

# Irish Aid Volunteering Fair

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**Irish Aid**

An Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha agus Trádála  
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Photo of Minister on next page:

Minister of State Costello greets children at St. Joseph's School for the Hearing Impaired, Makeni, Sierra Leone.

Irish Aid supports the World Food Programme to provide nutritious meals to the students of the school every day.

# Welcome to the Irish Aid Volunteering Fair



I am very pleased to welcome you to the Irish Aid Volunteering and Information Centre for the 2012 Volunteering Fair. This year's Fair takes place at a time when Ireland and the Irish people have been facing many economic challenges. Despite these challenges, I have been heartened by the level of interest in volunteering by people of all ages and from all walks of life.

Since the start of 2011, some 22,000 public servants with a wide range of skills and experience have retired. I am hopeful that many former public servants will attend this Fair and consider opportunities to share their skills and experience by volunteering in the developing world.

Ireland has a strong tradition of volunteering abroad and the Government is committed to building on this through the Irish Aid programme.

Throughout our history we have had strong links with Africa and the developing world. These ties reflect a deep sense of obligation to those living in poverty and hunger in communities less well off than our own and our vision of a fair global society.

The Irish Aid Volunteering Fair will help provide information on available opportunities, and promote responsible overseas volunteering. The majority of the NGOs taking part today have signed up to Comhlámh's Code of Good Practice for Volunteer Sending Organisations. The Code is monitored by Comhlámh, an organisation that promotes and supports best practice in volunteering, and the organisations involved undertake to run high quality volunteering programmes based on the needs of their host communities. I very much commend these efforts.

I wish you all an enjoyable, informative and productive day at the Volunteering Fair.

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

# Irish Aid Volunteering Fair: Participating Organisations

**Saturday September 29th, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

<b>No. Attending Organisations</b>	
1.	Irish Aid
2.	Comhlámh
3.	Volunteer Ireland
4.	Be The Change: Development Education from Ireland

<b>Long term volunteering (1 year+)</b>	
<b>No.</b>	<b>Attending Organisations</b>
5.	Goal
6.	Progressio Ireland
7.	United Nations Volunteers
8.	Viatores Christi
9.	Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO)
10.	Volunteer Missionary Movement

<b>Short term volunteering (up to 1 year)</b>	
<b>No.</b>	<b>Attending Organisations</b>
11.	Agapé Adventures
12.	Christina Noble Children's Foundation
13.	EIL Intercultural Learning
14.	Friends of Londiani
15.	Global Brigades Ireland
16.	Habitat for Humanity Ireland
17.	Hope Foundation
18.	Link Community Development
19.	Music Harvest
20.	Outreach Moldova
21.	SERVE
22.	Suas
23.	The Volunteer Projects
24.	UCDVO
25.	Umbrella Foundation
26.	Vincentian Lay Missionaries (VLM)
27.	Voluntary Service International (VSI)

# Timetable for Presentations

## Venue: Workshop Room

Time	Presentation
11.00	Global Brigades Presentation
11.30	Comhlámh: Introduction to Volunteering Issues
12.00	Friends of Londiani Presentation
12.30	EIL Presentation
1.00	Welcome by Minister of State for Trade and Development, Joe Costello, T.D.
1.30	Panel discussion: Volunteering in Retirement – what you have to give and gain
2.30	Viatores Christi Presentation
3.00	VSO Presentation
3.30	The Hope Foundation presentation

# Comhlámh's Code of Good Practice for Volunteer Sending Organisations

The Comhlámh Code of Good Practice for Volunteer Sending Organisations 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 incorporate all aspects of 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 their 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 recognition for volunteers.
10	Provide ongoing monitoring and evaluation.
11	Provide debriefing for returned volunteers.

The Code of Good Practice is open to all Irish-based volunteer sending organisations. Signing up to the Code of Good Practice shows that an organisation supports its values and principles, and has agreed to work 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](mailto: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 Volunteering Options website:  
[www.volunteeringoptions.org](http://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. If the organisation is Irish, is it a signatory to the Comhlámh Code of Good Practice?
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 precise contact details for your chosen programme?
10. Does the organisation provide pre-programme training and post-programme support for volunteers?
11. Can the organisation provide you with their 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](http://www.volunteeringoptions.org)



# Questions to Ask Yourself

1. What are my motivations? And how do they link to my expectations?
2. What are my skills?
3. What type of work 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. What kind of conditions would be best for me when volunteering?
6. How long am I prepared to commit myself for?
7. What are my personal health and emotional needs?
8. 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](http://www.volunteeringoptions.org).

