

NATIONAL PROFILE

ICYE UK



Inter-Cultural
Youth Exchange



Dear future ICYE UK International Volunteer,

Welcome to ICYE UK!

The **ICYE UK National Profile** intended to give you a few ideas of what to expect from an exchange in the UK with ICYE UK.

Here you can find out more about the United Kingdom, information about ICYE UK, the types of projects available, the lifestyle in the UK, and important regulations of ICYE UK which contains a checklist of important documents and other things you have to prepare before coming to the UK.

As well as reading this document you should also try to spend some time familiarising yourself with the UK – to help you do this we have included a list of useful websites and books, which you should be able to access in your own country. You should also spend as much time as possible practising your English!

Please read the following information carefully –the ICYE UK National Profile is essential information for you and should be considered carefully before deciding to join an ICYE Programme here in the UK!

Please do not hesitate to contact us directly if you have any questions.

We look forward to meeting you!

Best Wishes,

ICYE-UK



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About the UK

A brief introduction

Official Name: The
United Kingdom of
Great Britain and
Northern Ireland

Currency: Pound Sterling
(£)

Capital
city:
London

Population: 64,511,000
(2014 estimate)

Official Language:
English

“Hello, nice to meet
you.”

Government: Unitary
Parliamentary
Constitutional
Monarchy

Monarch: HRH
Queen Elizabeth II

Prime Minister:
Theresa May

H istory

The history of the United Kingdom is very rich and diverse. Here is a selection of some milestones throughout the British history timeline.

~ 6,000 BC The land which would become the UK started to separate from mainland Europe.

3,000 – 2000 BC Stonehenge one of the wonders of the world was built.



About 43 AD The Roman conquered and invaded Britain. The Romans introduced many new ideas to the UK including; roads, sanitation and building techniques. They also found many new settlements.

During Roman rule there were several uprisings by the Celts; the most famous of all was led by the fearsome Warrior Queen Boudicca of the Iceni tribe who lead an army of Celts to try and overthrow the Romans.

843 AD Scotland is founded

927 AD Æthelstan grandson of Alfred the Great unites England and becomes the first King of England. England is founded

1056 AD Wales is founded

1066- 1154 AD William the Conqueror and the Normans successfully invaded Britain and defeated King Harold II at the Battle of Hastings.

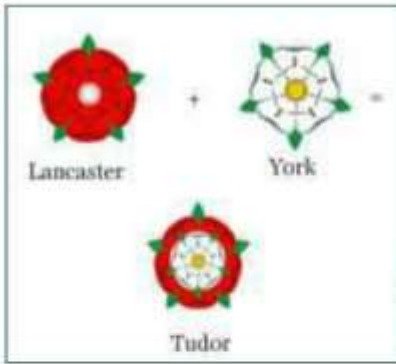


The Norman invasion of Britain started the beginning of the rivalry and competition with England and France which included the Hundred Years War between 1337 and 1453.

1096 AD University of Oxford was founded - It is the oldest university in the UK.

1154 - 1485 AD Middles Ages – Magna Carter was signed in 1215 the first written law of the defined limits of royalty.

1209 AD University of Cambridge was founded.



1455 – 1485 AD Game of thrones is based on this series of wars in 1455-1485 called The war of the roses.

1485-1603 AD The Tudor family ruled England; the most well-known and controversial Tudor was King Henry VIII who famously had six wives in his life time and broke ties with the Catholic Church and established the Church of England as the new state religion.

The legend of Robin Hood is based on a historical person of this era.

William Shakespeare was born in 1564 and is widely regarded as the greatest written in the English language and the world's pre-eminent dramatist. He is also known as the 'Bard of Avon'.



1603-1714 AD Civil War and Revolution. Gunpowder plot to kill James I was discovered which is celebrated today as Guy Fawkes Night with fireworks and a bonfire.



1707 AD The United Kingdom was founded

The Great Fire of London 1666 destroys two-thirds of the city.

Sir Isaac Newton publishes his book '*Philosophæ Naturalis Principia Mathematica*' with formulated the laws of motion and universal gravitation in 1687.

The first practical steam engine is designed by Thomas Newcomen in 1712.

1776 AD Scottish economist Adam Smith publishes his seminal text *The Wealth of Nations*. Today he is the face of the new £20 pound note.

As an island nation Britain developed a large and powerful navy which allowed the British to expand its empire. Britain's obsession with trade led to a huge empire stretching to nearly all the corners of the globe. At its zenith in the 19th century, the British Empire stretched over one-fourth of the earth's

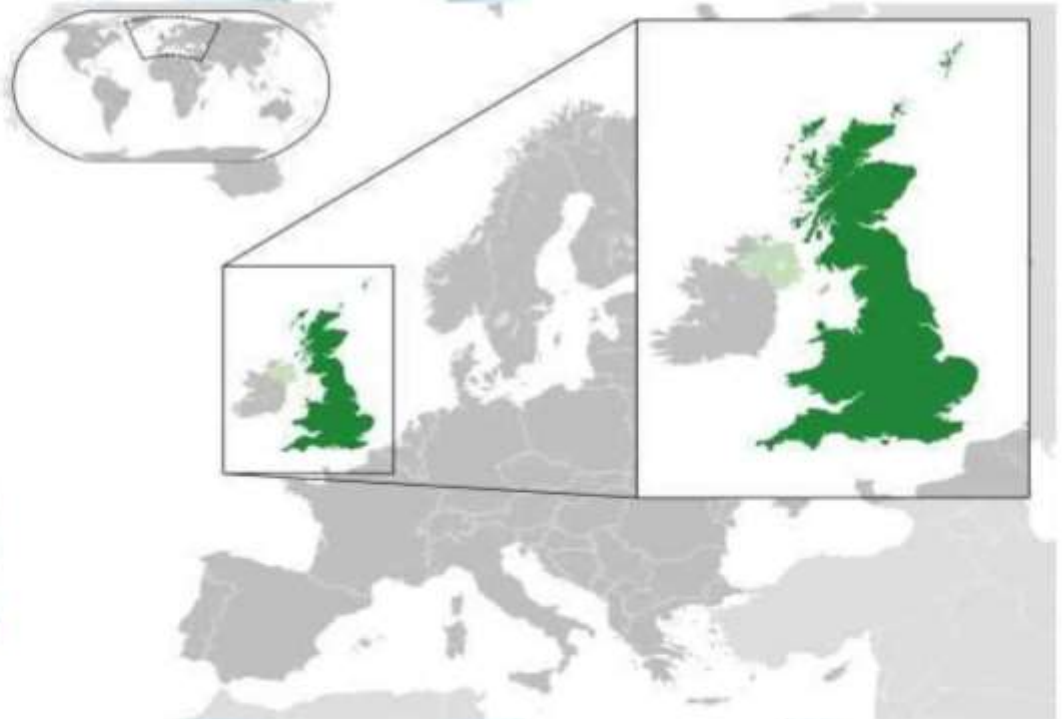
- 1798 AD Edward Jenner invents the first vaccine
- 1825 AD World's first steam locomotive passenger service
William Sturgeon invents the Electromagnet
- 1831 AD Michael Faraday discovers Electromagnetic induction – the operating principle of nearly all modern electric generators
- 1833 AD British Empire.



- 1835 AD The light bulb is invented by James Bowman Lindsay.
- 1837 AD Charles Babbage describes an Analytical Engine – The first programmable computer.
- 1847 AD George Boole writes The Mathematical Analysis of Logic, which is credited with the birth of the information age.
- 1839 AD Kirkpatrick Macmillan invents the pedal bicycle
- 1859 AD Charles Darwin publishes his book 'On the Origin of Species'.
- 1876 AD Scotsman Alexander Graham Bell patents the telephone in the US.
- 1897 AD the world's first wireless station is established on the Isle of Wight.
- 1901 AD The first wireless signal across the Atlantic is sent from Cornwall, England to Newfoundland in Canada, by Italian scientist Guglielmo Marconi.
Hubert Cecil Booth invents the electric vacuum cleaner.
- 1914 – 1918 AD World War I
- 1921 AD Northern Ireland is founded.
- 1922 AD The British Broadcasting Company (BBC) was founded.
- 1926 AD John Logie Baird demonstrates the first television.

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- 1927 AD The British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) is created.
- 1928 AD Penicillin is discovered by Noble prize winner Alastair Fleming.
- 1937 AD Jet engine is created by Frank Whittle.
- 1939 – 1945 AD World War II
- 1953 AD Watson and Crick discover DNA. Ian Fleming creates the British secret service spy James Bond.
- 1964 AD The first theory of the Higgs boson is put forward by Peter Higgs which is then discovered in 2012 at CERN.
- 1966 AD England wins the Football World Cup.
- 1978 AD The world's first test tube baby is born in Oldham.
- 1989 AD Sir Tim Berners-Lee writes a proposal for the World Wide Web (www).
- 1990 AD The first episode of Mr Bean is aired.
- 1996 AD Dolly the Sheep is born the world's first cloned animal.
- 1997 AD The first Harry Potter book was published. Rockstar games created the GTA series.
- 1998 AD Jonny Ives designed the iMac the product which helped turn Apple's fortunes.
- 2007 AD Jonny went on to design the aesthetics of the iPod which has revolutionised the personal music player market.
- 2012 AD London hosts the Summer Olympics for the third time – the only city to do so.
- 2014 AD Scotland votes to remain as part of the United Kingdom.
- 2016 AD The population of the UK vote to leave the EU.
- 2017 AD The Prime Minister Theresa May signed article and started the withdrawal of the UK from the European Union. It is estimated that this process will take 2 years.

G eography



The UK is located in Western Europe composed of islands in between the North Atlantic Ocean and the North Sea.

The total area of the UK is approximately 94,060 sq mi (243,610 sq km), composed of the major part of the British Isles archipelago are:

- The island of Great Britain
- The north-eastern one-sixth of the island of Ireland
- Some smaller surrounding islands



Climate

The UK has a relatively unpredictable climate. It is often said, that the funny thing about the UK is that we don't really have a climate as such; we have a weather! British people love to make conversation about the weather because it can be so variable!

It may be sunny and bright in the morning, drizzling at midday, sunny again in the afternoon followed by a rain you didn't expect! Always carry an umbrella!

The seasons are far from predictable and it's therefore advisable to bring at least a sweater or fleece in the summer and definitely pack a waterproof for anytime of the year!



Socio-Economic Aspects

Population

Ethnic groups UK:

- White 87.17%
- Asian 6.92%
- Black 3.01%
- Mixed 1.98%
- Other 0.92%

Ethnic groups London:

- White 59.8%
- Asian 18.4%
- Black 13.3%
- Mixed 5%
- Arab 1.3%
- Other 2.1%

Religious groups UK:

- Christian 59.49%
- No religion 25.67%
- Muslim 4.41%
- Hindu 1.32%
- Sikh 0.68%
- Jewish 0.43%
- Buddhist 0.41%
- Other 0.42%

Religion groups London

- Christian 48.4%
- No religion 20.7%
- Muslim 12.4%
- Undeclared 8.5%
- Hindu 5.0%
- Jewish 1.8%
- Sikh 1.5%
- Buddhist 1.0%
- Other 0.6%



Social Features

The Brits are typically rather reserved and can often seem cold to strangers we just value our personal space a lot. But don't worry it doesn't mean they do not like you it's just that it sometimes take more time for us to open up. Of course this always depends on the person.

This does mean that you may have to be more proactive with the Brits and try to wrangle your way into their lives!

We also have a very deprecating sense of humour whether they're talking about themselves or to you. So, if it seems like we're making fun of you, it's a good thing! It means that we're friends enough that we can make fun of each other.

Another feature of, perhaps more English, social interaction is the fact that when we're annoyed or angry with you, you probably won't really realise it. Passive aggression is something that we are very well versed in.

LGBT

Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender rights in the UK have evolved dramatically over time.

Same-sex couples were granted in 2005 the right to enter into a civil partnership and in 2014 same-sex marriage was legalised.



Economy

The UK is one of the world's most globalise economies. The UK is the fifth largest GDP in the world. In 2014 the UK was the ninth largest exporter and fifth largest importer in the world.

The size of London's economy makes it the largest city by GDP in Europe.

Unemployment rate of the UK is 5.4%, 1.77 million people. The average gross income per person per year is £29,760.

The service sector dominates the UK economy, contributing to around 78% of GDP – the financial services industry is particularly important with London being the world's largest financial centre.

GDP per capita:
£29,890.13 (\$46,244)

The currency of the UK is the pound sterling, which is the world's third largest reserve currency and the fourth most valued currency in the world.

The UK is a member of the Commonwealth of Nations, the European Union, the G7, the G8, the G20, the International Monetary Fund, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, the World Bank, the World Trade Organisation, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank and the United Nations

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The Commonwealth of Nations (The Commonwealth) is an intergovernmental organisation of 53 member states. The Commonwealth operates by intergovernmental consensus of the member states organised through the Commonwealth Foundation.



The government of the UK works under a unitary democracy and a constitutional monarchy with some devolvement of parliamentary power to governments in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

The Queen is the head of state but the Prime Minister is the head of government. The political system is a multi-party system. The two largest parties are the Conservative and Labour parties.

