

concordia 2026 UK PROGRAMME

International Volunteer Projects



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Introduction

At Concordia, we believe in life-changing opportunities. As a UK charity, we exist to guide people from around the world towards experiences that help them grow. As individuals, as families and as communities.

For more than 80 years, we've connected people with safe, fair and meaningful opportunities, from volunteering projects abroad to seasonal work in the UK.

Every journey is different, but all share the same outcome: opportunity that changes lives.

International Volunteering

We guide people towards volunteering opportunities that build confidence, broaden their perspective, and create lasting friendships. Our international volunteering programme supports people of all ages to undertake meaningful and locally driven volunteering projects worldwide, either individually or as groups.

Group Volunteering

Contact us for bespoke group volunteering in the UK and overseas. Concordia can plan every element of a trip, meeting specific needs, ensuring the best experience and making it safe and stress-free. We have a portfolio of trips and testimonials ready to share.

As part of two of the biggest international volunteer networks, the Alliance of European Voluntary Service Organisations and the Committee for International Voluntary Service Organisations (CCIVS), we share quality standards for our projects as well as the ethos that drives our work. We collaborate with our global partners, to develop more than 1,000 volunteer projects that take place all over the world.

These projects are designed for individuals and groups. Volunteer projects take place throughout the year and vary in length, so you can fit your experience around work and study commitments.



Seasonal Workers Programme

Concordia supports the UK farming industry through the supply of labour, skills and resources. We offer people of all ages from all over the world the opportunity to work in the UK on horticultural farms to learn skills, gain work experience and earn money.

We believe that the ethical supply of labour is vital to the UK farming industry and to promote intercultural understanding. Concordia is one of six government-trusted and recognised organisations that provides work permits to overseas workers. Our ethos of excellent customer service, professionalism, reliable labour provision and training ensures we are the first choice for those wishing to come to the UK to work.

The Seasonal Worker Scheme is reliant on a local agent in- country and doesn't apply worldwide.

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UK Volunteering Programme Information

Volunteers who participate in a Concordia project come from a diverse range of backgrounds, nationalities and cultures and have different abilities and experience. It is this diversity that makes the projects such a unique and fun experience. Volunteers who come to the UK apply through our partner organisations abroad and must meet the following criteria:

- be aged 18+ for our adult projects and 16-17 when taking part in our teenage projects.
- be open-minded and flexible.
- be able to communicate in English without difficulty. Some projects that include volunteering with children may ask that you have a good level of English.
- be highly motivated if applying to work with children or on social projects.

- most projects require volunteers to produce a Certificate of Good Conduct/Police check (the equivalent of a UK Disclosure and Barring Service commonly referred to as DBS check).
- be prepared to participate in all aspects of life on the project including the domestic chores such as shopping, cooking and cleaning.
- be physically fit enough to do the work involved, which varies.
- be aware of potential cold and wet weather in the UK and bring appropriate clothing and footwear.
- be prepared to carry out the work that is expected of them in a responsible manner, with due regard for personal safety and the safety of others.

Concordia Projects

Generally volunteering lasts 5-8 hours per day with lunch/tea breaks included. On most long-term projects there are two days off each week, though these are not always consecutive and not always at the weekend.

Social Activities

Adult projects do not offer an organised leisure programme and social activities will depend on the nature and location of the project. The group is responsible for organising its own free time activities. Volunteers are expected to bring additional spending money.

On teenage projects Concordia will organise a programme of activities during the free time involving a blend of cultural leisure trips and visits.

Important! Leisure time spent with the other volunteers is central to the international volunteer experience. Volunteers are expected to participate in the group based activities.

What the Project Provides:

Food - Most groups will cook for themselves and will receive a food allowance adequate to prepare meals on a self-catering basis. Volunteers will be responsible for organising the shopping, cooking and cleaning. Some projects may be catered (i.e. meals will be provided); if this is the case it will be indicated in the project description. On most teenage projects volunteers will be provided with the ingredients to make meals for the duration of the project. Volunteers who have any specific dietary requirements need to inform Concordia in advance.



Accommodation - This will vary from project to project and can be quite basic. It will usually be on the project site, or nearby for example in a local school, youth centre, in tents, etc. Basic cooking and washing facilities are provided. In some teenage projects volunteers may stay in youth hostels or residential accommodation offered by the host.

Insurance - Concordia provides basic medical insurance for volunteers whilst on the project. This covers accident and illness. Travel and personal possessions are not covered. We strongly advise volunteers take out a comprehensive travel insurance policy.

Information sheets including travel information - These are sent to volunteers approximately six weeks before the project is due to start.

What the Volunteer needs to bring -

Volunteers from the European Union should bring with them a Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC or EHIC), which will entitle them to urgent medical treatment. Volunteers are advised to take out insurance for travel, health, luggage and personal belongings especially for the journeys to and from the project. Neither Concordia nor the host organisation can be held responsible for volunteers' personal possessions whilst they are in the UK.

