Process:

Garda Vetting; Informal Interviews; References; Application Form

Countries:

Vietnam

Costs:

Volunteers are expected to cover their own expenses.

Age:

21+

Contact:

elizabeth@cncf.ie

www.cncf.org



EIL Intercultural Learning

EIL Intercultural Learning is an Irish not for profit organisation. Its Volunteer Abroad programme involves living and working in a local community while learning about a new culture and gaining a new perspective on global issues. Volunteers are supported by highly qualified in-country staff with years of experience in supporting international volunteers.

Length of placements available:

From 2 weeks – 1 year.

Skills required:

EIL's goal is to match volunteers' profile, skills and expectations with the needs of a local project. Some projects would require specific skills while others would not.

Volunteers work individually / in groups:

Both

Recruitment Process:

Application form and interview

Countries:

18 countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America

Costs:

From €899 for the individual programme. Some partially and fully funded opportunities exist with the Travel Awards.

Age range for Volunteers:

All ages (18+)

Contact:

info@volunteerabroad.ie
www.volunteerabroad.ie or
www.eilireland.org

**Friends of Londiani**

Friends of Londiani (FOL) is an Irish registered charity (CHY16505) supporting rural communities in Kenya to make lasting changes and improvements to their lives. The FOL volunteer programme offers opportunities to work on community development programmes on the ground tackling issues related to health, education and clean water provision.

Length of placements available:

2 or 3 weeks.

Skills required:

There is no specific skill required but a willingness to be flexible and be a team player. Volunteers with specific skills that could enhance the current programmes and be of benefit to the communities in Kenya are always welcome to share those skills if they are willing.

Volunteers work individually / in groups:

Groups

Recruitment Process:

Projects are advertised and application forms are available on request and through the website. Applicants are required to meet FOL for an informal interview and are required to complete the Garda vetting process. Also, it is compulsory that volunteers participate in the FOL Volunteer training programme.

Countries:

Kenya

Costs:

Varies from project to project. FOL require two costs from volunteers – one for the volunteer's flights, accommodation and in-country costs etc. and the second is an amount to be fundraised which goes towards the community development programmes in Kenya.

Age range for Volunteers:

All ages (18+)

Contact:

harambee@friendsoflondiani.com

www.friendsoflondiani.com



Global Schoolroom

Global Schoolroom brings teachers from Ireland and the UK together with their colleagues in India to facilitate teacher education in remote communities of Northeast India through a University College Dublin/Assam Don Bosco University (India) accredited programme.

Length of placements available:

One month (July) but shorter placements are possible.

Skills required:

Volunteers must be qualified teachers.

Recruitment Process:

Application form available on website followed by shortlisting and interview.

Countries:

India

Costs:

€3,000 to cover all placement costs, flights, accommodation, vaccinations, insurance and pre departure preparation.

Age range for Volunteers:

All qualified teachers and retired teachers are welcome to apply

Contact:

01 8456901/info@globalschoolroom.net

www.globalschoolroom.net



Habitat for Humanity Ireland

HFH Ireland brings people together to build homes, communities and hope. In more than 90 countries around the world, including Ireland, Habitat engages families and communities to construct, rehabilitate or preserve homes; advocates for fair and just housing policies; and provides training and access to resources to help families improve their shelter conditions.

Length of placements available:

7 days – 2 weeks

Skills required:

No experience is required – all training is provided on-site.

Volunteers work individually / in groups:

Groups

Recruitment Process:

Please apply online to www.habitatireland.ie/overseasvolunteering

Countries:

Zambia, Romania, India, Vietnam, Mongolia.

Costs:

€1,600 to €3,500 approx depending on destination and length of time (Costs include flights, accommodation, food, in-country transport, insurance and donations).

Age range for Volunteers:

All ages (18+)

Contact:

mary@habitatireland.ie
www.habitatireland.ie



The Hope Foundation

The Hope Foundation is a registered charity working with street and slum children in Kolkata (formerly Calcutta), India. The Foundation works to free children and poor families from poverty and abuse. HOPE funds and operates over 60 projects. It reaches out to those most forgotten and offers protection, healthcare, nutrition, education and rehabilitation.

Length of placements available:

Overseas: minimum of 3 weeks.
At home: any length.

