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SUPPORTING PEOPLE TO THRIVE



International Volunteer Projects

UK PROGRAMME 2024

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Introduction

Concordia is a charity based in Brighton that was founded in 1943. Our mission is to support people to develop skills and gain experiences so that they can thrive. We run programmes that change lives and nurture global citizens who care about each other, their local communities and the world.

We are part of a global community – we work with partners and people from all over the world. All our projects are impactful - whether they are just up the road from us or on the other side of the world. We do this by working with local communities delivering programmes that respond to local needs.

Concordia was founded in 1943 to recruit volunteer labour to encourage peace and reconciliation in the aftermath of the Second World War. Since then, Concordia has supported around three-quarters of a million people to undertake incredible programmes that support local communities all over the world.

Our work as a charity supplies five core services: CYA (Concordia Youth Action), International Volunteering, NCS (National Citizens Service), Seasonal Workers Programme and our Wellbeing Programme. Although all our programmes vary, they are all motivated by our desire to make the world a better place.

CYA (Concordia Youth Action)

The Concordia Youth Action programmes supports young people in Sussex to engage with the local community. Underpinning all our sessions is the drive to develop Young People's skills and give them experiences

that help them thrive. The free programme combines fun activities with skills sessions and social action, resulting in a recognised award. Activity sessions are aligned with the Skills Builder Framework, developing independence and life skills to support young people with education, employment and positive steps towards a brighter future.

International Volunteering

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 projects are organised in close partnership with our global partners who are based in the country where the project is planned to take place. Partners communicate with the local community to identify what problem the group of volunteers can solve.

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 with them quality standards for our projects as well as the ethos that drives our work. Each year, we collaborate with our global partners, to develop more than 1,500 volunteer projects that take place all over the world. These projects are designed for individuals. Volunteer projects take place throughout the year and vary in length, so you can fit your experience around work and study commitments.

NCS (National Citizen Service)

Concordia is proud to be a Delivery Partner for the National Citizen Service programme (NCS) in the Sussex area. Over the last ten years, we have seen thousands of young people successfully completing the programme.

NCS is a life changing experience available to all 16–17-year-olds in England, no matter what your background is or if you are at school or not. It is a Government funded scheme to encourage young people to become more active in their local communities. Many of our NCS graduates go on to volunteer as part of our Concordia Youth Action programme and on international volunteering projects.

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 promoting intercultural understanding and peace. 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 number one choice for those wishing to come to the UK to work.

Emotional Wellbeing Programme

Concordia's Emotional Wellbeing Programme supports the positive wellbeing of young people in secondary schools across Sussex. Our 11-week programme helps young people to understand their emotions, build an emotional toolkit, grow their self-esteem, foster healthy relationships & trust, as well as supporting with their mental health.

We are proud to work in partnership with local schools to support the wellbeing of young people aged 11-14 in the Sussex area with our free service.

Our 11-week programme has been designed to be delivered during school hours by our experienced Emotional Wellbeing Programme Facilitators, slotting easily into the school day. Our sessions are fun, informal, and creative – giving young people the space and scope to explore topics in a safe and supportive environment.

We work with small groups of young people who have been invited by the school onto the programme. We are strengths based & youth led, which in turn means we place a lot of emphasis on tailoring sessions to ensure that they meet the needs and dynamics of each group that we work with.

Our programme lays the foundation for young people to build on creating and preserving positive habits. We want young people to feel comfortable and confident in maintaining healthy mental wellbeing.

When young people have positive emotional wellbeing, they can: Build healthy personal coping strategies, improve resilience to pressure & stress, have a stronger sense of self & self-worth, improve relationships with peers & adults, as well as have a beneficial impact on their lives both outside & inside education.

Our projects in the UK are all community based and can involve either environmental work, working with children or people with special needs or setting up events which need support from volunteers for example helping to run community festivals. There are usually between 4 and 12 volunteers placed on a project and when necessary, we place 1 or 2 Coordinators to help the group.

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Important:

UK programmes will go live on 29th
February 2024

Concordia is not accepting any reservations
for the 2024 season.

General Information

Volunteers who participate on a Concordia volunteer 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. All volunteers that participate apply through our partner organisations abroad and must meet the following criteria:

- be 18 or years of age or older for our adult projects and 16-17 for our Teen 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 heavy work involved in some projects.
- 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 taken on site. Some social projects may require volunteers to work longer hours depending on the nature of the volunteering. On most projects there are two days off each week though these are not always two days together 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. Concordia provides a small budget for one or two group based social activities on each project. The group is responsible for organising its own free time activities, with help from the group Coordinators. Volunteers are expected to bring additional spending money.

Whilst on teenage projects Concordia will organise a programme of activities during the free time. Concordia will organise a blend of volunteering, cultural and leisure activities.

Important! Leisure time spent with the other volunteers is central to the international volunteer experience. Therefore, volunteers are expected to participate in the group-based leisure activities and are requested not to arrange personal trips away from the project at weekends or during the evenings.

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 for you); 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 in a local school, youth centre, in tents, etc. with basic cooking and washing facilities provided. In some teen projects volunteers could stay in youth hostels or residential accommodation offered by the host.