- Volunteers may be asked to bring their own sleeping bags/roll mats unless otherwise indicated in the project description.
- Volunteers must arrive at the project equipped with the correct workwear and warm, waterproof clothing and footwear. This is particularly important for camping, environmental, renovation and outdoor projects.
- On adult projects, volunteers must bring with them sufficient funds to cover some of their free time activities and internal travel.
- On teenage projects local transportation and free time activities are covered by the extra fee, although we still recommend bringing a small amount of funds to pay for personal expenses, which can be used on leisure trips. There will be one trained Concordia staff member for every 10 young people.

Working with Children or Adults with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities SEND

Under the terms of the Children Act 2014 and in line with OFSTED guidelines on child protection, Volunteers working with under 18 year olds and adults at risk, must be checked to ensure that they have no criminal record. All volunteers participating in a project working with children or people with special educational needs will be required to produce a Certificate of Good Conduct or international Criminal Record Check. A copy of the certificate needs to be sent to the Concordia office, by email as soon as it is available. These certificates are generally obtainable from local police stations and in some cases the forms can be downloaded from the internet. The process usually takes 2-4 weeks, and a small charge may be incurred. Failure to provide this certificate may mean that you are unable to participate in the project.

Quality Charter

The health and wellbeing of volunteers is a commitment that Concordia takes very seriously, and Concordia works within the parameters of the Alliance Quality Charter. The full document can be found at: www.alliance-network.eu

Equal Opportunities

Concordia projects are open to people over the age of 16 of any disability, gender, marriage, civil partnership, maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation. All applications are treated on an individual basis and in cases where volunteers have specific needs Concordia endeavours to find volunteering opportunities suited to their needs. In addition to this Concordia strives to ensure that the volunteers on the project are part of a group that is as internationally diverse as possible and tries to avoid having too many volunteers from the same country on the same project.

Confidentiality and Data Protection

In compliance with The Data Protection Act 2018, Concordia is committed to complying with privacy and data protection laws and being transparent. Concordia will not pass on the details of any of the volunteers on our database to any persons other than the international partner organisation abroad or the UK host organisation to which they are applying. Email addresses may be shared with other volunteers on the database as part of a contact group, if prior consent is given by the volunteer. If a volunteer does not want their contact details to be passed on to other volunteers, or to be contacted regarding further opportunities and activities with Concordia, they will have the opportunity to opt out.



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Complaints Procedure

Complaints with respect to administrative procedures by Concordia should be addressed to the Volunteer Programmes Manager directly. If a volunteer has a problem/complaint during the project they are encouraged to inform the project host as soon as possible. They should also report the issue the Concordia UK Team who support all volunteers while on a project. Volunteers are advised to make a complaint at the time of the problem and not wait until they leave. All volunteers are encouraged to provide full and honest feedback. Concordia is committed to ensuring volunteers have the best experience possible.

International Volunteers

Concordia works on a basis of reciprocal exchange with international partner organisations. All incoming volunteers on adult projects need to pay a fee of £150 (GBP). Volunteers can pay this by PayPal, Stripe or bank transfer. This fee is a contribution to the administration and staffing costs of Concordia's volunteer programmes. Any additional fees will be stated clearly in the project description.

Volunteers on Teenage projects

Volunteers on Teenage projects have to pay an extra fee that varies from project to project. For the exact amount please refer to the individual project descriptions. This fee will cover all costs of food, accommodation, transport, leisure activities as well as administration and staffing costs.

UK- Based volunteers

UK-Based volunteers interested in joining one of the projects listed in this programme should contact the office for details of availability and for an application form.

Group Volunteering

With an increased demand from companies and youth organisations, Concordia can arrange bespoke group trips and

Volunteering from one day to two weeks, in the UK or overseas.

We prepare the groups thoroughly before their journey, and once abroad the groups enjoy volunteering, environmental and community work, cultural workshops and exploring the local area. Groups are usually between 10 and 25 people aged 14 and over. Concordia can also host groups from our international partners looking for a unique experience in the UK.

We are part of a global community – we work with partners and people from all over the world. However, we always support local projects too.

We ensure that we only deliver ethical, sustainable and impactful programmes that truly work for our programme participants. We campaign for change in the unethical practices that can exist in the sectors we work in. We collaborate on all our programmes, working with partners who can support us to deliver the best possible programmes. We value collaborative practices in our staff team. Working together is always our preferred way of getting things done.



Kind

Our focus is on the **wellbeing** of everyone who participates in our programmes so they have a positive, fair and rewarding experience. We ensure a high degree of attention to detail for every person who takes part and their individual needs.



Courageous

We are courageous and **stand up for individuals**, making sure everyone benefits from our programmes. We engage constructively with governments and other key stakeholders to ensure our programmes are robust and ethical.

UK ELECTRONIC TRAVEL AUTHORISATION (ETA) / VISAS

Most volunteers travelling to the UK will require either an Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) or an appropriate UK visa, depending on their nationality, length of stay, and the nature of their volunteering.