Skills required:

Ideally you would have a qualification, skills and/or experience relevant to The Hope Foundation's work, for example:

- > Teaching - Primary School or Montessori
- > Sports Coaching
- > Art
- > Drama
- > Music
- > Cookery
- > Child Protection
- > Food Sciences
- > Social Work
- > Special Needs assistance

- > Marketing/PR
- > Fundraising
- > Web Design (html)
- > Photoshop
- > Administration

At the moment we are also seeking the following skills:

- > Violin teaching
- > Bread-making (brown bread!)
- > Clothes design
- > Irish dance teaching

If you do not have skills in any of these areas but would like to work as a volunteer, please write to the Hope Foundation detailing your experience and explaining how your skills could benefit HOPE's work with street children.

Recruitment Process:

Online application followed by interview in HOPE's Cork or Dublin offices.

Volunteers work individually / in groups:

Both.

Countries:

India.

Costs:

Dependent on length of placement.

Age range for Volunteers:

All ages

Contact:

Niamh at ncaffrey@hopefoundation.ie

www.hopefoundation.ie



Music Harvest

Music Harvest is an organisation that recruits international musicians to perform and teach music to children in under-resourced communities of the Middle East. It has been working in Nablus, Palestine for over three years, and teaches hundreds of music students annually.

Length of placements available:

1 – 6 month placements available all year round.

Skills required:

Our volunteers generally have a comprehensive grounding in music, coming from backgrounds including but not limited to: formal training on individual instruments; extensive experience singing in choirs; experience

performing in ensembles/orchestras/bands; experience gained leading samba groups, choirs, ensembles, hip hop groups etc..

Volunteers work individually / in groups:

Both.

Recruitment Process:

Written application followed by interview. References required.

Countries:

Palestine

Costs:

€0 - €250 per month (depending on eligibility for funding).

Age range for Volunteers:

21+

Contact:

info@musicarvest.org

www.musicarvest.org



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Nurture Africa

Nurture Africa is an Internationally Registered NGO which focuses on providing healthcare, education and small scale business opportunities to vulnerable families in Uganda. Our volunteer placements are focused on sharing skills, whilst learning about the rewards and challenges of development.

Length of placements available:

April: 1 or 2 weeks.

June – August: 3 or 5 weeks.

October: 1 or 2 weeks.

Skills required:

General Skills, Primary and Secondary School teachers, nurses of all backgrounds.

Individuals or groups:

Groups

Recruitment Process:

Applications for 2014 are open and being accepted. Scheduled interview upon submitting application.

Countries:

Uganda

Costs:

Trip is self-funded. Fundraising dependent upon placement; starting at €950 for 1 week.

Age range for Volunteers:

All age groups above 20 years at the beginning of the placement are welcome to apply.

Contact:

Email Kevin: kevin@nurturafrica.ie or

Gavin: gavin@nurturafrica.ie

www.nurturafrica.ie



SAVIO

SAVIO (Salesian Volunteers Ireland and Overseas) is the volunteering organisation of the Salesians of Don Bosco in Ireland. It provides opportunities for adults to share their talents with disadvantaged youth in Salesian communities world-wide. Savio provides opportunities for adults to 'learn through action' on justice and peace issues and offers a development education training programme to facilitate volunteers before, during and after their placements.

Length of placements available:

6 months - 1 year. Shorter placements are sometimes available.

Skills required:

A desire to serve marginalised youth, good communication skills, enthusiasm, an interest in social justice, ability to work as part of a team, openness to these placements as learning experiences.

Individuals or groups:

Individuals

Recruitment Process:

Application form completed and returned to SAVIO. Those who apply will be contacted by a member of our team and guided through the process. Placements are arranged after completion of our pre-departure training programme.

Countries:

India, Swaziland, European summer camps, Lebanon, Philippines.

Costs:

Volunteers fund their own flights, visas, vaccinations and insurance. We provide training and support, food and accommodation while on placement.

Age range for Volunteers:

21-70

Contact:

saviovolunteer@gmail.com or contact Jane: 086-3043453

<http://www.salesiansireland.ie/get-involved>



SERVE

SERVE is a development and volunteering organisation committed to tackling poverty in the developing world. SERVE strives to do this by working in solidarity, service and partnership with marginalised and oppressed communities, empowering them to tackle the root causes of poverty and injustice.