Legislative power is mainly divided in the two chambers: the House of Commons and the House of Lords.

The judiciary is independent and the highest court is the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom.



Fashion: the UK has been a leading force in the fashion industry from producing world class designers who have been the creative directors at some of the world’s leading fashion houses to having some of the best art design schools in the world. Some famous names and labels include: Alexander McQueen, Giles Deacon, Stella McCartney and Vivienne Westwood – who is also accredited to have brought the punk movement into the mainstream. Furthermore, Savile Row is famous for its bespoke tailoring for men. We also have many supermodels from these shores: Kate Moss, Naomi Campbell, Rosie Huntington-Whiteley and Cara Delevigne to name a few.

Music: the UK was crucial in the creation and development of many genres of popular music, such as rock music. Some of its most famous bands or singers range from The Beatles, The Rolling Stones and Queen to Adele, One Direction and Ed Sheeran. It is also known for some famous music festivals such as Glastonbury and Bestival. In addition, it has many famous classical composers such as Elgar, Parry and Tallis and classical singers such as Nigel Kennedy and Sarah Brightman.



Cinema: The first moving picture was shot in 1888 in Leeds and a year later William Fries Greene developed the celluloid film. After them Birt Acres and Robert W. Paul created the first working camera in British allowing for the British film industry to move forward. The British cinema industry has been going for over 100 years now with some saying that the golden age of British cinema in the 1940s. In fact two of the highest grossing film series came from the British film industry – Harry Potter and James Bond. These very isles have produce some of the greatest actors and directors of cinema history Some of these directors include Alfred Hitchcock (Psycho), Ridley Scott (Alien and Blade Runner), Sam Mendes (American Beauty, Spectre), Danny Boyle

(Trainspotting and Slumdog Millionaire), Christopher Nolan (Inception) and Richard Attenborough (Gandhi). Some of these actors include Charlie Chaplin, Audrey Hepburn, Laurence Olivier, Sean Connery, Benedict Cumberbatch, Kate Winslet, Eddie Redmayne, Sir Ian McKellen, Dame Judi Dench and Emma Thompson to name but a few.



TV: broadcasting started in the UK as a public service in 1936. The BBS (British Broadcasting Coporation) is the world’s oldest and largest broadcaster and is the country’s principal public service broadcaster. Some of the greatest British television programmes include shows such as Fawly Towers, Mr Bean and Monty Python to Downton Abbey, Doctor Who and Sherlock Holmes.





Cuisine: Each region of the UK has its own specialities. Traditional examples of UK cuisine include the Sunday roast (usually a roasted joint like beef, lamb or chicken, served with assorted vegetables), roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding and gravy, fish and chips, pork pies, hotpots, cottage/shepherd's pie and of course the full English breakfast consisting of bacon, grilled tomatoes, fried bread, black pudding, baked beans, fried mushrooms, sausages and eggs. As you can probably tell most of these foods are perfect for cold, wet winter weather as they fill you up and warm you up from the inside out.



We are also famous for our cakes and puddings from our high tea and cream teas to our sticky toffee puddings, scones and sponge cakes.



Sports: the most popular sport in the UK is football. The UK has the oldest football clubs in the world namely Sheffield F.C. which is the oldest football club in the world after being founded in 1857. It is also famous for creating sports such as association football, rugby, darts, cricket, golf, tennis, table tennis, badminton, squash, field hockey, boxing, snooker, billiards, curling and even baseball.



Architecture: the architecture of the UK includes many features that precede the creation of the UK, from as early as Stonehenge to Roman ruins. English Gothic architecture flourished from the 12th to the early 16th century, like Westminster Abbey and the Winchester Cathedral. Modernism remains a significant force in the architecture of the UK; completed in 2012, the Shard is the tallest building in the European Union.



IS ICYE UK FOR YOU?



Are you interested in...

- **...working with people with disabilities – either with a learning or physical impairment?**
Please note that most of ICYE UK projects are working with people with disabilities.



Disability is part of human diversity!

No specific work history is needed to do a voluntary service with people with disabilities. Get the unique experience of learning from a diverse range of skills, talents and abilities!

- **...living in a UK community often in the countryside?**
Please note that ICYE UK has very few placements in cities or big towns.



Experience UK's different landscapes and people!

Having the opportunity to live in the countryside means being in touch with woodlands, hills and mountains, estuaries, but moreover to learn roots of UK life whilst interacting with friendly people, for instance having the typical British chat of the weather in a local traditional pub!

- **...living within a residential project or sharing a flat/apartment with other international volunteers?**
Please note that ICYE UK does not offer host families.



Learning how to live independently!

To live independently means to acquire life experience. Get the opportunity to learn or improve your management skills of your personal budget, cooking, washing up, and live together, interact and get along with volunteers from different cultures!

- **...improving your English while being fully immersed in UK culture?**



UK culture – the intriguing island country!

Launch yourself in an adventure to discover the diversity within the sometimes overlapped yet distinctive cultural features of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland which the UK offers to seekers of English learning!

- **...experiencing different cultures and meeting people from all over the world?**



Creating your ICYE community of international volunteers!

ICYE UK will highly encourage you to stay in touch with all the volunteers you will meet upon arrival in the UK. The excellent transport links in the UK make it very easy to visit your fellow international volunteers and create your own community!

Who can be a volunteer?

There are certain things that ICYE UK expects of its volunteers:



Language Ability

You will need to maintain responsibility at your role and so you need to be able to understand the needs of the people you are working with and be able to communicate with other members of staff. Therefore, most placements require a good knowledge of English. The ability to communicate in English is essential for all our projects. Please refer to the [ICYE UK Work Profile](#) regarding specific English requirements for all of the projects.

While you are in the UK you will have an English Language Course for at your On-Arrival/Orientation Camp. You will learn more English just through speaking to people in your daily life and you can learn a lot of English through non-formal language learning.

The majority of our projects do not offer English language lessons and it's important you don't expect lessons when you arrive to your project. If available in your local area, you may be able to attend a weekly language course: **however, you will have to do this outside of your work hours and incur any fees.**

Some projects may request to speak to you on the phone or Skype before you come to the UK to assess your level of English, but ICYE UK will let you know if this is the case.

Age

ICYE UK accepts volunteers between the ages of 18 and 30. We cannot accept volunteers under the age of 18. Occasionally we accept volunteers who are older than 30.

Enthusiasm and Commitment

Having enthusiasm and commitment means having the motivation and engagement to actively participate in all the ICYE training camps that ICYE UK organises, to do a voluntary service positively contributing your skills and fresh ideas, and be willing to share your home country's culture, developing a real intercultural exchange and learning experience.

ICYE UK volunteers are mature and responsible individuals with the keenness to be flexible and open-minded, adapting to new environments and situations. All this will be developed throughout your period in the UK together with the on-going support of staff and volunteer members at ICYE UK.

About the programme

On Arrival Camp

When you arrive in the UK you will go directly to the **ICYE UK On-Arrival Orientation Camp** with English Language Course, together with the other volunteers from around the world.

Our main On Arrival Camp is in August, when the majority of volunteers arrive and this camp lasts for 10 days. If you arrive after this camp or in February then your on arrival training will vary in length.

In the mornings you will attend English language classes and the afternoons will be spent preparing you for your time here. We will have sessions on different subjects, such as your expectations, practicalities, volunteering in the UK, problem solving, and UK culture to name a few. We will also prepare you for life at your placement.

It is not only important that you learn about the UK, we also want to learn about you and your country! For this reason we will have the following activities:

Cultural Presentations: During the camp you will have the opportunity to tell the other volunteers about your home country, so please bring items to portray your culture (souvenirs, pictures, maps, national dress, music, etc.).

Cultural Cooking: You will have the opportunity to cook a meal of a traditional recipe from your country to share with all the volunteers on one evening of the camp. Therefore please bring ideas/recipe to cook a meal from your country, which you will cook with the help of other volunteers and staff members.

After the camp, most of you will go straight to your placements. Occasionally you may have to wait before your project starts; while you wait we will arrange your accommodation and/or a temporary short-term project.



August On Arrival Camp 2015

Mid Term Camp



The **ICYE UK Mid Term Evaluation Camp** (only for 12 month volunteers) will be held 5-6 months after you arrive in the UK. You will get together with the other volunteers and staff from ICYE UK to spend some time reflecting on your experiences, discuss any problems you may have encountered and prepare yourself for the second half of your year in the UK.

We will also carry out several activities to become aware of the differences between the theoretical approach provided by the ICYE programme versus your practical experience and how the provision of information and support from ICYE UK has influenced your personal experience.

Final Evaluation



The **ICYE UK Final Evaluation Camp** will be the final time you meet as a group. This is a chance to discuss and evaluate your time and experiences in the UK and to prepare yourself for going home.



Other Activities

ICYE UK tries to organise at least one other event each year, normally a camp in December which we call ICYE UK Social Camp. As a group of volunteers you are also encouraged to organise your own events and activities.

About our projects



Types of projects

Most of the projects in the UK involve some kind of social/care work. Currently the majority of ICYE UK projects are in these two categories

1. Projects working with people with disabilities

These projects may include:

- **Residential Support:** helping with activities in a centre for people with disabilities.
- **Social Support:** supporting a person with disabilities who lives independently in their home.
- **Respite:** taking a responsibility of a primary carer of a person with disability so the carer has a break.
- **Special Education:** working in schools for young people with disabilities.

2. Projects working with Sports/Outdoors activities

These projects may include:

- **Sport/Activity Centres:** running sessions on activities like climbing, archery, high ropes and others and helping to maintain the site.



We are continuing to expand the options of projects we offer. Therefore please refer to the ICYE UK Work Profile for more detailed information on the specific projects we offer for your ICYE programme year.

IMPORTANT!

All of ICYE UK projects rely on their volunteers to fulfil their role. You are not “just a visitor”, and the volunteer roles bring added value to the project.

ICYE UK will send you information on which project you will be working at before you arrive. Some projects may want to have a phone interview the volunteers while others will accept volunteers through applications only. It is important that we have an accurate idea of your level of English in order for us to place you in a suitable project; for this reason, during your application process, you may be asked to have an informal conversation with the ICYE UK Hosting Programme Coordinator.

ICYE Candidate's Application Form

It is very important that you complete this form to the best of your ability. ICYE UK will provide this form to the potential projects who could host you so it's important to keep in mind that the form is sent exactly as you have written it.

Projects read this form as a formal document which reflects your interests, background experience, past qualifications, motivation to volunteer abroad, etc. It is very important to understand that projects will consider this form as if it was a job application; hence it has to be complete and clear.

You can read the document called 'ICYE UK Guidelines for ICYE Candidate's Application Form' to obtain more information on how to properly complete the form.

What type of work will you be doing?

As a full-time volunteer you are expected to fully participate at the project. Each project requires volunteers to do certain tasks. This may be anything from cooking, housekeeping, helping in IT rooms, to organising a day out, or helping people with their personal care. You have important responsibilities and can only take time off when the project agrees to you doing so. This can sometimes be very difficult as it limits the amount of freedom you have.





When will you work?

Volunteers usually work between 35 and 40 hours each week. Sometimes there will be a shift or rota system (list or schedule stating who must do assigned or certain tasks/job) which could mean you will work during evening, night or weekend. Volunteers are entitled to 2 days off each week. You'll also be given 'Annual Leave Holiday'. This holiday is for your own travel time and is generally 4 weeks for a 12 month project. It is normally expected that you will take this holiday during the course of the year and not in one block. When you can take holiday must be agreed beforehand with your project.

What if you do not like your project?

ICYE UK does expect you to stay at the same project for the whole year. Only in serious cases, where mediation from ICYE UK and consultation with the project has taken place, may it be possible to change project. Volunteers are only entitled to change projects once during the year. Volunteers may not change projects in the first three months of their placement.



Accommodation

All volunteers live in accommodation provided by the project. [ICYE UK does not offer host families.](#)

Your project will provide you with accommodation. The different types of accommodation include:

- Your own bedroom in the project with access to a shared bathroom and kitchen.
- A bedroom that you share with other volunteers in the project.
- A flat/apartment outside the project where 2-6 volunteers live together.
- Living in the house of a person with disabilities whom you are helping.

The accommodation is normally basic but comfortable, which means that only the necessary things (such as a bed, a cupboard, etc.) will be provided.

Where will you eat?

Meals are often provided by the project but in some cases you will get money to buy and prepare your own food.

Learning to live independently

The big advantage of living independently is that you will acquire skills on how to manage your personal budget, for instance to buy your groceries, personal toiletries, expenses for leisure activities, etc. You will be treated as an adult, and as such expected to be responsible for the overall maintenance of your household, like doing your own cooking, washing, etc.

You will have the unique experience of living together with other volunteers that come from diverse countries, and learn different ways of living.