Volunteers are personally responsible for ensuring they hold the correct permission to enter and volunteer in the UK. All applicants must check their individual requirements using the official UK government website before making any arrangements:

www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa

The Concordia team can provide general guidance and administrative support, but cannot offer legal or immigration advice.

Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) Depending on nationality, travellers may be required to obtain an Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) before entering the UK. The ETA currently costs £16. Processing times are typically around 3 working days, but this is not guaranteed. An ETA is generally valid for 2 years from the date of issue and allows multiple entries to the UK, with each stay limited to a maximum of 6 months.

Standard Visitor Visa (30 days)

Volunteers who are not eligible for an ETA may need to apply for a Standard Visitor Visa, which currently costs £127. This visa allows visits of up to 30 days.

Charity Worker Visa (over 30 days)

For volunteering placements exceeding 30 days, a UK Charity Worker Visa is required. This visa allows up to 12 months of unpaid voluntary work, provided the work is directly related to the purpose of a registered UK charity.

Current costs include:

- Visa application fee: £319
- Certificate of Sponsorship (CoS): £55
- Demonstrate a minimum of £1,270 in personal savings, which can be offset for volunteering
- For long-term placements over 1 year an Immigration Health Surcharge applies: £1,035 per year

All visa and ETA fees are in addition to the £150 Concordia administration fee.

Visa processing times can vary and may take several weeks. Volunteers are strongly advised to apply as early as possible. Most UK visas can be applied for up to 3 months before the intended start date of volunteering.

In some cases, the UK project may be able to offer a contribution towards visa costs. This cannot be guaranteed.

UK immigration rules and fees are subject to change. Volunteers should always rely on the most up-to-date guidance published on www.gov.uk when applying.

CONCORDIA UK PROGRAMME 2026

Code	Project	Region	Dates	Type	Vol	Remarks	Fee
CONCUK261	YMCA VOLUNTEER LEADER	SOUTHAMPTON	06/07/26 04/09/26	SPORTS/ CHILDREN/SOCI AL	4	Application Online interview 2 references Police check	£150 (GBP)
CONCUK262	GREEN & AWAY INTERNSHIP	WORCESTER	09/06/26- 05/08/26	FESTIVAL ENVIRONMENT /EDUCATION/ SOCIAL	2	Application Online interview 2 references Police check	£150 (GBP)
CONCUK263	GREEN & AWAY RESIDENCY	WORCESTER	09/06/26- 05/08/26	FESTIVAL ENVIRONMENT /EDUCATION/SO CIAL	2	Application Online interview 2 references Police check	£150 (GBP) Visa costs paid
CONCUK264	CAMP CRUSOE CAMP 1 ACTIVITY LEADER	CAMBRIDGE	19/07/26- 01/8/26	CHILDREN /EDUCATION/ SPORTS/SOCIAL	3	Application Online interview 2 references Police check	£150 (GBP)
CONCUK265	CAMP CRUSOE CAMP 2 ACTIVITY LEADER	CAMBRIDGE	01/08/26- 22/8/26	CHILDREN/EDU CATION/ SPORTS/SOCIAL	3	Application Online interview 2 references Police check	£150 (GBP)
CONCUK266	CAMP CRUSOE CAMP 3 ACTIVITY LEADER	CAMBRIDGE	19/07/26- 22/8/26	CHILDREN/EDU CATION/ SPORTS/SOCIAL	2	Application Online interview 2 references Police check	£150 (GBP)
CONCUKTEEN26 7	ROCK FARM TEENAGE PROJECT VOLUNTEER	BRIGHTON	29/06/26- 05/07/26 6 NIGHTS	TEEN/ AGRICLUTURE/E NVIRONMENT/M ANUAL/SOCIAL	20	AGE 16-17 during programme Parental Consent	£570 (GBP)
Bespoke Group	UK	UK	TBC	TBC	10+	Contact Concordia Directly	From £610 (GBP)

MAP OF CONCORDIA UK PROJECTS



CAMP ACTIVITY LEADER



Codes

CONCUK264 | CONCUK265 |
CONCUK266

Help lead a traditional British Summer Camp experience, where campers feel connected, valued, challenged and supported in an adventure park.

ROCK FARM



Code

CONCUKTEEN267

An eco farm, restoring both the landscape and people through a market garden model. They grow fruit and vegetables using regenerative, permaculture, and no dig principles.

VOLUNTEER LEADER

Code

CONCUK261

Lead activities and games, entertainment, be a pro at 'doing the YMCA' dance routine and generally make a huge difference to our community!

ECO-FESTIVAL



Code CONCUK262 | CONCUK263

Join a truly eco-festival, helping to create, lead or set up the festival over the summer.