Length of placements available:

3 – 7 week placements during June, July and August.

Skills required:

Positions available for fully or partly qualified individuals

- > Construction workers, Engineers, General labourers
- > Nursing, Speech and Language Therapy, Occupational Therapy
- > Primary and Montessori School Teachers, TEFL teachers
- > Youth workers

> Agricultural skills, Farm labourers

Volunteers work individually / in groups:

Both.

Recruitment Process:

SERVE holds Open Days around the country during November. Attendance at a SERVE Open Day presentation is required in order to obtain an application form. The dates and venues of these Open Days will be announced on the SERVE website (www.serve.ie) at the end of October, 2013. As places are limited, a sorting process will occur and those successful will be contacted to attend an interview in December. Successful applicants will be required to sign a contract and attend three pre-departure training days in Dublin in February, March and June.

Countries:

South Africa, Mozambique, Zambia, Philippines, India, Thailand, Brazil.

Costs:

The cost of the programme in 2013 was €1,600 which included the price of your flight and associated taxes, travel insurance, your attendance at the SERVE "Next Step" Weekend following your return to Ireland, and a contribution towards food, accommodation and transport within the country. Fundraising

group targets will then be set for each country group to reach, as a donation to go towards the projects with which you will be working.

Age range for Volunteers:

SERVE's volunteers have on average been in the age range of 20-40, but SERVE has previously recruited more mature volunteers to meet the needs of the project

Contact:

chris@serve.ie
www.serve.ie



Suas Educational Development

Suas is an ambitious, education-focused, social change organisation with Programmes in Ireland, India and East Africa. We promote quality education for all by providing short-term Volunteers, financial and technical support to our Partner schools in India & East Africa, and service learning Programmes in Ireland. Our overseas Volunteers work as teaching assistants alongside local teachers in India and East Africa.

Length of placements available:

Overseas placements in India and East Africa – 10 weeks.

Skills required:

At Suas we greatly value diversity, and seek young people with a wide range of skills, interests and backgrounds. Teaching experience is not essential, though previous experience working with children and young people is considered an advantage.

Individuals or groups:

Volunteers work in teams of 8-12.

Recruitment Process:

Potential candidates are asked to submit an application form, which can be downloaded from the Suas website. Successful applicants will be called to interview, where they will participate in a group and individual assessment. Those deemed a good fit for the Programme will be offered a position on one of our teams. Places offered are contingent on successful reference and Garda checks.

Countries:

India and East Africa.

Costs:

Volunteers are required to fundraise €2995 to cover the cost of their participation on the Programme.

Age range for Volunteers:

18 - 25

Contact:Cathy Howlett at cathy@suas.iewww.suas.ie

The Volunteer Projects

The Volunteer Projects (TVP) addresses International Development issues through Volunteerism by providing short-term Placements in its partner projects in Tanzania in areas of education, social care, sport, music, conservation and more. TVP also funds and implements development initiatives within its partner projects to improve living standards for all involved.

Length of placements available:

2 weeks – 6 months.

Skills required:

Dependent on project. Enthusiasm, dedication and a desire to help and learn required for all placements.

Volunteers work individually / in groups:

Placements available for individuals and for groups up of to 20 people (depending on Project).

Recruitment Process:

1. Complete and return Volunteer Profile which is available on TVP's website.
2. Telephone interview based on Volunteer Profile

Countries:

Tanzania.

Costs:

€565 for a 2-week placement. €95 per extra week.

Age range for Volunteers:

18+

Contact:info@thevolunteerprojects.comwww.TheVolunteerProjects.com

UCDVO

UCDVO's vision is for UCD students to graduate with an understanding of the challenges facing humanity worldwide and with the determination and self belief to tackle the issues underlying poverty and inequality in the world.

UCDVO's mission is to provide UCD students, staff and alumni with opportunities to volunteer for the benefit of disadvantaged communities overseas, in response to needs explicitly identified by those communities.

Length of placements available:

One year programme with a four week overseas placement.