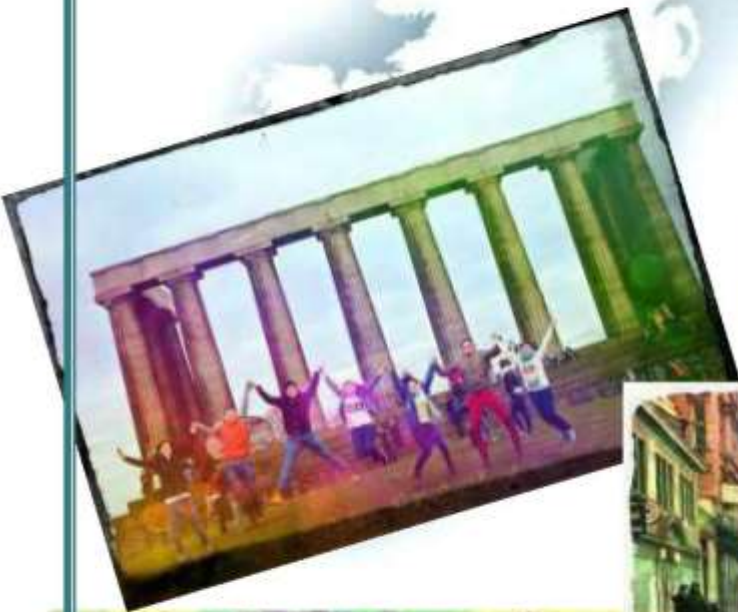
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ocation of projects

Most of the projects are **NOT IN BIG CITIES**. Many are in the countryside, which means that you may not have access to nightclubs and bars every weekend! Also transport in the countryside can be limited at the weekends. However, there are normally several volunteers from different organisations at the same project who organise social activities together.

Most of the projects are in the south of England where there is usually quite good access to public transport. However, we do sometimes place volunteers in other parts of the UK, including Wales and Scotland, and [volunteers must be willing to volunteer anywhere in the UK](#).

Please refer to our separate [ICYE UK Work Profile](#) for more detailed information on the location of the projects and the type of accommodation to expect.



About ICYE UK



What is ICYE UK?

The Inter-Cultural Youth Exchange is the ICYE National Committee in the United Kingdom. ICYE UK was established as a charity in 1993. We send up to 75 volunteers per year and receive around 50 volunteers in the UK.



ision, Mission and Values

Vision

A world where the sharing of cultures and ideas are embraced celebrated and lived.

Mission

At ICYE UK we work in partnership with an international network of locally managed ICYE organisations and partners to:

- Provide supported international volunteer opportunities that directly benefit local communities.
- Encourage young people from around the world to live, learn and work together.
- Engage volunteers in the on-going development of the organisation.

Values

Responsibility – we care about the volunteers, partners and communities we work with and take steps to ensure our influence is a positive one.

Valuing People – people are at the heart of our organisation; we help develop their skills and experiences, respect their opinions and seek their active input to improve our organisation.

Working in Partnership – we're passionate about each one of our volunteers and partners and invest time and resources to ensure they have the best possible experience.

CYE UK Structure and Staff

ICYE UK STAFF

Dan Milway: Hosting Programme Coordinator

Dan works in the office five days a week. He is responsible for the well being of the international volunteers – this includes supporting the volunteers, finding and supporting projects and running camps. **Dan will be your first point of contact at ICYE UK throughout your period here.**

Cat Udal: Manager

Cat works in the office five days a week. She is involved in information distribution and administration. She supports and develops all of ICYE UK's programmes. She is also a key member of the team at ICYE UK camps, and is always there to offer support.

Emma Kreeger: Sending Programme Coordinator

Emma works in the office five days a week. She is in charge of finding British volunteers who want to go abroad for long-term or short-term ICYE, EVS and CMAP projects.

Jenny Williams: Development Officer

Jenny works in the office part time. She is responsible for publicity and marketing for the organisation, as well as developing fundraising and membership activities.

Interns:

Throughout the year we have interns who work in the office in many different roles helping the staff to support the programmes and the volunteers. Interns contribute a lot to the running of ICYE UK and you'll see them about at camps, in the office or at most of the activities run throughout the year. We have an intern assigned to helping out with the Sending Programmes and the Hosting Programme, who you will be a lot in contact.

ICYE UK's office is on the top floor of a building called 'Latin American House' in North West London. The office is run by three full-time and one half-time members of staff. There is also a team of volunteers who help with camps and activities, and who help with running the organisation. The Board of Trustees is made up of eight members, most of whom are returned volunteers – each person has responsibility for a specific area of ICYE UK's work.



W hat to expect from ICYE UK

ICYE UK MONITORING AND SUPPORT SYSTEM

This is a way to provide you an ongoing monitoring and support throughout your whole experience in the UK.

What type of support does ICYE UK provide to you?

- Personal support (learning process, conflict mediation, etc.).
- Intercultural support (dealing with the differences).
- Free time or social support (for example excursions, interaction with local community).

What can you expect from the ICYE UK staff members?

- To maintain regular contact with you, your project and your ICYE Sending National Committee throughout your whole time in the UK.
- A constant monitoring of your development in all aspects during your time in the UK.
- Remind you of your responsibilities.
- Clear doubts concerning the ICYE programme (for example, concerning the insurance coverage, support with visas, etc.).
- Try to give you advice on difficult cases



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Finances

How expensive is the UK?

Unfortunately there is no escaping it – the UK is expensive! Prices are normally a lot higher in London than in smaller towns, thus there can be a great difference in price for the same product. To give you an idea of what you may spend, here are some average prices. Prices may also vary greatly from shop to shop, so it is worth looking around!

£1 = USD \$1.54

£1 = € 1.36

Drinks in a pub or bar	Beer (pint) £2.50 – £3.50 Beer (half pint) £2.00 Wine (glass) £3.50 – £5.00 Small Coffee £1.50 Soft Drinks £2.00 Tea £1.00
Petrol (per litre)	£1.45
Shampoo (200ml)	£2.30
Toothpaste (100ml)	£1.00
Kit Kat Chocolate	£0.50
Can of Pepsi/Coca-Cola	£0.85
Meal in a Restaurant	From £8.00
Meal in a Café	£4.00
McDonald's Meal	£5.50
Fish and Chips	£5.00
Theatre Ticket	£10.00 – £60.00
Cinema Ticket (Adult)	£10.00 (in London) / £8.00 (outside London)
Milk (2 pints)	£0.90
Apple Juice (1 litre)	£0.80
Bread (400g loaf)	£1.20
6 Eggs	£1.50
Sugar (750g)	£0.80
Butter Spread (250g)	£1.20
Raspberry Jam (454g)	£0.80 – £2.00
Newspapers	£0.20 – £1.00



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Checklist of important documents and items

Checklist of Important Documents your ICYE Sending National Committee has to remit to ICYE UK		
<input type="checkbox"/>	ICYE Candidate's Application	This is a 4-page form established by the ICYE Federation, which is very important that it is correctly filled out, therefore we ask you to follow instructions as dictated by the document ICYE UK Guidelines for ICYE Candidate's Application Form which you can get from your ICYE Sending National Committee.
<input type="checkbox"/>	ICYE Certificate of Health – Part I & II	A health check form established by the ICYE Federation composed of two parts: the first filled out by you (and signed by your physician) and the second filled out by your physician (and signed and stamped by your physician).
<input type="checkbox"/>	ICYE UK Project Preferences	A sheet established by ICYE UK where you will write down 3 choices of projects you would like to volunteer in and why you would like to be placed in those projects. This sheet can be found at the end of the 'ICYE UK Work Profile'.
<input type="checkbox"/>	2 Letters of Reference	<p>A letter of reference (or recommendation letter) is a document that a referee (person writing the letter of reference) writes about an ICYE candidate to underline certain characteristics of the ICYE candidate. These documents should be written in English (or have a respective translation to English) and have at least the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete name of the ICYE candidate.• How long and in what capacity has the referee known the ICYE candidate.• Positive qualities of the ICYE candidate (character, reliability, maturity, etc.), and if he/she is suitable to do a voluntary service.• Contact details of the referee (it can be an email address, telephone number, etc.). <p>Some letters of reference are done on headed paper (for instance if the referee represents a particular institution/organisation), or they can also just be a simple letter as long as it has the above information. The referees can't be a family member or friend of the ICYE candidate. The referee could be a teacher, employer, youth leader, religious leader or even a professional</p>

		person who knows the ICYE candidate (i.e. a neighbour – however, if one of the referees is this person, the other referee needs to be a teacher or employer).
<input type="checkbox"/>	Police Check	A police check (or criminal history/records) is a document which a government provides to disclose any criminal background. All ICYE UK volunteers must be trustworthy, honest and law-abiding in character. Therefore it is essential that you get a Police Check from the police force in your country confirming that you have no criminal record and that you have no previous criminal convictions. All ICYE UK projects insist on having this Police Check in order to ensure a safe environment for those with whom they work, many of which may be vulnerable or at risk.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Passport	A scanned copy of the page containing your information.
<input type="checkbox"/>	ICYE UK Code of Conduct for Volunteers	You need to sign and write down the date in this document.
<input type="checkbox"/>	ICYE UK Contract for Volunteers	You need to write down your name, home country, sign and date this document.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Letter of Motivation	This should be a concise letter expressing your motivation to participate in the ICYE programme. Write something about yourself (what you study, what do you do in your life, what are your hobbies, sports you do, maybe even what languages you speak, etc.); why do you want to come to the UK and be an ICYE UK international volunteer; why do you want to volunteer in certain projects, how the knowledge and skills you gain there will help you and what can you provide there. Be creative and express your motivation to be an ICYEr!
<input type="checkbox"/>	ICYE Report on Candidate	This is a document that your ICYE Sending National Committee has to complete which will explain more about you and provide useful information to place you in the most suitable project.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Flight Itinerary	Once you have arranged your flight to arrive in the UK on our respective Window Dates, landing in London at Heathrow Airport (LHR), you should make sure that ICYE UK has a copy of your e-ticket or respective flight details.

IMPORTANT!

If you have any questions about how to properly fill in or complete any of these documents, please do not hesitate to ask for help from your ICYE Sending National Committee or ICYE UK.

Checklist of Important Documents You Must Bring to the UK

<input type="checkbox"/>	Passport, with UK Entry Clearance/Visa, if applicable.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Police Check (original copy with respective translation if applicable).
<input type="checkbox"/>	Driving license (bring it if you have one; it's not necessary to have an international driving license as you will not be driving, it is only for identity purposes).
<input type="checkbox"/>	Identification card of your home country.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Letters of reference / recommendation letters (the original 2 letters).
<input type="checkbox"/>	ICYE Certificate of Health – Part I & II (original documents, and if applicable any additional medical document of significant medical conditions and/or allergies).
<input type="checkbox"/>	3-4 photographs (passport-sized recent front-faced full coloured).
<input type="checkbox"/>	If applicable, all supporting documents you will present to obtain your UK Entry Clearance/Visa.

Checklist of Important Items You Must Bring to the UK

<input type="checkbox"/>	Sleeping bag (to use during the camps).
<input type="checkbox"/>	Towel.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Flip-flops/sandals for showers.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Warm clothes and good shoes (the weather in the UK can be unpredictable and even in the summer it can be wet, windy and cold!).
<input type="checkbox"/>	Souvenirs / pictures / things from your home country to be able to portray your culture during the 'ICYE UK On-Arrival/Orientation Camp'.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Traditional recipe from your home country to be able to cook something during the 'ICYE UK On-Arrival/Orientation Camp'.
<input type="checkbox"/>	All items for your personal use (for example: clothing, toiletries, personal medications and miscellaneous).

IMPORTANT: Pack light!

Please do not bring too much! It is very important to keep in mind that when you travel to your project after the end of the **ICYE UK On-Arrival Camp** you will need to be able to carry your own luggage to your project. Therefore only bring things you will be using and luggage which you can easily carry by yourself.





Inter-Cultural
Youth Exchange



Work Profile

Dear future ICYE UK International Volunteer,

This is the 'ICYE UK Work Profile' which contains details of projects in the UK. Most of these projects have received ICYE international volunteers in the past and will continue to do so in the current ICYE Programme Year. However, please note that we cannot guarantee that all projects will be available. We continue to develop new projects throughout the year and so we may also be able to recommend a new project to you if we think it matches your interests.

What types of projects are available in the UK?

Most of the projects in the UK involve some sort of social/care work.

Please note that most of our projects involve working with people with disabilities.

This work varies enormously (as do people with different levels and types of disability) and is generally challenging but extremely rewarding.

We need volunteers to be flexible and open-minded about their choice of project. Please think carefully about applying to come to the UK – if you do not want to work with people with disabilities this may not be the best choice of country for you.

Our projects include things like working in education centres for young people with learning or physical disabilities, caring for people with disabilities in a centre or in their own homes, or training to become an activity leader at an outdoor youth activity centre. All these projects involve working directly with people in need.

What type of work will I be doing?

As a full-time volunteer you are expected to fully participate in your project. Each project requires volunteers to do certain tasks. This may be anything from cooking and housekeeping to organising a day out in the countryside, or helping to care for people (including feeding, personal care, etc.). Please note that even if you have a professional qualification from your country, i.e. in social work, psychology, etc. you should not expect to work in a professional capacity and must be prepared to carry out the same tasks as other volunteers.

When will I work?

The working hours for each individual project are explained in more detail in the profiles below, but generally volunteers work between 35 and 40 hours each week. Sometimes there will be a shift or rota system (list or schedule stating who must do assigned or certain tasks/jobs) where you may be required to work during the night or weekend.