## Irish Aid

Irish Aid is the Government of Ireland's programme of assistance to developing countries. The Irish Aid Volunteering and Information Centre provides information to individuals and organisations who want to find out more about what they can do to help through volunteering.

Many non-governmental organisations supported by Irish Aid include volunteer sending as part of their development programmes overseas. Irish Aid supports Comhlámh to provide a range of support services for volunteers. Ireland's Rapid Response Corps consists of 192 volunteers with specialised skills in areas such as child protection, gender, information management, protection, and WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene).

Enquiries in relation to the Rapid Response Corps can be emailed to: [rri@dfa.ie](mailto:rri@dfa.ie). Irish Aid supports the United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme (further details available under UNV heading).

### **For further information please contact:**

Irish Aid Volunteering and Information Centre, 27-31 Upper O'Connell St., Dublin 1, Tel. 01 854 6920, Open: Mon-Fri. 10am-5pm

[www.irishaid.gov.ie](http://www.irishaid.gov.ie)

## Comhlámh

Comhlámh's **vision** is of an active community of volunteers, development workers and volunteer sending agencies working for a just, equitable and sustainable world. Comhlámh's **mission** is to be the leading coordinator and advocate of good practice in international volunteering for development in Ireland; and to promote and support the ongoing engagement and critical analysis of volunteers and development workers in development action from Ireland.

**How we do it:** By promoting and setting quality standards, building awareness and capacity, conducting research and influencing policy, we empower our community to take effective action for a just, equitable and poverty free world. As the Irish Association of Volunteers and Development Workers, we support the interests of people volunteering for development and our work is informed by their experiences.

### **Some of our key services for volunteers include:**

- > Promoting and monitoring the implementation of good practice standards in international volunteering via the Code of Good Practice for Volunteer Sending Organisations.

- This comprehensive Code is designed to ensure that volunteering placements have a positive impact for the volunteer, sending agency and the host community. Ask your sending agency if they are committed to implementing these quality standards and what this means for you as a volunteer. Look out for the signatory logo!
- > Providing comprehensive information and advice to support people in making an informed decision about volunteering overseas in a development context. Some of the resources available include: our website [www.volunteeringoptions.org](http://www.volunteeringoptions.org); our book 'Working for a Better World: A Guide to Volunteering in Global Development'; the Volunteer Charter; and regular information and training sessions to prepare people for their overseas placements.
  - > Providing information and supports to those returning from overseas placements, to facilitate their return and onward engagement. This includes: processing of social welfare forms for period of overseas service; Coming Home Weekends for volunteers; confidential counselling and debriefing referrals; skills-based training courses; information on ways to engage in development action from Ireland.
  - > Opportunities to become a member and stay involved in development from Ireland via membership of Comhlámh and getting involved in a variety of Comhlámh activities.

**For further information  
please contact:**

[info@volunteeringoptions.org](mailto:info@volunteeringoptions.org)

**[www.volunteeringoptions.org](http://www.volunteeringoptions.org)  
[www.comhlamh.org](http://www.comhlamh.org)**



## Volunteer Ireland

Volunteer Ireland is the National Volunteer Development Agency and a representative body for over 20 local Volunteer Centres in Ireland. Volunteer Ireland's vision is for an Irish society in which everyone who wants to volunteer has access to meaningful volunteering opportunities and where the contribution of volunteering is valued and recognised as an intrinsic component of active citizenship. Volunteer Ireland works to inspire, promote, support and celebrate voluntary activity in Ireland and abroad and is the national co-ordinating body for European Year of Volunteering.

If you are interested in trying your hand at volunteering in Ireland before going overseas or want to continue to engage in volunteering on your return from overseas, get in touch with Volunteer Ireland.

**For more information contact:**  
info@volunteerireland.ie

**www.volunteer.ie**



## Be The Change: Development Education in Ireland

This stand is made up of representatives from different sending agencies who are interested in development education within volunteering programmes. The stand has information on the importance of development education as part of an overseas volunteer experience, including the option to get involved with development education before going overseas or on return.

There is information on how to raise awareness of global justice issues with people in Ireland, and highlight quality development education activities which are being carried out by volunteer sending agencies in Ireland.

There are interactive visuals and media to animate the experiences of volunteers in development education, and signposting for opportunities for anyone who would like to get involved.