CAMP VOLUNTEER LEADER

PROJECT CODE: CONCUK261

Host Partner: YMCA

Work type : Children, Sports, Education, Social

Dates & Duration: 06/07/26 - 04/09/26 | 8 weeks and 4 days

Volunteer numbers : 4

Age: 18+

Location: Southampton, UK

Concordia Fee: £150 (GBP)

Language: English



Project Host: The YMCA Fairthorne Group operates throughout Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton from 30 venues. Their programmes include 14 early years settings, school holiday day camps, community activities, residential centres, camping and housing for young people.

Volunteer Work: YMCA Fairthorne is a vast, natural, outdoor environment where memories are made to last a lifetime, adventures are found around every corner and you have the chance to deliver life changing experiences. They are offering international volunteers the opportunity to run a variety of activities with children and will provide you with valuable experience and training.

Every year they welcome thousands of visitors to the manor's 94 acre site on the south coast of England. The site includes vast grounds, mature woodland, a lake, access to the River Hamble and a range of exciting outdoor activities. Fairthorne is a place of firsts – from toddlers walking, kids splashing in the mud, being away from home, trying new activities or a school trip to remember. Enabling young people to grow and thrive is only made possible with the help of top-notch volunteers from around the globe.

The role of **Volunteer Leader** offers an experience that really embodies YMCA values:

Welcoming, Active, Listening, Inspiring, Caring, Exciting

You will lead activities and games, get involved in evening entertainment, ensure smooth running of our dining room, singing at campfire, be a pro at 'doing the YMCA' dance routine and generally make a huge difference to our community! Behind the scenes you may get involved in any area of our large operation, from helping to look after our beautiful woodland and grassland areas, maintain activities, putting up tents, helping out in the kitchen, making beds and much, much more.

YMCA wants you as a volunteer if you...

- Know how to have fun
- Want to make friends from all over the world
- Love being outside come rain or shine
- Enjoy inspiring children and young people and have some experience of this
- Want to learn new skills and improve the amazing ones you already have
- Have a good level of English
- Like the idea of no two days being the same
- Love the idea of making every visit to Fairthorne special and one to remember

What you get in return...

- Full training and development opportunities
- 3 meals a day
- Free accommodation in tents with bedding provided
- Branded t-shirts
- Loads of fun in the great outdoors and the chance to build friendships that last for a lifetime
- Learn new skills to stand you in good stead for many careers
- Chance to improve day to day English conversation skills
- The opportunity to learn about, and be part of, a huge international YMCA movement
- Fun staff and volunteer social events
- 2 days off for every 5 worked to enable you to experience UK culture

Accommodation and Food: Accommodation is in tents with bedding provided. Food is canteen- style with a limited choice, but with a vegetarian option. 3 meals a day are provided, which includes a cooked breakfast and / or cereals, lunch and a cooked evening meal. Meals are at set times.

Location and Leisure: YMCA Fairthorne encourage all volunteers to take the chance to get out and explore the UK. It is less than 2 hours from London with a local train station. Situated in a 94-acre site in Botley, it truly is a stunning landscape where volunteers can enjoy nature. It is close to Southampton which is one of the biggest Cities on the South Coast where volunteers can explore and enjoy the following:

- Visit the Solent Sky Museum
- The theatre
- Southampton Football Club - Go to a game!
- Visit the Tudor houses
- Travel to Stonehenge

Documents and Application: To apply a Volunteer Engagement Form (VEF) is required. YMCA ask you to complete a brief application form. They require an online interview with you. If offered the placement you will need good conversational English, 2 two professional references from a recent school/ college or employer and a police check. ETA/VISA, volunteer agreement, passport, arrival and departure details, medical and dietary requirements, media consent or not.

Additional Information: A payment of **£157 is paid to you** at the end of your volunteering time to reflect out of pocket expenses.

IMPORTANT: British Summertime can be cold at night – please ensure you bring enough warm clothes. Wet weather clothing and footwear is also strongly recommended, as the site can get muddy and it may rain. Volunteers need to have a good level of physical fitness and be confident walking on uneven ground outside.

Travel Information:

- The nearest train station is Botley Railway Station (Hampshire)
- A lift to the site is provided
- Nearest airport: Southampton, Eastleigh or London Gatwick.

ECO-FESTIVAL INTERNSHIP

PROJECT CODE: CONCUK262

Host Partner: Green & Away

Work type: Environmental/Social

Dates & Duration: 06/07/26 - 04/09/26 | 8 weeks and 1 days

Volunteer numbers : 2

Age: 18+

Location: Worcestershire, UK

Concordia Fee: £150 (GBP)

Language: English



Host partner: Green & Away is looking for passionate and hardworking individuals to help run a sustainable events venue this summer. Their programmes are varied and adapted to suit you and your interests. They offer a place to learn new skills, meet a range of different people and learn about sustainability, environmental events, with a behind-the-scenes look at running a charitable organisation and outdoor community.

Volunteer work: Interns and residents are valued members of the crew throughout the summer. Groups of volunteers stay for different durations, and you will be the backbone of the crew, providing ongoing knowledge of the site and undertaking longer-term projects. Interns and residents will join the volunteers during the setting up and taking down of the site.