Volunteers are entitled to 2 days off each week. You'll also be given 'Annual Leave Holiday', generally it's 4 weeks for a 12 month project, that is holiday you earned by working, which can be used how you wish, but will have to be agreed beforehand with your project and with ICYE UK; some projects will have restrictions of when holiday can be taken.

IMPORTANT!

All of ICYE UK's projects rely on volunteers. You are not "just a visitor" and your tasks will bring added value to the project. You have important responsibilities and can only take time off when the project agrees to you doing so. This can sometimes be very difficult as it limits the amount of freedom you have.

ICYE UK will send you information on which project you will be working at before you arrive in the UK. Some projects want to interview the volunteers themselves, while others want you to come and spend some days with them before they agree to accept you.

Where will I live?

ICYE UK does not offer host families. All volunteers live in accommodation provided by the project. Different types of accommodation include:

- Your own bedroom in the project, with access to a shared bathroom and kitchen.
- A bedroom that you share with other volunteers in the project.
- A flat/apartment outside the project where 2-6 volunteers live together.
- Living in the house of a person with disabilities who you are helping.

The accommodation is normally basic but comfortable, which means that only necessary things (such as a bed, a cupboard, etc.) will be provided. Meals are often provided by your project but in some projects you will receive money to buy your own food which you will prepare for yourself. Details of the type of accommodation are included in the description of each project.

Where are the projects located?

Most of the projects are NOT LOCATED IN LONDON or other big cities. Many are in the countryside or small towns which mean that you may not have access to nightclubs and bars every weekend! Also, in the countryside transport on the weekends can be limited. However there are normally several volunteers from different organisations at the same project who organise social activities together.

Most of the projects are in the south of England although we do sometimes place volunteers in other parts of the UK, including Wales and Scotland. Volunteers must be willing to volunteer anywhere in the UK.

APPLYING TO ICYE UK PROJECTS

Choosing your preferred projects

Please note that the information in the “Type of work” section is to give you an idea of what you could be doing at that project – this is not an exhaustive list. Please also pay close attention to the “Type of Volunteer Needed” section when choosing your projects!

It is recommended that you look at the project’s website to get more information about the projects of your choice.

ICYE Candidate’s Application Form

It is very important that you complete this form to the best of your ability. ICYE UK will send this form to the potential projects who may host you. It’s important to keep in mind that the form is sent exactly as you have written it.

Projects read this form as a formal document which reflects your interests, background, experience, past qualifications, motivation to volunteer abroad, etc. It is very important to understand that projects will consider this form as if it was a job application; hence it has to be complete and clear.

You can read the document called ‘ICYE UK Guidelines for ICYE Candidate’s Application Form’ to obtain more information on how to properly complete the form.

ICYE UK Project Preference Sheet

Once you have read the project descriptions in detail, please fill in the attached ‘ICYE UK Project Preference Sheet’ at the end of this document, and send it in with your other application documents.

We will take into consideration your preferences, although we cannot guarantee you a place at one of the projects on your priority list.

Best Wishes,

ICYE UK



INDEX OF PROFILES OF ICYE UK PROJECTS

The following pages will describe each project in detail. The projects are divided into different sections according to the type of work available. Simply click on each title to be redirected to its respective profile.

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COMMUNITIES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Nutley Hall

Pericles

William Blake House

Nutley Hall

<p>TYPE OF PROJECT</p>	<p>Nutley Hall is an independent adult residential care community for people with learning disabilities, offering a homely, social setting and specialising in a broad range of supported activities. Our endeavour is to maintain an environment which values at its centre the unique qualities and potential of each person.</p> <p>Our therapeutic approaches, which enable the ongoing wellbeing of those living at Nutley Hall follow those indicated by the philosopher Rudolf Steiner whose insights have been established in therapeutic practice worldwide over many decades. Nutley Hall is a Rudolf Steiner community founded out of anthroposophical ideas and ideals. It is entirely independent (i.e. it is not part of any wider organisation)</p>
<p>TYPE OF WORK</p>	<p>The main duties take place around the daily housework, preparation of morning and evening meals and assisting residents with their personal care. There is also the opportunity to join one of the day workshops: weavery, baskets & candles, woodwork, woodland, bakery, kitchen and garden, and also to participate in Nutley Hall's cultural and leisure life. – for which musical co-workers can be a great asset – and to support social & recreational activities.</p>
<p>TYPE OF VOLUNTEER NEEDED</p>	<p>The volunteer would need to be friendly, flexible and relaxed. It would also be an asset if the volunteer was creative to come up with exciting ways of interacting with the residents. Someone who can work well in a team but also knows how to motivate themselves.</p>
<p>GENDER/ AGE OF SERVICE USERS</p>	<p>The service users are mixed gender and aged 18-60, although the service does not usually take new residents if they are above 30 years old.</p>
<p>LOCATION OF PROJECT</p>	<p>Located in East Sussex and is 17 minutes away from Uckfield with good transport links into central London and Brighton.</p>
<p>ACCOMMODATION & CATERING / FOOD</p>	<p>The volunteer will live with other volunteers at the residence. All meals are provided by the project.</p>

WORKING HOURS	Volunteers work for 45 hours of shift work 5 days a week. Weekends are usually not required but there may be occasional weekends you cannot take off. If you work weekends then volunteers are given the equivalent time off at another time.
TIME OFF / HOLIDAYS	You would work a 5 day week, with four weeks holiday during a full twelve months: one week each during the Christmas and Easter festival periods and two weeks in the summer, plus one extra day off in each of the three “half-term breaks”. You will have 2 days off weekly but they may need to be separated.
LEISURE TIME/ FACILITIES	There are lots of nice areas around Nutley to visit such as areas of High Weald – an area of outstanding natural beauty. It is also close to many historic cities in the South East such as Royal Tunbridge Wells. You may also have access to the ‘Co-Worker car’ which would allow you easy access into town.
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	A driving licence is very helpful, but not essential.
NUMBER OF PLACES	1-3

Pericles

<p>TYPE OF PROJECT</p>	<p>Pericles is a pioneering and original training-and-work project for young people and adults with special learning needs and/or mental health problems in West Sussex, UK.</p> <p>Pericles offers practical and artistic activities within small groups that are tailored according to both need and capability. These activities are complemented throughout by specialist therapeutic activities. The approach to individual development, training and work at Pericles has been developed out of the work of Rudolf Steiner and John Ruskin, placing a strong emphasis on ecological ways of working with the Earth's resources and a holistic view of development. Pericles runs a community cafe, woodcraft, arts workshops and gardening. It also has close ties to a theatre company which puts on local and regional performances throughout the year.</p> <p>Day facilities are open all year round; however Pericles also offers a limited number of residential places in small-scale settings where 10-12 adults live with support of trained and experienced staff, alongside the volunteers. During the week day, residents may attend college or Pericles day activities. Everyone shares in the running and the responsibility of the house and everyone sits together for meals and works together to maintain the house.</p>
<p>TYPE OF WORK</p>	<p>Volunteers accompany clients in their activities, therapies and daily routine. Volunteers offer support within a team environment supporting the staff with the activities of adults with learning disabilities or mental health problems. Volunteers help clients in cooking, cleaning and general duties in the residential house and also accompany residents to the different activities they take part in providing motivational and practical support. Activities include arts and crafts, swimming, gardening, going to the shops, going to church, woodcraft and being active in the local community cafe. Volunteers will also have the opportunity to be involved in the Pericles theatre company where they support clients with drama productions and skills development.</p> <p>Volunteers are provided with induction and ongoing training for all aspects of their role. The volunteer will be working alongside other volunteers of different ages and from different countries.</p>
<p>TYPE OF VOLUNTEER REQUIRED</p>	<p>The project is looking for volunteers who are open, enthusiastic and keen to share their time with people with learning disabilities. Volunteers should be interested in learning about and embracing the values and approach of the organisation. Volunteers should be mature and have good general communication skills. The minimum age of volunteers is 18.</p>

GENDER/ AGE OF SERVICE USERS	The service users are mixed gender and aged 18-60, although the service does not usually take new residents if they are above 30 years old.
LOCATION OF PROJECT	Pericles has three homes which are located in small neighbouring villages in rural Sussex. The houses and their residents are part of the small local community and take an active role in village life through the local cafe, which is part of the Pericles organisation, local farms, workshops and gardens. This project is located in West Sussex, in a rural location, with local shops located in the villages but also 15 mins by car to the two larger provincial towns of Crawley and East Grinstead.
ACCOMMODATION & CATERING / FOOD	Volunteers are provided with accommodation in houses shared with other community members and volunteers. Living in the houses is based on the principle of extended families. This means that employees live with carers and volunteers during the day. Volunteers always have their own room within the house. In the houses, household chores and responsibilities are shared and everyone is involved in community life. Meals are always taken together and always freshly cooked mainly with produce grown organically in the gardens of the project.
WORKING HOURS	Volunteers work for 40 hours of shift work over a five day week however these days may not be worked consecutively. As the role is part of a community where you are living and working on the same site so you may be expected to worked flexibly across the working week however time off in lieu in considered where this is the case.
TIME OFF / HOLIDAYS	You will have four weeks holiday during a full twelve months. You will be required to meet the needs of the project when taking some annual leave for example around Christmas. You will also get national holidays off.
LEISURE TIME/ FACILITIES	There are lots of nice areas around Pericles to visit such as areas of High Weald – an area of outstanding natural beauty. It is also close to many historic cities in the South East such as Royal Tunbridge Wells. You may also occasionally have access to the 'Co-Worker car' which would allow you easy access into town however this needs to be arranged in advance and benefit work with the whole community.
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	A driving licence is very helpful, but not essential.
NUMBER OF PLACES	1-2

William Blake House

<p>TYPE OF PROJECT</p>	<p>William Blake House provides residential care to adults with learning disabilities and challenging needs. They have three homes, all located in a pleasant village environment in Towcester, Northamptonshire. A team of carers support each house directly with management support available at all times.</p> <p>The purpose of this project is to provide people with learning disabilities who require a high level of support and care with a permanent home and a personalised package of support, supervision and holistic care. Their services are person centred; and so the residents are encouraged to live their life and take part in activities such as gardening, singing, supported work placements, walks in the local area, shopping, arts and crafts and visits to the local spa for swimming. The purpose of the programme is to offer residents stimulating activity and work experience opportunities, promoting personal growth and independence.</p>
<p>TYPE OF WORK</p>	<p>Volunteers' tasks involve mainly personal care and one-to-one support: accompanying residents in their activities, therapies and daily routine (waking up, bathing/showering, cooking, cleaning, going to bed). Volunteers offer support in a care role within a team environment.</p> <p>The volunteers will witness and handle tricky situations, as the residents can have challenging behaviours, but they will receive the appropriate training to properly manage different scenarios.</p>
<p>TYPE OF VOLUNTEER REQUIRED</p>	<p>The volunteers must have a good English level, as communication skills are essential.</p> <p>The volunteer has to be open, enthusiastic, and have their heart invested in the organisation and volunteering programme. Maturity is a must.</p> <p>Volunteer must be somebody who wants to learn about local culture and embrace it, as well as someone who is interested in embracing the organisation, its values and approach.</p>
<p>GENDER/ AGE OF SERVICE USERS</p>	<p>Adults with learning disabilities, both men and women.</p>
<p>LOCATION OF PROJECT</p>	<p>Located within a pleasant rural village environment, in the market town of Towcester. The project's 3 houses are very much part of, and integrated in, the local community. This town is fairly close to Northampton and Milton Keynes, the</p>

	two nearest big towns. Oxford is also not far away. All are easily accessible using the project's cars, or if necessary, buses and trains are readily available.
ACCOMMODATION	There are 2-3 volunteer houses in Towcester, with 3 volunteers living in each house. Volunteers get their own room. Housemates are sorted according to shifts so volunteers live with the people they share shifts with.
CATERING/ FOOD	Volunteers are given a food allowance and pay their own meals or, when working, will work with service users and eat with them.
WORKING HOURS	Between 36 and 48 hours per week, so average of 42/week. Week 1: Monday, Thursday, Friday from 8am to 8pm. Week 2: Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday from 8am to 8pm.
TIME OFF/ HOLIDAYS	16 days annual leave (actually 24 days when timetable is taken into consideration)
TELEPHONE/ INTERNET ACCESS	Internet access both in volunteer houses and at the center.
LEISURE TIME/ FACILITIES	Membership to local spa is provided. Two manual cars are made available to volunteers, either to get to/from work and if they are not needed there, volunteers can use them in their own time.
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	Volunteers get mandatory English lessons, even on days off. They last 2 hours with a local university teacher.
CURRENT NUMBER OF PLACES	
INTAKE OF VOLUNTEERS	Looking for 2 ICYE volunteers (have 15 in general)

SUPPORTING YOUNG PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES IN EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS

