

InterVol Volunteer Role Description and Person Specification



Project	Sambhali Trust Project, Rajasthan, India
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Purpose	The Sambhali Trust, works to develop the skills of women and girls in Jodhpur, Rajasthan. Our volunteers will support this work with positions available in a range of internship-style roles as well as being involved in education activities and workshops at the centre.
Working with	Sambhali Trust, http://www.sambhali-trust.org/
Location	Jodhpur, Rajasthan, North-Western India.
Post duration	4-8 weeks (negotiable).

InterVol are looking for new volunteers to join this year's team of students, travelling overseas to make a difference to the communities and partner charities we work with.

InterVol

Since 2003 over 650 student volunteers have taken part in international projects through InterVol and our long-term partner organisations. Our volunteers have provided more than 100,000 hours of hard work and £250,000 of funding, focusing on community development, conservation and poverty reduction projects.

InterVol want to maximise the long-term impact that student volunteers can make by focusing on initiatives that contribute to the capacity of non-governmental organisations and communities. We want to provide ethical international volunteering opportunities that are accessible and rewarding for students with appropriate skills to make a strong contribution overseas.

Role Description

InterVol volunteers provide a valuable contribution to our overseas partner organisations. They give their time and skills to increase the capacity of organisations at peak times of the year as well as raising valuable funds to support to sustainability of the projects all year round.

This project works with the Sambhali Trust, a registered not-for-profit organisation in Jodhpur, North-Western India. Sambhali work to develop and empower women and girls in this region through a range of practical education and training initiatives. These include training women in sewing and embroidery, general education for disadvantaged girls, and programmes to address sexual and domestic abuse.

Main Duties and Responsibilities:

Volunteer - You will travel out to Jodhpur to support the activities at the centre for 4-8 weeks. Volunteers are expected to have skills in education or running activities with children; an interest in social work and development are welcomed. There are roles available also in administrative and communications/IT positions subject to the skills of the volunteers recruited.

Fundraising - Each project team commits to their fundraising target that contributes to Sambhali's work. All funds raised are spent on the partner's activities in Rajasthan. Volunteers cover the costs for their own travel, insurance, training and accommodation expenses.

Develop your skills – You are expected to either have skills and experience related to social work, education or running activities with children, or be prepared to work to gain and develop these in the UK before you travel overseas.

Attend training - You will attend the required training, both at your university and the national InterVol training day, to make sure you are prepared and appropriately-skilled to work on your project. You will need to obtain a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check to volunteer on this project.

Person Specification

InterVol need volunteers who are ready to give their time and energy. We ask volunteers to join with a willingness to learn and a desire to help others.

Essential

- Volunteering experience - this is not essential at the time of applying. If you haven't volunteered before InterVol can provide guidance on how and where you can volunteer in the UK before you go on your project. We will recommend projects that develop your relevant skills in preparation for your overseas project.
- Knowledge of or experience of working in social development. Examples could include volunteer experience from local UK charities addressing poverty or domestic abuse or study-related knowledge in social work or social science.
- Experience of supporting and running activities for children.
- Resilient - we are asking volunteers to work in unfamiliar countries, often living in basic accommodation. You need to be up for the challenge!
- Willing to give your time, your energy, your compassion. These are all crucial ingredients to a successful project and volunteer experience.

- Good communication skills - you need to be able to talk to people, often with very different backgrounds and cultural norms to you. We expect volunteers to learn at least basic language skills of their project location to assist their work.

Desirable

- International development - understanding of key humanitarian and development issues such as poverty, health, education and environmental issues. Particularly those facing the region you are to work in.