Successful applicants for both roles should work well as part of a team as well as independently, enjoy taking on new challenges and responsibilities, and have an interest in sustainability, charity work, ecotourism, and outdoor living. You will gain considerable management experience and learn about the challenges involved in sustainable living and environmental education.

Green & Away has hosted volunteers every summer for around 10 years and the feedback has been excellent. Participants have gained life-changing skills and have described their time as the best summer of their lives. Green & Away is a unique and magical place, with something for everyone.

Both Internships and Residencies provide the chance to learn, grow, and contribute to a vibrant outdoor community and sustainable events venue. Whether you are exploring new skills or developing an existing craft, they have opportunities for you to get involved.

Internships: The internship programme is ideal for those looking to gain new skills, try out different responsibilities, and learn in a real-world, supportive environment. Interns are involved in the day-to-day running of the eco-events site, leading teams of volunteers, and getting hands-on experience across several parts of the organisation.

What to Expect:

- A full induction and on-the-job training during your first week
- Continuous support from a dedicated trustee mentor
- Regular check-ins with your internship manager for guidance and feedback
- Experience living and working in a close-knit, off-grid community

Internship programme structure: At Green & Away, internships are tailored to your skills, areas of interest and what you'd like to develop. You could run 1 long project, or a portfolio of smaller projects, all with a focus on sustainability, ecotourism and outdoor living.

Project Examples:

- Creating a strategy for the charity
- Designing and painting educational boards and signage
- Conducting a carbon-footprint analysis
- Supporting social media content planning
- Designing and delivering workshops for volunteers

Alongside your individual project, you will take on responsibilities in one or more core departments. You are advised to read the departmental descriptions and think about which parts interest you, as well as what skills you have and could lend to us this summer season.

Departments:

- Hospitality & Ecotourism
- Project & Events Management
- Environmental Education

Internships are a great route for those who enjoy teamwork, want more structure, and would benefit from set tasks, clear guidance, and learning new skills from scratch. This pathway is well suited to people who may not yet have a specialised skillset but are enthusiastic, motivated, and eager to grow

Accommodation and food: Green & Away is entirely outdoors and under canvas. All interns and residents:

- Provide their own tent or request to borrow one of the spares provided
- Receive 3 vegetarian/vegan meals a day, plus tea breaks and cake
- Have access to hot showers, clothes-washing facilities, composting toilets, and plenty of communal spaces

Additional on-site features include:

- A licensed bar with subsidised pricing
- Comfortable seating areas
- Arts and crafts spaces (as they are built during setup)
- WiFi and charging points

Please note: when you first arrive, the field will be mostly empty except for essential facilities, as the site is built collectively during the first weeks. The nearest shop and post office are approximately 2 miles away.

Location and leisure: Green & Away is set up on the outskirts of a small village near Worcester, the nearest shop and post office is 2 miles away. The site is situated close to a village which has some small activities going on and is roughly 5-6 miles from Worcester by bus. Volunteers can travel quite freely to a big city. More immediately the site is located to a café with walking trails and a river for swimming bordering the camp.

Documents and Application: To apply a Volunteer Engagement Form (VEF) is required and a CV. Apply as soon as you can as this starts in June. Applicants require an online interview with Green & Away. If offered the placement you will need good conversational English, 2 two professional references from a recent school/ college or employer and a police check. ETA/VISA, volunteer agreement, passport, arrival and departure details, medical and dietary requirements, media consent or not.

Additional Information: You are welcome to apply for a placement in more than one department. Where a visa is required to undertake an internship or residency with Green & Away, we will cover the full cost of visa fees.

For Green & Away it is really important the volunteer understands what we are about (environmental charity, not a music festival!) and the circumstances of the facilities (outdoor showers and camping). Green & Away need volunteers to have a good level of English so that instructions can be followed (especially during setup and takedown) which is integral to the safety of themselves and everyone they are working with. A pre-approval interview over the phone will be organised with the host after applications.

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Diversity, Access & Inclusion Statement

Green & Away is committed to building a diverse, inclusive and welcoming community. We actively encourage applications from people of all backgrounds, identities, ages and lived experiences, including (but not limited to) people from underrepresented communities, people of colour, LGBTQIA+ people and people from lower-income backgrounds.

Travel Information: Green & Away is located 3 miles from Worcester which has a main line rail station and buses which come to within a few minutes' walk of our site. Please see our website for travel information.

Nearest Airport: Birmingham International Airport. Nearest train station: Worcester. There is a regular bus service from Worcester city centre to the village (4 miles/7 km).



ECO-FESTIVAL RESIDENCY

PROJECT CODE: CONCUK263

Host Partner: Green & Away

Work type : Environmental/Social

Dates & Duration: 09/06/26 - 05/08/26 | 8 weeks and 1 day

Volunteer numbers : 2

Age: 18+

Location: Worcestershire, UK

Concordia Fee: £150 (GBP)

Language: English



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Residencies: The residency programme is designed for individuals who already have a specific skillset and want the time, space, and support to develop and showcase their craft within a unique environmental setting.