Ruskin Mill Trust

Stepping Stones School

Treloar Trust

Ruskin Mill College

<p>TYPE OF PROJECT</p>	<p>Ruskin Mill College is part of the Ruskin Mill Trust and was established over 30 years ago to provide specialist education to young adults with learning difficulties and disabilities. The College offers a varied curriculum and the activities are aimed to improve communication, social, work and life skills. Activities include practical land-based activities such as agriculture, animal husbandry, fish farming, woodland management. Students also learn traditional crafts such as basket weaving, felting, metal work and pottery. At the farm students grow biodynamic food with which they prepare meals at the canteen. Students also have the chance to develop skills through a number of social enterprise at the college . In all activities the students are learning to live in harmony with the environment and while developing on a personal level.</p>
<p>TYPE OF WORK</p>	<p>Volunteers work alongside the staff team to support the students and the day to day work at the college. During the autumn volunteers will be involved in work on the farm, particularly harvesting and in the area of woodland management and the fishery. They can also be involved in craft activities and the social enterprises Volunteers are a role model for the students and also provide important role to motivate and practical support. The large majority of the role is outside (in all weathers!) and involves physical work.</p>
<p>TYPE OF VOLUNTEER REQUIRED</p>	<p>The volunteer would need to be friendly, flexible and relaxed. Someone who can work well in a team but also knows how to motivate themselves. Volunteers should be interested in the environment and keen to interact with young people. They should be happy to work outside throughout the year.</p>
<p>GENDER/ AGE OF SERVICE USERS</p>	<p>The students at the college are aged 16-25 years old.</p>
<p>LOCATION OF PROJECT</p>	<p>The project has a site of 140 acres in the Horsley valley in the Cotswolds, an area of outstanding natural beauty in the South West of England. It is just on the outskirts of the village of Nailsworth and is a 20 minute bus journey from the closest town, Stroud.</p>
<p>ACCOMMODATION & CATERING / FOOD</p>	<p>The volunteer will live either with a host family in the local area selected by the College or in accommodation nearby to the college with students. The volunteers will receive an allowance for food and will buy and prepare their own food at their accommodation.</p>
<p>WORKING HOURS</p>	<p>Volunteers work for 35 hours of shift work 5 days a week normally Monday to Friday. Weekends are usually not</p>

	required but there may be occasional weekends work.
TIME OFF / HOLIDAYS	Volunteers will have 4 weeks off a year as well as the bank holidays (national holidays).
LEISURE TIME/ FACILITIES	The project is located in the countryside. The closest village is a short walk away and this has some small shops and pubs. The closest town with a train station is around 30 minutes away by bus (although the bus service is limited at weekends and in the evenings)
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	http://www.rmt.org/ruskinmillcollege/
NUMBER OF PLACES	1+

Stepping Stones School

<p>TYPE OF PROJECT</p>	<p>Stepping Stones is a small school in Surrey which provides education for 40- 45 students who find mainstream school too challenging but do not require the support of a full specialneeds school. We offer small class groups of about 8 students and provide a rich and varied curriculum. They are an active and lively student body who are keen to learn and take part in society.</p> <p>We are looking for young people to bring enthusiasm with them into the classroom and beyond. Our students study the national curriculum and will usually go on to college following their time with us. In addition we offer a range of activities through our curriculum including drama, music, art, swimming, sailing and work experience in a social enterprise.</p>
<p>TYPE OF WORK</p>	<p>To support the work in class with small groups under the supervision of a teacher. In addition support will be required for students who undertake activities at the local leisure centre or at our partner site, Sundial, where we use a sound studio, pottery and gym facilities. We will also require support to enable students to participate in work experience in the community both at our Cookie Bar and in local businesses.</p>
<p>TYPE OF VOLUNTEER NEEDED</p>	<p>Maturity, flexibility, adaptability, responsibility, patience. Good spoken English is necessary. We accept both male and female volunteers aged between 18 –30. Placements are for 1 year only and the project can only accept volunteers to start in August/September.</p>
<p>GENDER / AGE OF SERVICE USERS</p>	<p>The students are aged between 8 – 18 years and are both male and female. They have mild to moderate learning disabilities which may be associated with minor physical disabilities.</p>
<p>LOCATION OF PROJECT</p>	<p>We are based in Hindhead in rural Surrey about 1 hour by train from central London. The school is situated on the A3 about half an hour from both the City of Guildford and Portsmouth on the south coast. There are pubs, restaurants and shops locally with bus services to larger towns including Haslemere and Farnham where there are links to the national train network. The local area is known for its natural beauty and offers history, art, theatre and entertainment within easy travelling distance.</p>

<p>ACCOMMODATION & CATERING / FOOD</p>	<p>The school offers accommodation in an excellently furnished off-site apartment situated above the school social enterprise coffee and cookie bar. There are 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, kitchen and small lounge area. The larger lounge is used for meetings by the school and local partners. The flat is fully equipped with new furnishings as well as washing machine and kitchen equipment. Downstairs in the Cookie Bar, which is linked to the school, freshly cooked food is available to purchase (Mon – Sat). The flat is just 2 minutes' walk from school and is situated in a small row of shops which includes a small convenience store for everyday needs. A food allowance budget will be provided and the flat has a fully fitted kitchen with all utensils.</p>
<p>WORKING HOURS</p>	<p>8.30 – 5.00 Mondays to Thursday 8.30 – 3.30 Friday during term time only. Weekends are free.</p>
<p>TIME OFF / HOLIDAYS</p>	<p>School holidays – 2 weeks in October, 2 weeks at Christmas, 1 week February, 2 weeks at Easter and 1 week in May. School starts on the 1st September and finishes on 22nd July.</p>
<p>LEISURE TIME / FACILITIES</p>	<p>Restaurants, pubs and shops are available within walking distance as is a large natural park run by the National Trust. Cinemas and sports facilities are available in local towns about 20 minutes by road. There is a leisure centre in Haslemere and Farnham, a Forestry Commission site with cycling and High Ropes, a sailing club at Frensham and numerous historical sites locally. There are music venues in both Farnham and Guildford, and the theatres in Guildford hosts a range of music, dance, comedy and theatre. Of course London and all it has to offer is only 1 hour by train too.</p>

<p>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</p>	<p>Stepping Stones was founded 10 years ago by parents looking to find the right school for their child. The COINS Foundation continues to support the school today. The use of the site at Sundial provides opportunities for leisure, a fully equipped sound studio; gym, pottery and plans are in place to develop riding for the disabled too. We link with the COINS Foundation for many activities including an annual music festival and opportunities to work with their social enterprise schemes, media production groups and partner organisations such as Habitat for Humanity.</p> <p>The other charitable foundation that supports the school is the DFN Foundation which is investing in the renovation of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's home (author of Sherlock Holmes) as a new school site. This is an exciting project which will see the school take on the legacy of a world renowned author and historical building as well as magnificent grounds. This next year we hope to be moving into our new premises with all the opportunities it offers.</p> <p>As a school we work closely with a number of local schools and have links to partner projects through the COINS Foundation in Dubai, Uganda and Russia. The school has also worked closely with Disability Africa over a number of years.</p> <p>We already have an international feel to our staff group and have staff who speak a range of languages including Spanish, Polish, and Italian fluently and some French and German. English language training is available at local centres which are accessible by bus. We are willing to allow time out to attend day-time courses and provide some financial contribution.</p> <p>To see the exciting projects we work on and the students that we support visit our website: www.steppingstones.org.uk</p>
<p>NUMBER OF PLACES</p>	<p>2-3 ICYE volunteers. We also know well and are only 20 minutes from Treloars another school which has taken ICYE volunteers for many years.</p>

Treloar Trust

<p>TYPE OF PROJECT</p>	<p>Treloar Trust provides education, therapy and care for young people with physical disabilities. The project has one centre that is home to the Treloar School which supports children from nursery to 16 years old and the Treloar College which supports young adults from aged 16 to 23 years old.</p>
<p>TYPE OF WORK</p>	<p>There are various volunteer posts at the school and college, each role involves volunteers working closely with the students. Volunteers can be assigned work in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Classrooms as classroom assistants to prepare materials for lessons and assisting the students - Assisting in the School classes with the younger students - Therapy departments helping with speech, occupational and physiotherapy as well as assisting with the administration of the departments. <p>Volunteers can also help out-of-school activities such as evening and weekend activities, cinema visits, playing games, etc. should be considered part of the job.</p>
<p>TYPE OF VOLUNTEER NEEDED</p>	<p>Maturity, flexibility, adaptability, responsibility, patience. Good spoken English is necessary. The college accepts both male and female volunteers. The age range is 18 –30, but the college prefers volunteers over 21 years old. Placements are for 1 year only and the project can only accept volunteers to start in August/September</p>
<p>GENDER / AGE OF SERVICE USERS</p>	<p>The school has students from nursery to 16 years old and the college has students aged 16-23, each has over 100 students. Students have a wide range of physical disabilities including cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, epilepsy or disabilities arising from accidents or other trauma. Many have communication or sensory impairments or learning difficulties. Explanations of the disabilities and an outline of how it may affect people will be given during the induction.</p>
<p>LOCATION OF PROJECT</p>	<p>The school and college are located in Holybourne just outside Alton. Alton is a small town in Hampshire in Southeast England. Alton is the closest train station to the project and it is about 1 hour by train from London and 50mins from Portsmouth and Southampton.</p>

ACCOMMODATION & CATERING / FOOD	<p>Volunteers have their own bedroom in flats on-site at Treloar School and College. They share a bathroom and kitchen with other volunteers. All meals are provided by the project in the dining room and there is always a vegetarian option. In the School/College holidays the dining room is closed and you will receive a weekly food allowance.</p>
WORKING HOURS	<p>Volunteers work for 35 hours, normally from Monday to Friday but volunteers occasionally work weekends or evenings. As this is a school and college, there are holidays at Christmas, Easter and at half-term.</p>
TIME OFF / HOLIDAYS	<p>Volunteers have two days off per week, normally Saturday and Sunday. Holidays need to be taken during the school/college holidays - these are 3 x 1 week holiday at half terms (in Autumn, Spring and Summer) plus 3 weeks holiday at Christmas and 2.5 weeks at Easter.</p>
LEISURE TIME / FACILITIES	<p>Alton is a small market town and has local shops, pubs and a club, library, church, etc. You can also use the on-site swimming pool. Alton has a train station and there are also buses to nearby towns. There is internet access on-site at the project</p>
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	<p>Treloar is a very dynamic and interesting project, which offers the opportunity of training to volunteers. The project normally decides the specific role of the volunteer. If you have a special interest or preference, please state this in your project preference form.</p>
NUMBER OF PLACES	<p>1-2 (ICYE places)</p>

RESPITE AND IN-HOME SUPPORT PROJECTS

Carers' Support Bexley and Greenwich

Advance

Carers' Support Bexley and Greenwich Volcare

TYPE OF PROJECT	These projects offer family carers the chance to have a break by providing support to people in their own homes. The medical conditions that our cared for people need support with varies but the main condition is dementia/stroke/heart conditions but it could be any illness at all. We support people with mobility problems too. The break can last anything from 7 hours to 2 weeks (longer breaks are shared with another volunteer). Breaks will at times include overnight stays, but the vast majority of the breaks will be a day at a time. Volunteers travel by bus to their families. Volunteers are given an extensive induction, which requires a lot of reading, and some worksheets to be completed. The service is regulated so appropriate training of volunteers and good record keeping is required.
TYPE OF WORK	Volunteers are there to enable family carers to have a well needed break. The key duties are: being a companion and offering conversation, cooking meals (often microwave meals) and making drinks, assisting with eating and feeding, supporting a person with their leisure needs and interests, personal care – including toileting, giving medication or reminding someone to take it, a little shopping or minor housework, looking after pets, answering the telephone, etc. A lot of the role will require sitting with someone all day and chatting or doing things together in their home, such as a jigsaw. Sometimes volunteers will go out with the cared for person and push a wheelchair.
TYPE OF VOLUNTEER NEEDED	Important qualities for volunteers are: Maturity, sensitivity, open mindedness, flexibility, commitment, common sense, good time keeping. Volunteers need to be healthy and fit. The projects accept both male and female volunteers aged over 18 years. Excellent English and communication skills are essential. All volunteer placements are for one year.
GENDER / AGE OF SERVICE USERS	18 – 100 age range – male and female, but mostly older people. We have a couple of young family carers (children) but they are not the main part of the service and volunteers should not expect to support children frequently, if at all. Each volunteer is introduced to a minimum of 10 families, but it could be more. Volunteers visit a different family each day but when a family requires a holiday break, the volunteer spends a longer period of time with them.
LOCATION OF PROJECT	The projects are located in Greater London. These are urban areas outside of central London.
ACCOMMODATION & CATERING / FOOD	Volunteers share a flat or house with other international volunteers, or may live with a landlady (that is, have a room in someone's home). Volunteers have their own bedroom or share a bedroom with one other volunteer and share the kitchen, bathroom and living room. A food allowance is given in addition to pocket money and volunteers cook their own food. If at a family home during a meal time, the family provide food for the volunteer.
WORKING HOURS	Normally 35 hours per week, although hours can vary and might be more in one week and less in another. Two days off per week is typical, not always together and not always at weekends. You should expect to carry out your role at weekends, evenings and overnights from time to time.
TIME OFF / HOLIDAYS	You will be given 2 days holiday for each full month that you are volunteering with the project. You can save your days off and take up to 2 weeks at a time. It is <u>not</u> possible to take a 'travel month'.
LEISURE TIME / FACILITIES	As the projects are located in or near large towns there are a wide range of leisure facilities - sports centres, cinemas, pubs and restaurants, libraries etc. nearby.
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	Good projects for a sociable person who likes meeting a wide range of people. These projects are popular as they offer the volunteer a lot of independence and flexibility. The projects are in urban areas so it is easy to make the most of your free time!