Skills required:

UCDVO engage in a variety of projects each focusing on a number of different development issues including environmental, educational, agricultural, healthcare, construction and computer training projects. Relevant skills and experience in these areas are a bonus for candidates but are not essential. Volunteers must be committed to attending the full year programme. **Team Leaders** must be a UCD Staff member, graduate or development worker, aged 24 or above with experience working or volunteering in a developing country; possess good leadership skills and have

the ability to commit to the programme for the year with sufficient free time at weekends/evenings to assist with project preparation.

Volunteers work individually / in groups:

Groups.

Recruitment Process:

Online applications are between the 23rd of September and 7th of October 2013. Shortlisted applicants will be invited for interview between 21st October and 1st November. Places will be offered to successful candidates by the 15th November and a mandatory Induction Day will take place on Saturday 30th November.

Countries:

India, Haiti, Nicaragua, Tanzania and Uganda.

Costs:

Volunteers need to be able to commit to raising €2,500 between December 2013 and May 2014

Team Leaders need only raise €1,500 between the same dates.

Age range for Volunteers:

Volunteers: All ages (UCD students, staff, graduates)

Team Leader roles (also volunteer positions): Need to be at least 24 years old

Contact:

info@ucdvo.org

www.facebook.com/ucdvo

www.ucdvo.org



Umbrella Foundation

The Umbrella Foundation is a non-profit NGO and registered charity in Ireland, working to alleviate the impact of trafficking, poverty and war in Nepal. Established in 2005, the Foundation is a family-first charity, which aims to support vulnerable children, neglected in orphanages, and reintegrate them with their families and rural communities. When this is not possible, the Foundation supports children in the Foundation's homes until such time as they can stand on their own two feet. As a responsible and ethical organisation, the Foundation works with the Nepal Child Welfare Board to prevent child trafficking.

Length of placements available:

A minimum of 3 months for the children homes placements and 5 or 9 weeks for the rural teaching volunteer placement.

Skills required:

Compassion, fun, energy and positivity!

Volunteers work individually / in groups:

Both, depends on the project.

Recruitment Process:

Successful applicants must complete the on-line application (www.umbrellanepal.org/volunteer), undergo Garda vetting and take a telephone interview.

Countries:

Nepal.

Costs:

€1,500, plus flights (€1,000 plus flights for 5 week teaching placement).

Age range for Volunteers

18+

Contact:

volunteers@umbrellanepal.org

www.umbrellanepal.org



Vincentian Lay Missionaries (VLM)

VLM aims to support the building of a future for those most in need in the poorest areas of Ethiopia, to highlight the global issue of poverty and to advocate and support action for change. VLM works in partnership with the Daughters of Charity and the Vincentian Fathers who are its hosts and mentors. VLM is a faith based organisation which works with people of all faiths and none.

Length of placements available:

Placements are ordinarily between 1 month and 3 months. Some longer term projects of 6 to 12 months are also available.

Skills required:

Teaching, administration, IT, youth work, women's development, financial, report writing, nursing etc.

Recruitment Process:

Application forms can be downloaded from the website: www.vlm.ie.

Countries:

Ethiopia.

Costs:

First time volunteers are required to raise €3,000 to cover all costs.

Age range for Volunteers:

18 years – Mature (We welcome and encourage the participation of retired people in our projects)

Contact:

Phone: 087 139 7069 or Email: info@vlm.ie

www.vlm.ie



Voluntary Service International (VSI)

VSI is the Irish branch of Service Civil International, a worldwide peace movement that began in 1920. VSI works to promote peace, social justice, sustainable development and intercultural understanding through volunteering abroad and in Ireland. For more details visit our website www.vsi.ie

Length of placements available:

3 weeks to 1 year.

Skills required:

General.

Volunteers work individually / in groups:

Both.

Recruitment Process:

Applications on line; attendance at preparation events.

Countries:

Africa: Botswana, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Morocco, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia, ;

Asia: Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam, Japan, Korea. **Latin**

America; Brazil, Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua, Peru.; **Middle East:** Palestine, Jordan; **Europe + North America & Australia**

Costs:

Volunteers receive free food and basic accommodation. Volunteers cover their travel costs and pay a programme fee to VSI ranging from €50 for an Irish project to €90 for a European project to €140 for a project in a developing country. There are additional fees to partner groups in the Global South (€100-€250).

Age range for Volunteers:

All ages (18+ for Europe; 20+ for Global South)

Contact:

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