# Long Term Sending Organisations

## GOAL

GOAL is a non-denominational, non-governmental and non-political international humanitarian agency, currently employing 107 GOALies and 2,750 local staff across 12 developing countries: Ethiopia, Honduras, India, Kenya, Malawi, Niger, Sierra Leone, Sudan, South Sudan, Uganda, Zimbabwe and Haiti. 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)

### **Volunteers work individually /**

#### **in groups:**

Individuals

### **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 the initial screening interview, this will be followed by a second interview with a technical expert. If there are no suitable open vacancies, candidates will be placed on a panel and contacted when a position becomes available.

### **Countries:**

Ethiopia, Uganda, Malawi, Sierra Leone, Honduras, Haiti, Zimbabwe, Niger, India, North & South Sudan

### **Costs:**

GOAL provides annual return air fares, suitable accommodation (normally shared), in-country food/living allowance and travel insurance. First time volunteers receive a resettlement allowance & experienced personnel receive a salary commensurate with the level of responsibility of the post and level of experience.

**Age range for Volunteers:**

Open to all

**Contact:**

Please apply online via  
<http://www.goal.ie/Vacancies/91>

**[www.goal.ie](http://www.goal.ie)**

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**Progressio Ireland**

Progressio Ireland is an independent Irish international development organisation that is part of the Progressio family. Through its skill-sharing and development worker programme it works in partnership with local organisations in 11 countries to facilitate people’s active participation in their own development. Contributing to structural policy change at a global level is fundamental to Progressio’s work.

**Length of placements available:**

Various. Progressio is currently seeking people to volunteer in various ways for its water campaigns. Main opportunities: to help raise profile and funds for the organisation by selling Progressio’s reusable water bottles; to get people involved in Progressio’s “Water Footprinting for Everyday Life” water challenge; Zanjero Water Challenge for Children.

**Skills required:**

Creativity; enthusiasm; good communications skills and a commitment to social justice issues.

**Volunteers work individually / in groups:**

The opportunities suit individuals, but we would be looking for replication through their involvement in group activity.

**Recruitment Process:**

Short interview

**Countries:**

Ireland

**Costs:**

None

**Age range for Volunteers:**

The profile and fundraising function and water challenge would suit all ages. Progressio is keen to attract older volunteers who are well inserted into their communities, and have (or would like to have) a good grasp of social justice issues. The Zanjero volunteers can be any age, but need to already be (or have the potential to) work with groups of children.

**Contact:**

Judith Turbyne: [judith@progressio.ie](mailto:judith@progressio.ie)

**[www.progressio.ie](http://www.progressio.ie)**



## 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/register-to-be-a-un-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 Internships

UNV Internships are one-year assignments as project officers 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 funds between 10 and 16 UNV internships annually. The UNV Internships are advertised on the Irish Aid website in August. [www.irishaid.gov.ie/article2348.html](http://www.irishaid.gov.ie/article2348.html)

### Online Volunteering

UNV manages an online volunteering service which helps connect volunteers with organisations 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.

<http://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](http://www.unvolunteers.org)**

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

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## Viatores Christi

Viatores Christi is a lay missionary 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 on to 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](mailto:Colette@viatoreschristi.com) or telephone 01-868 9986

**[www.viatoreschristi.com](http://www.viatoreschristi.com)**



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## VSO

VSO is the world's leading independent, international development organisation that works through volunteers to fight poverty in developing 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 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 merits.

### **Skills required:**

Placements usually require a university level degree and 3-5 years' work experience, and 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, 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. Volunteers are matched with partner organisations overseas, based on their skills and experience.

### **Countries:**

VSO delivers programmes in 36 countries across the world, in Africa, Asia, the Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean.

### **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 01 640 1060 to request an application form, or you can go to [www.vso.ie](http://www.vso.ie) to register for an event or apply online. You can also send your CV to: [James.obrien@vso.ie](mailto:James.obrien@vso.ie)

[www.vso.ie](http://www.vso.ie)



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## Volunteer Missionary Movement (VMM)

VMM is an International lay Christian Faith based organisation 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](http://www.vmminternational.org)

### Length of placements available:

Usually 2 years. Some shorter-term placements also available

### Skills required:

Depends on project

### Volunteers work individually / in groups:

It is VMM policy to try and 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 which a 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+

[www.vmminternational.org](http://www.vmminternational.org)



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# Short Term Sending Organisations

## Agapé Adventures

Agapé 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:

Depends 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:

Agapé Adventures runs projects throughout Europe, Africa, Asia & North America

### Costs:

Varies 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](http://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.