Residencies are more independent, practical, and self-directed than internships, with residents taking the lead on creating, making, building or developing something substantial for the site or organisation. What to Expect

- Significant creative or practical independence

- A trustee mentor to support you throughout the season
- Opportunities to develop your craft while contributing to the smooth running of our sustainable venue
- A chance to create something lasting that benefits the community

Suitable Skills for Residencies

- Art and creative installation
- Cooking and baking
- Woodworking or carpentry
- Technical site maintenance
- Writing and poetry
- Sustainable systems, fixing, repairing, or making
- Residents should feel confident leading their own project and bringing an existing talent or craft to the organisation.

Accommodation and food: Green & Away is entirely outdoors and under canvas. All interns and residents:

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Documents and Application: To apply a Volunteer Engagement Form (VEF) is required and a CV. Apply as soon as you can as this starts in June. Applicants require an online interview with Green & Away. If offered the placement you will need good conversational English, 2 two professional references from a recent school/ college or employer and a police check. ETA/VISA, volunteer agreement, passport, arrival and departure details, medical and dietary requirements, media consent or not.

Additional Information: You are welcome to apply for a placement in more than one department. Where a visa is required to undertake an internship or residency with Green & Away, we will cover the full cost of visa fees. For Green & Away it is really important the volunteer understands what we are about (environmental charity, not a music festival!) and the circumstances of the facilities (outdoor showers and camping). Green & Away need volunteers to have a good level of English so that instructions can be followed (especially during setup and takedown) which is integral to the safety of themselves and everyone they are working with. A pre-approval interview over the phone will be organised with the host after applications.

IMPORTANT: British Summertime can be cold at night – please ensure you bring enough warm clothes. Wet weather clothing and footwear is also strongly recommended, as the site can get muddy and it may rain. Volunteers need to have a good level of physical fitness and be confident walking on uneven ground outside.

Diversity, Access & Inclusion Statement

Green & Away is committed to building a diverse, inclusive and welcoming community. We actively encourage applications from people of all backgrounds, identities, ages and lived experiences, including (but not limited to) people from underrepresented communities, people of colour, LGBTQIA+ people and people from lower-income backgrounds.

Travel Information: Green & Away is located 3 miles from Worcester which has a main line rail station and buses which come to within a few minutes' walk of our site. Please see our website for travel information.

Nearest Airport: Birmingham International Airport. Nearest train station: Worcester. There is a regular bus service from Worcester city centre to the village (4 miles/7 km).



CAMP ACTIVITY LEADER

PROJECT CODES: CONCUK264 | CONCUK265 | CONCUK266

Host Partner: Camp Crusoe

Work type: Children, Sports, Education, Social

Dates & Duration: 19/07/26 - 22/08/26 | 2 - 5 weeks | Flexible start dates

Volunteer numbers : 8

Age: 18+

Location: Cambridge, UK

Concordia Fee: £150 (GBP)

Language: English



Host partner: Camp Crusoe is a traditional British Summer Camp experience, where campers feel connected, valued, challenged and supported. The host wants every camper to have a fun experience and is passionate about “making the most of every moment”. Camp Crusoe is a fun and adventurous camp and not a summer school. Camp Crusoe pride themselves on being a small camp that cares, there are no more than 80 campers per week stay; the host is passionate that community bonds are formed at camp and friendships that remain long after camp has finished.

The extensive programme of activities from water sports to drama, archery and photography, appeals to every type of child, offering the opportunity for each camper to grow in confidence, improve their decision-making skills and maybe discover a new lifelong hobby. They allow just the right amount of time for campers to hangout, make new friends and play together. Camp Crusoe is a small, independent camp run by a close-knit team of friends and family who are committed to enriching children’s lives. The core group have many years’ experience working with children both on summer camps and in the classroom and are supported by a highly trained and motivated team of camp activity leaders, many of whom have worked at camp before and are planning a career working with children.

Volunteer work: There is a range of dates available for this project from 2-5 weeks. Volunteers will be part of an amazing Camp Activity Team where they will help shadow and enjoy a role of leadership. Volunteers will help run games and activities with the young campers, making sure that they have a fun and memorable experience. Volunteers will also help to ensure that the camp is kept clean, tidy and safe by taking turns in cleaning the communal areas and making sure everything is running smoothly. Volunteers will also have training and support information prior to the start of the camp to prepare for the role.

Accommodation and food: An essential element of Summer Camp is the cabin experience. Campers sleep in a number of secure and modern cabins, separated into cabin glades by gender. Each cabin has 5 beds, with volunteer cabins integrated throughout each glade – staff will not be sharing with campers, but with other volunteers. There is outdoor block with toilets and hot showers, but also facilities in the main house. All meals are provided by kitchen staff, if you have any dietary requirements please let Concordia know in advance.

