

InterVol Volunteer Role Description and Person Specification



Project	NAYO (Nancholi Youth Organization), Malawi
Date reviewed	November 2018
Purpose	The aim of this volunteer position is to work with NAYO to support rural community development through supporting their rural health centre activities.
Working with	NAYO, https://nayoинmalawi.wordpress.com/
Location	Nancholi (near Blantyre) and surrounding area, Southern Malawi.
Post duration	4-6 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 is in conjunction with the charity NAYO, a registered non-governmental organisation in Malawi. Volunteers will support work in the NAYO community health centre and where possible with community outreach and health provision projects. This project is a new partnership for InterVol in summer 2019 so the team will be piloting the approach and playing a crucial role in setting up what is hoped to be a long-term link.

Main Duties and Responsibilities:

Volunteer - You will travel out to Nancholi, Malawi, supporting the community health centre run by NAYO. There are a range of ongoing activities that volunteers will support including health education, community health outreach work and more administrative support within the centre. Health education work will be with a range of ages groups and covers a range of topics, including sexual and reproductive health.

Fundraising - Each project team commits to their fundraising target that contributes to NAYO's work. Funds raised will support the delivery of health outreach work by NAYO and the construction of a new HIV/AIDS treatment clinic. All funds raised are spent on the project itself. 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 healthcare and/or work 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.
- Experience or knowledge of healthcare (e.g. first aid, health campaigns, human biology). Those lacking this will be supported to gain skills in the UK before the overseas project.
- Experience of supporting and running education activities for children or adolescents.
- 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 and at times about sensitive topics such as sexual health and HIV/AIDS. 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.