**Volunteers work individually / in 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](http://www.cncf.org)



**EIL**

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 up to a year

**Skills required:**

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

**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](http://www.volunteerabroad.ie) or  
[www.eilireland.org](http://www.eilireland.org)



## Friends of Londiani

Friends of Londiani (FOL) works with communities in rural Kenya on health, water and education programmes. This year FOL is celebrating 10 years of community partnerships and has had over 400 volunteers travel to Kenya with them in that time. Volunteers work in partnership with the local communities in implementing the programmes.

### Length of placements available:

2 weeks 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 they attend FOL pre-departure training days.

### 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:

info@friendsoflondiani.com

[www.friendsoflondiani.com](http://www.friendsoflondiani.com)



## Global Brigades Ireland

Global Brigades is the world's largest student-led global health and sustainable development organisation. Since 2004, Global Brigades has mobilised thousands of university students and professionals through nine skills-based service programmes to improve the quality of life in under-resourced communities.

### Length of placements available:

10 days

### Skills required:

General

**Volunteers work individually / in groups:**

Groups: on average 15 students per brigade

**Recruitment Process:**

On campus recruitment events or contact Global Brigades directly for details of future brigades

**Countries:**

Ghana, Honduras, Panama

**Costs:**

€650 plus flight costs (Ghana),

€750 plus flight costs (Honduras/Panama)

**Age range for Volunteers:**

All ages

**Contact:**

Emma:

emmaslattery@globalbrigades.org

or Jennifer:

jenniferforbes@globalbrigades.org

**[www.globalbrigades.org](http://www.globalbrigades.org)**



## 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:**

10 days – 2 weeks

**Skills required:**

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

**Volunteers work individually / in groups:**

Groups

**Recruitment Process:**

Please go online to [www.habitatireland.ie/overseasvolunteering](http://www.habitatireland.ie/overseasvolunteering)

**Countries:**

Ethiopia, Zambia, Haiti

**Costs:**

€3,000-€4,500

**Age range for Volunteers:**

All ages (18+)

**Contact:**

mary@habitatireland.ie

**[www.habitatireland.ie](http://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 lives of pain, abuse, poverty and darkness. HOPE funds and operates over 60 projects. It reaches out to those most forgotten and offers protection, healthcare, nutrition, education, rehabilitation and a family for life.

### Length of placements available:

Overseas: minimum of 3 months  
At home: any length

### Skills required:

You need to have a qualification, skill and/or experience relevant to The Hope Foundation's work, for example:

- > Teaching – Primary School or Montessori
- > Coaching in sports, art or drama
- > Nursing
- > Child Protection
- > Food Sciences
- > Social Work
- > Marketing/PR

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 would benefit HOPE's work with street children.

### Recruitment Process:

Online application followed by interview in Cork office

### Volunteers work individually / in groups:

Both

### Countries:

India

### Costs:

Depends on length of placement

### Age range for Volunteers:

All ages

[www.hopefoundation.ie](http://www.hopefoundation.ie)



## Link Community Development

Link Community Development works to improve the quality of Primary Education in rural districts in Africa. Working with the local ministry of education, it enables schools to assess their capacity and performance, and engages the school and community to plan together to improve the quality of education. LCD's Global Teachers Programme forms an integral part of its school improvement programme in Africa as well as its development education programme in Ireland.

### Length of placements available:

5 weeks in Africa during summer 2013, followed by a development education project over the following year

**Skills required:**

Volunteers must be qualified teachers

**Volunteers work individually / in groups:**

Groups

**Recruitment Process:**

Fill out application form and send in. There will be an information day and interview prior to selection. Once selected, Global Teachers will have 2 training weekends prior to departure and in-country training in Uganda.

**Countries:**

Uganda

**Costs:**

€2,000

**Age range for Volunteers:**

All ages

**Contact:**

deved@lcd.ie  
or call Richard on 086 830 7144

[www.lcd.ie](http://www.lcd.ie)



## Music Harvest

Music Harvest is a non-profit charity currently working in the Middle East that recruits international volunteers to teach music in under-resourced communities. It has been working in Nablus, Palestine for over three years, and teaches hundreds of music students yearly.

**Length of placements available:**

1 – 6 month placements available all year round

**Skills required:**

Advanced proficiency on a musical instrument

**Volunteers work individually / in groups:**

Both

**Recruitment Process:**

Written application followed by telephone interview. References required.

**Countries:**

Palestine

**Costs:**

€70 resources fee. €100 rent per month per person

**Age range for Volunteers:**

All ages

**Contact:**

info@music harvest.org

[www.music harvest.org](http://www.music harvest.org)





## Outreach Moldova (ORM)

Outreach Moldova is an Irish charity working with children that have been orphaned or abandoned, children with special needs and children with terminal illnesses in the Republic of Moldova.