Location and leisure: As well as the purpose built main house and the cabin glades, there is a vast number of exciting activities on site such as the climbing wall, zip line, archery range, challenge zone and caving system, plus areas to chill out such as the yurt, log barns and hammock sanctuary. There are many bike trails and easy river access for swimming, canoeing and Kayaking.

Camp Crusoe's home for the summer is the absolutely fantastic Thorpe Woodlands Adventure Centre in East Anglia, Norfolk near historic Cambridge. It is set in private woodland with views of the rolling landscape, large fields and forest.

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Additional Information:

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Travel information:

Camp Crusoe staff will pick up from Thetford Train Station.

Nearest Airport: The nearest airport to Thetford is Norwich Airport, other nearby airports include London Stansted, London Luton, London Heathrow and London Gatwick approximately 96 miles away.



ROCK FARM - TEENAGERS

PROJECT CODE: CONCUKTEEN268

Host Partner: Rock Farm

Work type: Agriculture, Environment, Manual , Social

Dates & Duration: 29/06/26 - 05/07/26 | 1 week

Volunteer numbers : 20

Age: 16-17 (during project)

Location: Washington, West Sussex, Brighton, UK

Concordia Fee: £570 (GBP)

Language: English



Host Partner: Rock Farm is a therapeutic growing project open to everyone, restoring both the landscape and people through an innovative market garden model. They grow fruit and vegetables using regenerative, permaculture, and no dig principles, with absolutely zero pesticides or herbicides. The farm is at the cutting edge of embedding productive crops in a forest garden ecosystem, which sinks a large amount of carbon into the soil instead of emitting it and provides the backbone of their sustainability and therapeutic work. Retreats, camping, workshops and horticulture courses are also available at Rock Farm, especially for marginalised people.

Rock Farm is part of One Church Brighton, an organisation with several social projects in and around the Brighton area. The farm grows produce on 6 acres of community land in West Sussex, offering access to horticultural therapy and community gardening for a range of volunteers and vulnerable groups.

Volunteer Work: Volunteers will carry out environmental and sustainable conservation volunteering while learning hands on practice in carbon-negative food production and sustainability. Volunteers' day to day task would include a range of skill based learning activities for example: planting trees, growing vegetables, picking and preparing crops. Volunteers will also be harvesting fruits and vegetables which are needed for the market, alongside the potential of some construction work to further enhance the volunteer's skillset. Volunteers will be receiving an educational experience alongside the volunteering. Main volunteering tasks will include:

- Berry Picking
- Cleaning and weeding
- Tending to plants
- Looking after wildlife
- Tree care
- Education sessions with the host

Accommodation and Food: Volunteers will stay in large style canvas tents throughout the project, 'this is off-grid, sustainable living, so please plan ahead and bring warm clothes and sleeping items. Rock farm will provide dry goods and fresh produce for 2 meals per day, plus one hot meal cooked together with the rock farm staff. All Volunteers are expected to get involved in the cooking process and washing up.

Location and Leisure: Rock Farm is based near Steyning, about 20 miles from Brighton. Volunteers will have the chance to visit the local area and go for hikes in the countryside. Visits to close-by sites will ensure that the group get to explore the area and learn about British culture.

There are two farm shops within short walking distance if volunteers want to get any food/snacks – with a further two villages within an hour's walk. The accommodation is on the South Downs walking trail, with many beautiful hikes available to the volunteers.

The Concordia Leader will help volunteers make plans for their free time – but volunteers will be expected to contribute ideas and suggestions for activities.

Volunteers will have cultural visits and leisure activities will be organised together with the group. Activities will include:

- Walk to local historic town Steyning
- Pizza Oven night
- Games Night
- Camp Fire
- Visit to Brighton
- Farwell Party

Documents and Application: To apply a Volunteer Engagement Form (VEF) is required and letter of motivation with parental consent. ETA/VISA, volunteer agreement, passport, arrival and departure details, medical and dietary requirements, media consent or not.

Additional Information: This is a teenage project for young people aged 16-17 during the project. A minimum of 10 participants is required for this project to go ahead. Only 4 young people per nationality please.

Leaders: To ensure the smooth running of the project and the safety of young people, Concordia provides one paid and trained leader for every 10 young people.

IMPORTANT: British Summertime can be COLD AT NIGHT – please ensure you bring enough warm clothes. Wet weather clothing and footwear is also strongly recommended, as the site can get muddy and it may rain. Volunteers need to have a good level of physical fitness and be confident walking on uneven ground outside.

Facilities are basic and this is part of the experience. The farm operates mostly off-grid, so all toilets are composting loos and there is a limited amount of solar-power for charging of phones. It is strongly recommended to bring a battery-pack for your phone, and to embrace having a break from your tech!