Advance

TYPE OF PROJECT	Advance is a large organisation that provides practical support and housing to help people with learning difficulties live independently and take part in activities within the community. Advance's approach to supporting each individual is focussed on the promotion of a quality life.
TYPE OF WORK	<p>Volunteers at Advance support adults with learning disabilities with household tasks, such as shopping, cooking and cleaning; as well as supporting them to do social and leisure activities that they enjoy. This could include going to the cinema, having a meal in a restaurant or playing a sport.</p> <p>Advance works with people with a wide range of learning disabilities. Some people have very severe learning difficulties, which can mean they are not able to communicate their feelings by speaking about them or that they are unable to complete simple everyday tasks by themselves. Other people have much milder learning difficulties and are able to do most things for themselves, but may need help with specific things like doing the finances or reading or writing.</p> <p>Volunteers provide a high level of support to paid staff, act as a bridge between service users and other members of the community and have the opportunity to express their own ideas to the organisation.</p> <p>Volunteers do not replace paid members of staff but support them in their work.</p>
TYPE OF VOLUNTEER NEEDED	Applicants must have a good standard of spoken English. Volunteers should also be patient, open-minded, reliable and flexible.
GENDER / AGE OF SERVICE USERS	Adult service users all over 18 years old. Most of the service users are male
LOCATION OF PROJECT	Advance is based in the London inner city boroughs of Hackney, Tower Hamlets, Newham and Islington.
ACCOMMODATION & CATERING / FOOD	Volunteers most commonly share a flat with Advance service users, sometimes also alongside other volunteers. Volunteers will have their own bedroom and share the kitchen, bathroom and living space.
WORKING HOURS	Residential volunteers support Advance service users for 30-35 hours each week on a shift basis
TIME OFF / HOLIDAYS	Volunteers get 2 days off each week and also received 2 days per month holiday allowance.

LEISURE TIME / FACILITIES	The project is located in London within one of the inner London boroughs. There is easy access to all facilities and amenities you could expect in a city and also to London's tourist attractions museums, etc. Telephone and internet are available at the Advance office, and often in the accommodation.
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	Volunteers need to be aware that they will be living with one or two clients. You will all share house facilities. They will also not live with any other international volunteers.
NUMBER OF PLACES	1-2

SCOUTS / ACTIVITY CENTRES

Beaudesert Outdoor Activity Centre

Blackwell Adventure Activity Centre

Paccar Scout Activity Centre

Phaselswood Scout Activity Centre

Pioneer Centre

Thriftwood Scout Activity Centre

Beaudesert Outdoor Activity Centre

<p>TYPE OF PROJECT</p>	<p>Beaudesert Outdoor Activity Centre aims to work with the development of young people. We were established in 1939 With the lands from the estate of Lord Anglesey being donated to the trust for the use by Scouts, Guides and other young people. We provide camping and activities for young people from across the world to come to, and help them develop spiritually, mentally and physically.</p> <p>We have continued to this day where we undertake programmes for Scouts, Guides, Youth groups and Schools. Our aims are the same today as there were over 80 years ago, to provide inspirational leadership and development of young people.</p> <p>To undertake this we off all the opportunity to take part in adventurous activities that can be used to stretch people, young and old alike, to push their capabilities and learn their strengths and weaknesses.</p>
<p>TYPE OF WORK</p>	<p>The volunteer will be working alongside other volunteers, apprentices and activity staff of different ages. You will be trained to deliver activity sessions in climbing, archery, high ropes, kayaking etc. You will be working on the day to day upkeep of the centre. This will include cleaning and repairs. As many of our activities are off ground an ability to work at height would be an advantage. The ability to swim is also advantageous.</p> <p>We also run large events throughout the year, these are immense fun but very hard work, with longer than usual hours.</p> <p>Depending on the time of year there are busier times when we have lots of groups camping however in the winter it is quieter and we will concentrate more on preparation for the coming season. So during the winter the tasks will include maintenance of the site and physical outdoor work. In general the role between March and September is mostly activity instructing and between October and February it is mostly assisting with maintenance projects around the site.</p>
<p>TYPE OF VOLUNTEER REQUIRED</p>	<p>The ideal volunteer will be someone who enjoys working in the outdoor environment; The volunteer must be interested in working with young people and be prepared to live with a diverse group of likeminded people.</p> <p>Due to the nature of the British weather be prepared for cold and wet days during the autumn to spring months. Volunteers must be prepared to work outside, even when it's cold and raining.</p>
<p>GENDER/ AGE OF SERVICE USERS</p>	<p>We will accept male and female volunteer's however we require you to be at least 18 years of age. Whilst we do not have a maximum age an ideal range will be 18 to 25 but this is dependent on the experience and flexibility of the person applying.</p>
<p>LOCATION OF PROJECT</p>	<p>Beaudesert is 125 acres of mixed woodland and parkland in the heart of Staffordshire. We are a 10 minute car ride from the train station and centrally located in the UK with access to most major cities. The Centre is remote though and there are very few</p>

	facilities in walking distance.
ACCOMMODATION	All our staff live in basic shared accommodation. This is based in a lodge and caravans. There are some single bedrooms and some shared. Volunteers will share a living room and bathroom with other volunteers. All buildings have shared use of toilet and washing facilities either in the building or very close by. Kitchens are in the buildings where food can be prepared in the evenings and the weekends.
CATERING/ FOOD	Lunch is available in our cafeteria every day. When we are catering for groups, breakfast and an evening meal are also served. At all other times you are able to order food from the catering manager within a weekly budget.
WORKING HOURS	This varies with the time of year and the level of business we have in. Most weeks you will be allocated 2 rest days however in the busiest summer months (May to August) this may only be 1 and the rest allocated at other times, We record the time volunteered so on average you will not work more than 37 ½ hours per week. Due to the nature of the business it is likely that the rest days will not be at weekends and not always consecutive
TIME OFF/ HOLIDAYS	You will have the opportunity to take 34 days holiday however this must be booked in advance and to coincide with business demands. It is not always possible to give holiday time off in the busy weeks. 2 weeks must be used over the Christmas period.. Please note that no holidays are to be taken when we have big events running or in June.
TELEPHONE/ INTERNET ACCESS	Wi-Fi connection available for own laptop/workbook
LEISURE TIME/ FACILITIES	Use of activity equipment depending on competence and availability, staff social for all staff. Close proximity to Liverpool, Manchester, Birmingham, the Peak District, North Wales, Cannock Chase. London is also only a 2 hour (approx.) train ride. A bicycle is available to assist with local trips.
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	Full training and some clothing (T-shirts, 1 Jumper and a Coat) is provided. Other staff live on site and there is a good social group. Opportunities to socialise with this group including trips out. Visit www.beaudesert.org.uk
INTAKE OF VOLUNTEERS	September & February - up to 4 volunteers

Blackwell Adventure Activity Centre

<p>TYPE OF PROJECT</p>	<p>Blackwell Adventure is a charitable company, limited by guarantee, owned by the Scout Association County of Birmingham, Registered in England number 1534697.</p> <p>The Scout Association is the biggest mixed youth organisation in the UK. Scouts help children and young adults reach their full potential by developing skills including team work, time management, leadership, initiative, planning, self motivation and cultural awareness.</p> <p>Joining our team will mean you will be working alongside other sessional staff to provide customers with the highest quality residential and outdoor adventure activities in a safe environment and exceed customer's expectations by giving them the best possible experience.</p>
<p>TYPE OF WORK</p>	<p>Volunteers work and live amongst other volunteers / staff of different ages and nationalities. Once trained volunteers will independently be running various sessions such as Zip Wires, Archery, High Poles, Swimming, etc. The site is 50 acres which needs maintenance year round so campsite maintenance and cleaning will also be involved.</p> <p>The ability to work at heights, be adventurous, a positive role model and willing to work outdoors in the UK all year round are definite advantages.</p>
<p>TYPE OF VOLUNTEER REQUIRED</p>	<p>Volunteers at Blackwell must be willing to work outside, live in a communal environment and like working with young children. Volunteers must be able to speak and understand the English language with confidence.</p> <p>If you have knowledge of or are involved in a youth organisation, Scouting or Guiding this is a favourable but not essential.</p> <p>As you will be part of a team, working well with others in a multitude of different circumstances will be expected.</p> <p>We accept both male and female volunteers.</p> <p>Volunteers must be over 18 years of age.</p>
<p>GENDER/ AGE OF SERVICE USERS</p>	<p>The majority of groups using the services are scouts, schools, youth groups, clubs etc. Therefore the majority of people taking part in the activities are aged 6-18 years old. The centre is also open to adult groups</p>
<p>LOCATION OF PROJECT</p>	<p>Blackwell Adventure is located just on the outskirts of Birmingham. From there, there are central rail, bus and airport links. The centre itself is 50 acres of parkland in a semi-rural idyllic setting.</p>
<p>ACCOMMODATION & CATERING/ FOOD</p>	<p>We offer a communal shared living experience. Rooms are 1 or 2 bed and are single sex. The site has shared bathroom and laundry facilities however there are 2 designated kitchens for staff to cook and store food as we do not supply you with meals.</p> <p>We do not supply meals for you however we pay a weekly food allowance for groceries.</p>

	There are 2 fully equipped kitchens for self-catering and food storage.
WORKING HOURS	You will work 5 days on 2 days off. Wherever possible we will try to give you these 2 days together but this is not always a guarantee and may not be a weekend. We start at 8.30am and finish around 5pm. During the busy periods you will be required to work till 8pm however this is on a rotational basis with breaks.
TIME OFF/ HOLIDAYS	Volunteers accrue holiday days but the amount depends on the length of your project. Holiday must be booked in advance and may not always be granted.
LEISURE TIME/ FACILITIES	Volunteers are encouraged to use the activities in their own time however the operating procedures must be adhered to. Wi-Fi is available.
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	http://www.blackwelladventure.co.uk/ for centre details. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UqEtP8arozM&feature=youtu.be video from previous volunteers showing her year.
NUMBER OF PLACES	1-2 only available for placements starting in February

Paccar Scout Activity Centre

<p>TYPE OF PROJECT</p>	<p>Paccar is a scout activity centre which aims to work with the development of young people. We were established in 1938 to provide a centre for scouts across the world to come and camp and undertake activities to help them develop spiritually, mentally and physically.</p> <p>We have continued this to this day where we undertake programmes for scouts, guides youth and school groups. Our aims are still the same today and that is the provision of inspirational leadership and development for young people.</p> <p>To undertake this we offer all the opportunity to take part in adventurous activities that can be used to stretch young people and old alike, to push their capabilities and learn their strengths and weaknesses.</p>
<p>TYPE OF WORK</p>	<p>The volunteer will be working alongside other volunteers of different ages and from different counties. You will be trained to deliver activity sessions in climbing, archery, high ropes, etc. You will also be working on the day to day upkeep of the centre this will include cleaning duties and some repairs to the centre. As many of our activities are off ground an ability to work at height would be an advantage.</p> <p>Depending on the time of year there are busier times when we have lots of groups camping however in the winter it is quieter and we will concentrate more on preparation for the coming season. So during the winter the tasks will include maintenance of the site and physical outdoor work.</p>
<p>TYPE OF VOLUNTEER NEEDED</p>	<p>The ideal volunteer will be someone who enjoys working in the outdoor environment; The volunteer must be interested in working with young people and be prepared to live with a diverse group of likeminded people. If you have a scouting, guiding or youth group back ground this is an advantage but not essential.</p> <p>Due to the nature of the British weather be prepared for cold and wet days during the autumn to spring months.</p> <p>Volunteers must be prepared to work outside, even when it's cold and raining.</p> <p>Projects accepts volunteers during September & February.</p> <p>We will accept male and female volunteer's however we require you to be at least 18 years of age. Whilst we do not have a maximum age an ideal range will be 18 to 25 but this is dependent on the experience and flexibility of the person applying</p>
<p>GENDER / AGE OF SERVICE USERS</p>	<p>The majority of groups using the services are scouts, schools, youth groups, clubs etc. Therefore the majority of people taking part in the activities are aged 6-18 years old. The centre is also open to adult groups</p>