### Length of placements available:

10 days

### Skills required:

Pro- active enthusiastic people with a passion for helping others. The ORM programme is filled with sports, arts & crafts, dancing, singing, baking & children's games so the ideal volunteer is a happy, outgoing person who works well in a team.

### Volunteers work individually / in groups:

Groups

### Recruitment Process:

All applicants must complete our application form, provide two references and undergo Garda vetting.

### Countries:

Moldova

### Costs:

The volunteer sponsorship is €1,900 – This includes flights, insurance, airport transfers and transport in Moldova, accommodation, food and a donation to ORM to support its continued work in Moldova.

### Age range for Volunteers:

18-70

### Contact:

 Jacqui Costigan

(Volunteer Programme Director) Telephone: (01) 219 0268

Email: jacqui.costigan@orm.md

[www.outreachmoldova.org](http://www.outreachmoldova.org)



## 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](http://www.serve.ie)) at the end of October. 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 is €1,600 which includes 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](mailto:chris@serve.ie)

[www.serve.ie](http://www.serve.ie)

## Suas

Suas is an ambitious, education-focused social change organisation that supports programmes in Ireland, India & Kenya. From October 8th, Suas will be seeking applications to join its Volunteer Programme, and work in a challenging classroom environment in India for 10 weeks, while learning teamwork and leadership skills.

**Length of placements available:**

10 weeks in the summer of 2013

**Skills required:**

Enthusiasm, commitment to serving others, positivity.

**Recruitment Process:**

Applications open 8th October. Individual and group interviews to be held in December

**Volunteers work individually / in groups:**

Groups

**Countries:**

India

**Costs:**

€2,995

**Age range for Volunteers:**

18-25



**Contact:**

Suas Volunteer Programme: [vp@suas.ie](mailto:vp@suas.ie)

[www.suas.ie](http://www.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:**

Depends on the 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:**

€545 for a 2-week placement.

€95 per extra week

**Age range for Volunteers:**

18+

**Contact:**

[info@thevolunteerprojects.com](mailto:info@thevolunteerprojects.com)

[www.TheVolunteerProjects.com](http://www.TheVolunteerProjects.com)



## UCDVO

UCDVO was established in 2003 and since its inception and launch as a registered charitable organisation in 2004, UCDVO has extended its activities to projects in India, Haiti, Nicaragua and Tanzania. To date, over 500 volunteers have engaged in environmental, educational, healthcare, construction and computer training projects in disadvantaged communities overseas.

**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. **For Team Leaders:** UCD Staff member or graduate / development worker, aged 24 or above experience living or working/volunteering in a developing country, leadership skills, ability to commit to programme for the year and has sufficient free time at weekends/evenings to assist with project preparation

**Volunteers work individually / in groups:**

Groups

**Recruitment Process:**

Online applications are between the 24th of September and 8th of October 2012. Shortlisted applicants will be invited for interview between 22nd October and 2nd November. Places will be offered to successful candidates by the 16th November and a mandatory Induction Day will take place on Saturday 1st December.

**Countries:**

India (Delhi and Andhra Pradesh), Haiti, Nicaragua and Tanzania

**Costs:**

Volunteers need to be able to commit to raising €2,500 between December 2012 and May 2013

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

**Age range for Volunteers:**

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

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

[www.ucdvo.org](http://www.ucdvo.org)



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## Umbrella Foundation

The Umbrella Foundation is an Irish registered charity that has rescued over 380 orphaned, trafficked and vulnerable children in Nepal since 2005. Umbrella's first goal has always been to get children back with their families where possible. When reintegration is not possible, Umbrella is committed to supporting these children in their children's homes until such time when they can stand on their own two feet. Umbrella is a family-first organisation, working against the negative effects of child trafficking.

**Length of placements available:**

3 months in children homes, 5 or 9 week teaching placement

**Skills required:**

Compassion, fun, energy

**Volunteers work individually / in groups:**

Individually

**Recruitment Process:**

On line application and 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](http://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](http://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](mailto:info@vlm.ie)

[www.vlm.ie](http://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. More details from [www.vsi.ie](http://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; **Latin America:** Brazil,  
Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, El Salvador,  
Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua, Peru;  
**Middle East:** Palestine, Jordan. **Europe +  
North America, Japan, Korea, 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)

[www.vsi.ie](http://www.vsi.ie)





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