Volunteers will have access to 2 showers – **they are outdoor showers, so you will need to bring flip-flops/sliders and a swimming costume.** Carbon negative showers only provide a certain amount of hot water per day. One of the tasks for the volunteers is to create the hot water system! Rock farm has a small furnished cabin in the camping area for use as a meeting and relaxing area. There are a 4 further buildings/cover for eating and cooking – including a pizza oven!

NEAREST AIRPORT: Gatwick airport. Nearest train station: Brighton train station.



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ROCK FARM - GROUP

GROUP OFFER

Work Type: Agriculture, Environment, Manual , Social

Dates & Duration: All year | 5 - 14 days

Volunteer Numbers : 10-25

Age Range: 14+

Location: Washington, West Sussex, Brighton, England

Estimated Cost (7 days):

£610pp (tents + catered)

Nearest Airport: London Gatwick (LGW)

Nearest Station: Brighton Train Station



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Documents and Application: To apply Concordia will collect details for the group - volunteer agreement, passports, arrival and departure details, medical and dietary requirements, media consent or not. ETA/VISA confirmation.

Additional Information: Concordia will tailor a group package to suit your needs. Contact us directly to choose this location. You might like to add a trip to London.

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Concordia will organise transfers from the airport and train station.

VALLEY OF HOPE - GROUP

NEW 2026 GROUP OFFER

Work Type: Environment, Manual , Social

Dates & Duration: July - August | 10 - 14 days

Volunteer Numbers : 10-30

Age Range: 14+

Location: Castleton, Derbyshire, England

Estimated Cost (10 days):

£1,196.40pp (bunk house + catered)

£680pp (tents + self-catered)

Nearest Airport: Manchester (MAN) or East Midlands (EMA)

Nearest Coach Station: Manchester or Sheffield Coach Station



Summary: Welcome to Valley of Hope, a group volunteering project in the postcard-perfect village of Castleton, one of the most scenic corners of the English countryside. Volunteers will support a local outdoor education centre with renovations and work in the grounds, as well as helping the local community preserve the beauty of the ancient village. Explore the UK's oldest national park or visit one of England's northern cities in free time.

About the Project: This project is hosted at an outdoor education centre that helps schools and youth groups connect with nature through outdoor learning, adventure, and exploration. Volunteers will support the centre's ongoing work while also contributing to the upkeep of the village and its surrounding natural environment, which attracts visitors from across the UK and beyond.

Valley of Hope is designed as a flexible group project, ideal for groups of volunteers who want to come to the UK for a week or two of practical community work, cultural exchange, and classic British countryside life. We promise fresh air, British humour, walking trails, and a cup of tea at the end of the day.

Volunteering Activities: The work is hands-on, varied, and perfect for international groups wanting a meaningful project with a distinctly British countryside feel. Tasks may include painting benches, clearing overgrown areas, repairing traditional dry-stone walls, or creating vegetable growing beds.

There is also the option to support the wider village community, which welcomes many visitors each year. Groups may help with maintaining public spaces, light gardening, litter picking, or small conservation activities such as trail and signage repairs within the national park.

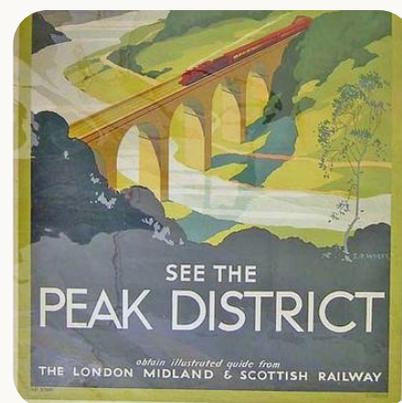
Accommodation & Food: Groups can choose between indoor dormitory accommodation or camping onsite (tents can be provided). Both catered and self-catered options are possible, depending on your group's preference.

The centre also offers wheelchair-accessible toilets and bedrooms, making the project suitable for a wide range of participants.

Location and Lesiure: Castleton sits at the top of the Hope Valley, surrounded by rolling green hills, dramatic rocky ridges, and timeless stone villages. It lies within the Peak District National Park, the very first national park ever created in Britain.

Free time offers plenty of classic English countryside adventures: hiking and walking routes begin right from the village, and local attractions include a historic castle and famous caves.

For groups who would like a taste of city life as well, Manchester and Sheffield can be reached by public transport in around 1.5 hours for an optional day trip.



Project Host: This project is hosted by Concordia UK in partnership with the Lindley Educational Trust, who support schools and youth groups to learn through nature, outdoor activities, and adventure. Volunteer activities will be lead by the team from Lindley Educational Trust and the local community. The Concordia Team will also be available throughout the project.

Documents and Application: To apply Concordia will collect details for the group - volunteer agreement, passports, arrival and departure details, medical and dietary requirements, media consent or not. ETA/VISA confirmation.

Additional Information: Concordia will tailor a group package to suit your needs. Contact us directly to choose this location. You may like a day out to the local city, Manchester.

Concordia will organise transfers from the airport and train station.



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