LOCATION OF PROJECT	Paccar is situated on the ridge between Chalfont St. Peter and the river Colne in the beautiful Buckinghamshire countryside. The Centre is set in mixed woodland and is surrounded by open countryside.
ACCOMMODATION & CATERING / FOOD	All our staff live in shared accommodation. This is based in a lodge. Bedrooms have 1 or 2 beds. Volunteers at this project should be prepared to share a room. The building has shared use of toilet and washing facilities as well as kitchens where food can be prepared in the evenings and the weekends. Paccar provides shopping vouchers you will use as a group to buy your food and cook together. You will be taking a turn at cooking and washing up for the rest of the team on a rota basis. You will need to provide your own snacks etc.
WORKING HOURS	This varies with the time of year and the level of business we have in. Most weeks you will be allocated 2 rest days however in the busiest summer months this may only be 1 and the rest allocated at other times. This means that at busy times of year you may work more than 40 hours per week but we record the time volunteered so on average over the year you will not work more than 40 hours per week. Due to the nature of the business it is likely that the rest days will not be at weekends and not always consecutive
TIME OFF / HOLIDAYS	You will have the opportunity to take 10 days each 6 months, however this must be booked in advance and to coincide with business demands. It is not always possible to give holiday time off in the busy weeks and sometimes this may have to be taken at the end of the placement. In addition you will be given 2 weeks off over the Christmas period which will be your travel time. Please note, no holidays are to be taken in July and one week holiday must be taken during the last week of August.
LEISURE TIME / FACILITIES	Use of activity equipment depending on competence and availability. Close proximity to London and visitor attractions.
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	See the link to the website below. http://www.paccarscoutcamp.org/
NUMBER OF PLACES	1-4

Phasels Wood Activity Centre

<p>TYPE OF PROJECT</p>	<p>Phasels Wood is a scout activity centre which aims to work with the development of young people. They undertake programmes for scouts, guides youth and school groups. They offer a wide range of outdoor and adventure activities in a 95 acre site of meadow and woodland. Groups visiting the site can use the on-site accommodation or camp. They aim to provide adventurous activities that can be used to stretch young people and old alike, to push their capabilities and learn their strengths and weaknesses.</p>
<p>TYPE OF WORK</p>	<p>The volunteer will be working alongside other volunteers of different ages and from different counties. You will be trained to deliver activity sessions in climbing, archery, high ropes, etc. You will also be working on the day to day upkeep of the centre, which is largely cleaning duties and some repairs to the centre. As many of our activities are off ground an ability to work at height would be an advantage.</p> <p>Depending on the time of year there are busier times when we have lots of groups camping however in the winter it is quieter and we will concentrate more on preparation for the coming season. So during the winter the tasks will include maintenance of the site and physical outdoor work.</p>
<p>TYPE OF VOLUNTEER NEEDED</p>	<p>The ideal volunteer will be someone who enjoys working in the outdoor environment and as part of a team; The volunteer must be interested in working with young people and be prepared to live with a diverse group of likeminded people. If you have a scouting, guiding or youth group back ground this is an advantage but not essential.</p> <p>Due to the nature of the British weather be prepared for cold and wet days during the autumn to spring months.</p> <p>Volunteers must be prepared to work outside, even when it's cold and raining.</p> <p>Volunteers should be happy to be involved in both the activities and also the cleaning/maintenance duties.</p>
<p>GENDER / AGE OF SERVICE USERS</p>	<p>The majority of the people coming to the centre for activities are children and young people but Phasels Wood also offers activities for youth groups and companies</p>
<p>LOCATION OF PROJECT</p>	<p>Phasels Wood is situated in a 95 acre site of meadows and woodland in the Hertfordshire countryside in the Southeast of England. The closest station is 3 Km away in the village of Apsley, which is around 30 minutes by train to London.</p>

ACCOMMODATION & CATERING / FOOD	<p>Staff and volunteers live in shared accommodation on site. Bedrooms have 2 to 4 beds. Volunteers at this project should be prepared to share a room however at quieter times of year volunteers may have their own room. The building has shared use of toilet and washing facilities as well as kitchens where food can be prepared in the evenings and the weekends.</p> <p>Phasels Wood provide food for the volunteers. You will be taking a turn at cooking and washing up for the rest of the team on a rota basis. You will need to provide your own snacks etc.</p>
WORKING HOURS	<p>This varies with the time of year and the level of business we have in. Most weeks you will be allocated 2 rest days however in the busiest summer months this may only be 1 and the rest allocated at other times, We record the time volunteered so on average you will not work more than 40 hours per week. Due to the nature of the business it is likely that the rest days will not be at weekends and not always consecutive</p>
TIME OFF / HOLIDAYS	<p>You will have the opportunity to take 20 days/4 weeks over the course of the year, however this must be booked in advance and to coincide with business demands. It is not always possible to give holiday time off in the busiest weeks.</p>
LEISURE TIME / FACILITIES	<p>Use of activity equipment depending on competence and availability. Close proximity to London and visitor attractions.</p>
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	<p>See the link to the website below. https://www.phaselswood.org.uk/</p>
NUMBER OF PLACES	<p>September intake - 2 volunteers</p>

Pioneer Centre

<p>TYPE OF PROJECT</p>	<p>The Pioneer Centre (part of the Northampton Association of Youth Clubs, Registered Charity number 803431) is an activity and conference centre combined and has as its motto "Releasing potential in all through outdoor education, retreats and training." It can accommodate up to 300 guests, and welcomed over 30,000 visitors (including non-residential day groups) each year. As an AALA licensed and fully accredited outdoor activity centre, it is used by many kinds of groups, such as schools, youth groups, clubs, church groups, etc. Young people come to the centre to experience the thrill and excitement of being challenged physically, mentally and socially, by taking part in the indoor and outdoor activities on offer. Companies also send their staff to the centre for courses on teambuilding, personal development and management training, although the majority of groups come from local schools.</p> <p>The centre is built on Christian foundations and many of the staff are committed Christians, however the centre welcomes all guests regardless of race, religion or creed. There is a balance of faith and non-faith groups using the centre and the organisations mission statement applies to all "To assist all young people in reaching their full potential through sport and creative activity in a caring, accepting and safe environment - sharing enthusiasm and building self-esteem through relationships."</p> <p>Just some of the activities run by qualified staff are: high ropes course, raft building, abseiling/climbing, aerial runway, orienteering, night walks, fencing, archery, environmental activities, initiative games, swimming. They also run full facilitation personal development courses.</p> <p>Website: http://www.actioncentres.co.uk/pioneer-centre/</p>
<p>TYPE OF WORK</p>	<p>Volunteers will work as part of the Activity Team. When they first arrive they will receive a lot of training on the activities, managing groups, teamwork and soft skills, etc. This will allow them to participate as activity instructors after approximately 6-8 weeks. During the first month, the volunteer will spend their time learning how the centre works, health and safety issues and initially taking part in the activities themselves and then following training courses/in-house training.</p> <p>Once the induction and training period is over Volunteers will work alongside activity instructors with the groups who visit the centre. Volunteers will work assisting and leading activities such as abseiling, climbing, fencing, high ropes course, challenge course, initiative games, team building exercises and archery. Other areas of work include checking the equipment and being aware of safety issues at all times. Volunteers are also expected to help out with general maintenance work around the site and occasionally with the House team (making beds, cleaning). There is also scope for volunteers help plan and run less formal activities such as games around the camp fire, treasure hunts, nature trails and story-telling.</p>

<p>TYPE OF VOLUNTEER NEEDED</p>	<p>The project is looking for male or female volunteers aged over 18 years old who are outgoing, flexible, reliable and have a pro-active attitude. Volunteers should have an interest in working with young people and doing outdoor work and activities. Volunteers with an interest in team building, soft skills and the personal development of groups would find this project especially interesting.</p> <p>A general level of fitness is expected as most of the work is of a physical nature</p> <p><u>A very good level of English is required for communications purposes with staff and clients alike</u></p> <p>Although there is no requirement for volunteers to be Christians, Being a Christian organisation volunteers should be sympathetic towards its aims and values of Christianity and the Christian ethos of the centre. The Campus has a no smoking policy and no alcohol is allowed on the site. All staff and volunteers are expected to show respect and tolerance for each other - person and property. A spirit of cooperation and mutual support is encouraged.</p>
<p>LOCATION OF PROJECT</p>	<p>The Pioneer Centre is located on the edge of the picturesque Shropshire town of Cleobury Mortimer (20 minutes walk to town, 10 minutes level walk to the bus stop). The project is in a rural environment but is within commuting distance to Birmingham (1 hours drive by car to the centre) and is well connected by regular buses during the day to Kidderminster (13 miles East) which has a train station. Lifts from the project to town are nearly always available on negotiation with members of staff etc.</p>
<p>ACCOMMODATION & CATERING / FOOD</p>	<p>Volunteers' accommodation is situated in staff "lodges" on site. They accommodate between 10 – 20 people per lodge, and all volunteers and staff live there. Volunteers may share a bedroom with one other person – there are single rooms as well and sharing rooms depends on availability of single rooms. In each lodge there is a living room with a television and video recorder, which you share with other people living in the lodge. There is a small kitchen with basic cooking facilities. Washing and laundry facilities are available. Access to Internet/Email is available.</p> <p>The centre provides all meals. In addition, there is a kitchen with basic cooking facilities. Staff and volunteers normally prepare their own breakfast in the lodge kitchens.</p>
<p>WORKING HOURS</p>	<p>Work is operated on a shift system that includes some evening and occasionally some weekend work. Volunteers generally work between 8.30 – 5.30 with a 1 hour lunch break and breaks in the morning and the afternoon. Volunteers will work on average 40 hours per week.</p>
<p>TIME OFF / HOLIDAYS</p>	<p>There are 2 rest days per week, not necessarily consecutive, with such rest days varying to suit how busy the Centre is. The volunteers will receive 5 days holiday for every 3 months worked at the Centre</p>

LEISURE TIME / FACILITIES	In the village of Cleobury Mortimer there are shops, restaurants, church, etc. Amenities associated with a larger town are available in Kidderminster which is accessible by bus. Volunteers will also be invited on the different social activities that the centre runs for volunteers and staff. This can include trips to others areas in the UK, canoeing, falconry and trips to other Activity Centres.
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	Please note that the start dates for this project are sometime earlier than the normal start dates for the ICYE programme in the UK. Volunteers at this project will still attend an On Arrival camp with ICYE-UK but it maybe 2-4 weeks after their arrival date.
NUMBER OF PLACES	2

Thriftwood Scout Activity Centre

<p>TYPE OF PROJECT</p>	<p>Thriftwood is a Scout Activity Centre which aims to work with the development of young people. We were established in 1957 as a living memorial to those Scouts who died during the two world wars. We provide camping and activities for Scouts from across the world to come and help them develop spiritually, mentally and physically.</p> <p>We have continued to this day where we undertake programmes for Scouts, Guides, Youth groups and Schools. Our aims are the same today as there were almost 60years ago, to provide inspirational leadership and development of young people.</p> <p>To undertake this we off all the opportunity to take part in adventurous activities that can be used to stretch people young and old alike, to push their capabilities and learn their strengths and weaknesses.</p>
<p>TYPE OF WORK</p>	<p>The volunteer will be working alongside other volunteers and apprentices of different ages and from different countries. You will be trained to deliver activity sessions in climbing, archery, high ropes, kayaking etc. You will be working on the day to day upkeep of the centre. This will include cleaning and repairs. As many of our activities are off ground an ability to work at height would be an advantage. The ability to swim is also advantageous.</p> <p>We also run large events throughout the year, these are immense fun but very hard work, with longer than usual hours.</p> <p>Depending on the time of year there are busier times when we have lots of groups camping however in the winter it is quieter and we will concentrate more on preparation for the coming season. So during the winter the tasks will include maintenance of the site and physical outdoor work.</p>
<p>TYPE OF VOLUNTEER REQUIRED</p>	<p>The ideal volunteer will be someone who enjoys working in the outdoor environment; The volunteer must be interested in working with young people and be prepared to live with a diverse group of likeminded people. If you have a scouting, guiding or youth group back ground this is an advantage but not essential.</p> <p>Due to the nature of the British weather be prepared for cold and wet days during the autumn to spring months.</p> <p>Volunteers must be prepared to work outside, even when it's cold and raining.</p> <p>We will accept male and female volunteer's however we require you to be at least 18 years of age. Whilst we do not have a maximum age an ideal range will be 18 to 25 but this is dependent on the experience and flexibility of the person applying.</p>
<p>GENDER/ AGE OF SERVICE USERS</p>	<p>The majority of groups using the services are scouts, schools, youth groups, clubs etc. Therefore the majority of people taking part in the activities are aged 6-18 years old. The centre is also open to adult groups</p>
<p>LOCATION OF PROJECT</p>	<p>Thriftwood is 98 acres of mixed woodland in the heart of Brentwood Essex. We are a 20 min walk from the train station and this is a 20 minute train ride to central London, or Southend and the beach.</p>
<p>ACCOMMODATION & CATERING/ FOOD</p>	<p>All our staff live in shared accommodation. This is based in a lodge and caravans. Most volunteers will have their own bedroom, although on occasion they might be required to share with another volunteer of the same sex. Volunteers at this project should be</p>

	<p>prepared to share a living room. Both buildings' have shared use of toilet and washing facilities as well as kitchens where food can be prepared in the evenings and the weekends. You will be cooking for yourselves with the rest of the team in the staff accommodation lodge. We provide the team with a budget each week, with which you will need to plan, buy and cook the meals together with the rest of the team living in the accommodation.</p>
WORKING HOURS	<p>This varies with the time of year and the level of business we have in. Most weeks you will be allocated 2 rest days however in the busiest summer months (May to August) this may only be 1 and the rest allocated at other times, We record the time volunteered so on average you will not work more than 40 hours per week. Due to the nature of the business it is likely that the rest days will not be at weekends and not always consecutive</p>
TIME OFF/ HOLIDAYS	<p>You will have the opportunity to take 2 weeks holiday each 6 months, however this must be booked in advance and to coincide with business demands. It is not always possible to give holiday time off in the busy weeks and sometimes this may have to be taken at the end of the placement. 2 weeks must be used over the Christmas period which will be your travel time. Please note that no holidays are to be taken in July.</p>
LEISURE TIME/ FACILITIES	<p>Use of activity equipment depending on competence and availability, staff social for all staff. Close proximity to London and visitor attractions. Wi-Fi connection available for own laptop/workbook</p>
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	<p>Full training is provided. Only 20 minute walk from town and train station for links to London & Southend. See link to website: http://www.thriftwood.org.uk/</p>
NUMBER OF PLACES	1-2

PROJECTS SUPPORTING YOUNG PEOPLE

Aston Mansfield

OK Club

Aston Mansfield

<p>TYPE OF PROJECT</p>	<p>Aston-Mansfield is a not for profit organisation, and a registered charity. They have been working in East London since 1884. The objectives of the charity are to develop the community wealth of East London and promote a diverse and inclusive society in which all are free to participate. These are achieved through several structured programmes and a range of activities supporting people of all ages, cultures and abilities, principally within the London Borough of Newham.</p> <p>They run two local community centres based in Manor Park and Forest Gate. They provide a full holiday and after school programme for primary school children. They currently deliver youth services for SEN, young people with emerging mental health issues, an outreach service and a youth leadership programme.</p>
<p>TYPE OF WORK</p>	<p>There are two volunteer positions, one with the Children's team and the other in the Youth Departments of Aston-Mansfield.</p> <p>The volunteer in the Children's team will assist staff in providing a stimulating play programme for children attending various sessions within Aston-Mansfield's community centres. Activities can include arts and crafts, sports and games, cookery, dance, music, drama, daytrips and outdoor pursuits. The volunteer will have some office-based hours where he/she will develop play programmes. This will include sourcing materials and contacting outside organisations.</p> <p>In the Youth Team the volunteer will assist staff in the provision of the youth services. This includes assisting young people play an active role in the youth group, enabling the young people to work effectively in groups and providing them with information and support. The volunteer in the youth team will spend 50% of their time in office-based hours, helping to plan and develop activities and events, conducting desktop research, assisting with admin and working on marketing materials or social media content.</p>
<p>TYPE OF VOLUNTEER REQUIRED</p>	<p>Volunteers should be self-motivated, willing to take on new challenges, and open to working with people of all backgrounds and cultures. This is a Christian organisation, we do not impose our beliefs onto others, but we would expect volunteers to be open and sympathetic to our beliefs. Volunteers also need to be flexible in their approach to work, and willing to discuss their experiences with others, whilst supporting the ethos and policies of the project.</p>
<p>LOCATION OF PROJECT</p>	<p>The project is based in Manor Park which is in East London approximately 40 minutes by public transport from the centre of the city.</p>

ACCOMMODATION	The volunteers are provided with accommodation with a host family. The host family is one of the Board members of the organisation and live locally. The volunteer will have their own bedroom in the host family and share the bathroom, kitchen and living space with the family. Volunteers are provided with an allowance to buy their food.
CATERING/ FOOD	Volunteers are provided with an allowance to buy their own food.
WORKING HOURS	Monday to Friday 37.5 hours per week.
TIME OFF/ HOLIDAYS	Volunteers have 2 days off per week (usually Saturday and Sunday). For every month you volunteer with Aston-Mansfield you get 2 days holiday (this cannot be taken during the UK national school summer holidays). Holiday must be confirmed with the staff in advance.
TELEPHONE/ INTERNET ACCESS	There is phone and internet access with Wifi.
LEISURE TIME/ FACILITIES	There is easy access to all facilities and amenities you could expect in a city and also to London's tourist attractions museums, etc. Manor Park itself is a residential area, but a short bus ride from the 2012 Olympic Park, a Sikh temple, theatres in Stratford and Westfield Shopping Centre. Not far from Epping forest for walks / outdoor activities.
CURRENT NUMBER OF PLACES	2

The OK Club

TYPE OF PROJECT	<p>The OK Club is a youth club in Kilburn, North-West London. The OK Club originated from the Oxford Boys' Club Trust which was formed in 1958. The following year the disused St. Luke's Hall was purchased (site of the current OK Club) and with the support of local young people and helpers from nearby churches, the significant refurbishment required was carried out. The Club opened officially in 1961. The OK Club now offers a range of activities and opportunities in the afternoons and evenings for children and young people aged 5 – 18 from the local area. The OK Club works with young people and their families to help build character and capabilities, as they grow into active and engaged adults. We will provide opportunities for young people to explore their spirituality and their place in the world, and build positive relationships they can rely on. The OK Club works closely with the local churches and their work is motivated by their Christian Faith.</p>
TYPE OF WORK	<p>Volunteers at OK Club work with the children and young people using the centre. Volunteers help to run the various youth and children's club sessions that take place during the week. Activities in the sessions vary but can include, team games, arts and craft, table tennis, board games, baking, sports, topical discussions, football, etc. Volunteers are also involved in the planning, preparation and admin of the different sessions. Volunteers are an active member of the team at the OK Club, they receive training and guidance in their role from staff.</p>
TYPE OF VOLUNTEER REQUIRED	<p>The OK Club are looking for volunteers who are motivated to work with young people and who have a proactive approach to work. They need to be calm, friendly, reliable and patient and be able to provide motivation to the children and young people using the centre. Volunteers should be sympathetic towards the organisations aims and values of Christianity and the Christian ethos of the centre. Volunteers must be over 18 years old.</p>
GENDER/ AGE OF SERVICE USERS	<p>The OK Club has sessions for children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years old.</p>
LOCATION OF PROJECT	<p>The OK Club is based in South Kilburn, which is in the London Borough of Brent (North West London). It is an urban area that is undergoing regeneration. There are excellent transport links and easy access to central London and all facilities associated with a large city</p>
ACCOMMODATION & CATERING/ FOOD	<p>Volunteers are provided with accommodation at Christian Holt House which is on the same site as the OK Club but separate from where the club's activities take place. Volunteers have their own room but share the other facilities (bathroom, kitchen, etc.) with other volunteers and staff. There is no alcohol or smoking allowed on site and there are restrictions on visitors. The Christian Holt House has a communal food allowance and food is shared among all the residents. Volunteers prepare food either for themselves or together with the other residents</p>

WORKING HOURS	Volunteers will work 35 hours a week, normally from Monday to Friday. Hours vary depending on the sessions but typically shifts are 5 – 8 hours and work is usually in the afternoons and evenings.
TIME OFF/ HOLIDAYS	Volunteers have 2 days off per week, this is normally Saturday and Sunday but on occasion when they work weekends then they will have a day off in the week instead. Volunteers have 4 weeks holiday during the year (for a 12 month placement) and have national holidays off. Holidays must be confirmed with the staff in advance.
LEISURE TIME/ FACILITIES	There is easy access to all facilities and amenities you could expect in a city and also to London's tourist attractions museums, etc. There is phone and internet access at the OK Club
NUMBER OF PLACES	1

PROJECTS SUPPORTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE

Catholic Worker Farm

THE CATHOLIC WORKER FARM

TYPE OF PROJECT	The Catholic Worker Farm is an organisation which promotes the themes of the Catholic Workers Movement: the Hospitality, community, voluntary poverty, resistance and sustainability. The aim of the project is to provide food, accommodation and support for destitute women and children. These women are asylum seekers or trafficked women who are unable to work or claim government benefits. The Catholic Worker Farm provides a safe environment where these women can try to rebuild their lives with the help of the volunteers and staff
TYPE OF WORK	<p>Role and task</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DIY, Administration, gardening for self-supply, cleaning, maintenance of the house inside and out. • Pick up donations and buildings material • Accompanying women to doctor and dentist • Writing Newsletter, editing website, handling social media accounts • Mainly learning by doing
TYPE OF VOLUNTEER REQUIRED	Polite and friendly behaviour, respectful contact with the guests
GENDER/ AGE OF SERVICE USERS	Women, some with their children
LOCATION OF PROJECT	Rickmansworth, North-West London Two busses, 324 (towards Rickmansworth and Watford) and 724 (towards Uxbridge, Heathrow Airport and Rickmansworth), London Underground from Rickmansworth
ACCOMMODATION	<p>Buildings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 houses: The Farm House and Mary House. The farm is for women only, and Mary • House is for mothers with children. • Two volunteers (girls or couple) are accommodated at Mary House - in a shared bedroom. Up to 4 volunteers can stay at the Farm - in shared bedrooms • Volunteers have access to all of the property
CATERING/ FOOD	Volunteers eat together with the staff members and women of the shelter. Meals are cooked either by the women living in the house, staff members or the volunteers. 90% of the food at the CWF is donated. They also grow their own vegetables/fruit in the garden.
WORKING HOURS	40 hours of varying work a week, from Monday to Saturday morning. The volunteers have Sundays and Saturday afternoons off + another half day anytime during the week (except on Wednesdays)
TIME OFF/ HOLIDAYS	Volunteers accrue two days of holiday per month for the duration of the project 6 month - (1 year)

TELEPHONE/ INTERNET ACCESS	YES
LEISURE TIME/ FACILITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post office, small super market and two bistros ca 10 minutes walking, you will find more in Rickmansworth • GP practice in Rickmansworth, register with a registration form and a proof of address letter • William Penn Leisure Centre 2,2 mil from our farm: Gym, Sauna
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	<p>Scott Albrecht is managing the place, he has the overview and makes the final decisions, but the process is very transparent.</p> <p>Support system</p> <p>Scott and Birthe Albrecht are supervisors and contact persons in any case</p> <p>Grievances are taken very seriously and are talked about until a solution is found</p>
CURRENT NUMBER OF PLACES	3: 1 male & 2 female
INTAKE OF VOLUNTEERS	6



ICYE UK Project Preferences

Name: _____

Country: _____

INTERESTS AND PRIORITY LIST

Hopefully you have read carefully the work profile giving you an insight into the various kinds of volunteer work placements in the UK. In order for us to find a good placement for you, we need to know as much as possible about your interests, priorities and preferences. Please fill out this form by numbering your preferences, i.e. 1 by your first choice, 2 by your second choice, and so on.

Please fill out this form and return it to ICYE UK as part of your application form.

Who would you like to volunteer with?

(Please rank the following in order of preference (1-4), with 1 being your first choice and 4 being your last choice)

Children (5-16 Years Old)	
Young People (12-25 Years Old)	
Adults (25-65 Years Old)	
Elderly / Old People (65+ Years Old)	

Areas I would like to volunteer in:

(Please rank the following in order of preference (1-6), with 1 being your first choice and 6 being your last choice)

Supporting People with Disabilities in a residential centre	
Supporting People with Disabilities in their own homes	
Supporting Students with Disabilities in Education	
Supporting People with Learning Disabilities in their own homes.	
Supporting Outdoor Sports and Activities	
Supporting Disadvantaged People and/or the Homeless	

I would like to volunteer in the following environment:

(Please rank the following in order of preference (1-3), with 1 being your first choice and 3 being your last choice)

Volunteering in a centre	
Volunteering with people in their own homes	
Volunteering Outside (even when it is raining and cold!)	

Personal Care (this can mean helping a client at a meal time to eat or drink, helping them to wash themselves or go to the toilet, helping them to get dressed in the morning, etc.)
 (Please rank the following in order of preference (1-4), with 1 being your first choice and 4 being your last choice)

I am happy doing regular personal care	
I am happy helping with occasional personal care	
I would rather not do personal care, but I will if needed	
I do not want to do any personal care	

I would like to live:

(Please rank the following in order of preference (1-4), with 1 being your first choice and 4 being your last choice)

In the countryside	
In a small town / village	
In a large town	
In a big city	

My preferred accommodation would be:

(Please rank the following in order of preference (1-3), with 1 being your first choice and 3 being your last choice)

In volunteer accommodation in the same location as my host project, this would involve only a short walk to my project.	
In volunteer accommodation which is separate from my host project, this would involve using public transport to get to my project each day.	
In accommodation which is shared with 1-2 clients with learning disabilities.	

Living with other International volunteers

(Please rank the following in order of preference (1-4), with 1 being your first choice and 4 being your last choice)

I would like to live on my own	
I would like to live with 1-2 volunteers	
I would like to live with 3-4 volunteers	
I would like to live with 5 + volunteers	

Working with other volunteers:

(Please rank the following in order of preference (1-2), with 1 being your first choice and 2 being your last choice)

I would like to work on my own	
I would like to work in a team	

My Top 3 project choices are:

1. Choice	
Why would you like to be placed in this project?	
2. Choice	
Why would you like to be placed in this project?	
3. Choice	
Why would you like to be placed in this project?	

Please be aware that this form is designed to help us find you the best possible project placement for you. However we cannot guarantee that you will be placed in one of your top 3 project choices.