Insurance - Concordia provides medical insurance for volunteers whilst on the project. This covers accident and illness. Personal possessions are not covered. We **strongly advise** you to take out your own travel insurance for your personal possessions and travel.

Group Coordinators - Concordia place one or two experienced volunteers (usually from the UK) on our short-term projects. All teenage projects will have a guaranteed two coordinators on them.

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 European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) which will entitle them to urgent medical treatment. Volunteers are covered by our medical insurance policy once they arrive on the project. However, they are **STRONGLY** advised to take out their own insurance for travel, health, luggage and other personal possessions 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 on the project!

- Volunteers must bring their own sleeping bags/roll mats unless otherwise indicated in the project description.
- Volunteers must arrive at the project equipped with the correct work wear and weatherproof clothing. This is particularly important for environmental/renovation and outdoor type projects.
- On Adult projects, volunteers must bring with them sufficient funds to cover some of their free time activities as well as their internal transportation costs. There may be a leisure budget on some adult projects.
- On Teen projects local transportation and free time activities are covered by the extra fee, although we still recommend

bringing funds to pay for personal expenses which can be used on leisure trips.

Working with Children or People with Special Needs

Under the terms of the Children's Act 2014 and in line with OFSTED guidelines on child protection, Coordinators and volunteers working with under 18-year-olds and adults at risk, must be checked to ensure that they have no criminal record involving abuse of children. All volunteers participating in a project working with children or people with special needs will be required to produce a Certificate of Good Conduct or International Criminal Record Check. This may also apply if the project is not working directly with children but is based at a children's centre. A copy of the certificate needs to be sent to the Concordia office, by email as soon as it is available to the volunteer. 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 18 and teenagers aged 16-17 of any gender, nationality, ethnicity, sexuality or religion. 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 ability. 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.

Access 4 All

Concordia supports 'Access 4 All'. 'Access 4 All' applicants will be treated on an individual basis where their needs will be supported through Concordia. We will try and find a suitable project that can support the individual's needs ensuring they have a really enjoyable experience. If you would like to place an 'Access 4 All' applicant, please contact Concordia.

Confidentiality and Data Protection

In compliance with The Data Protection Act 2018 Concordia are committed to complying with privacy and data protection laws and being transparent about what we are doing. 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 UK host organisation to which they are applying. Email addresses may be disseminated to other volunteers on the database as part of a contact group, previous consent 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 of this.

Complaints Procedure

Complaints with respect to administrative procedures by Concordia should be addressed to the International Volunteering Coordinator directly. If a volunteer has a problem/complaint during the project they are encouraged to inform the Project Coordinator or the project host as soon as possible. If they do not feel that they can take their complaint to the project host or

group Coordinator they should then contact the International Volunteering Coordinator. Volunteers are advised to make a complaint at the time of the problem and not wait until they leave the project. All volunteers are encouraged to provide full and honest feedback.

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 £50 (GBP).** Volunteers can pay this by PayPal. The incoming fee is a small contribution to the administration and staffing costs of Concordia Volunteers. On occasions this fee may vary, if this is the case it will be **stated very clearly in the project description.**

Volunteers on Teenage projects will 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 is meant to cover all costs of food, accommodation, transport, leisure activities as well as administration and staffing costs of Concordia Volunteers.

UK based volunteers.

Volunteers who reside in the UK participating in UK based projects who apply direct to Concordia will be required to pay a registration fee of £250. Food and accommodation are provided free of charge. 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 Coordinators

Group Coordinators are essential to the UK programme. We need to be able to host projects in the UK in order to send volunteers abroad and in order to host a UK project we need reliable hardworking coordinators to

oversee the smooth running of the project outside the work programme.

Group coordinators do not pay a registration fee and travel expenses within the UK are reimbursed following the project. Food and accommodation are provided free of charge.

Group coordinators should be aged 18+ and have experience of volunteering abroad or related volunteer experience. Volunteers from abroad wishing to coordinate in the UK must have experience of coordinating in their own country and be recommended by a partner organisation. Concordia runs a training event for coordinators in the spring each year. All new coordinators are trained by Concordia before they are placed on a project.

Further information on coordinating is available from the website. www.concordia.org.uk

Group Coordinators - Work

The work varies according to the project, but the role of the Group Coordinator is largely the same. Coordinators have the responsibility to ensure that the volunteers get the best out of their time on the project. The host organisation will have organised a work schedule but outside of that it is the coordinators' job to ensure that the running of the project goes smoothly. Tasks include, arriving early to meet with the host and prepare for the volunteers' arrival, managing the food and social budget and organising shopping and cooking rotas, helping the group decide on places they would like to visit in their spare time and most importantly representing Concordia in a professional way.

Training

There is a fun and extensive training weekend in the spring hosted online for volunteers who are interested in being a Group Coordinator. This covers leadership skills, global learning activities, conflict

resolution in group dynamics and all areas of the role. Previous experience of volunteering abroad or group leading is needed. We can accept leaders from abroad by providing training via zoom for those that have experience, have been to the UK before and would like the challenge and the achievement of leading a project here.

To apply Please email us for more details: max.bateman@concordia.org.uk

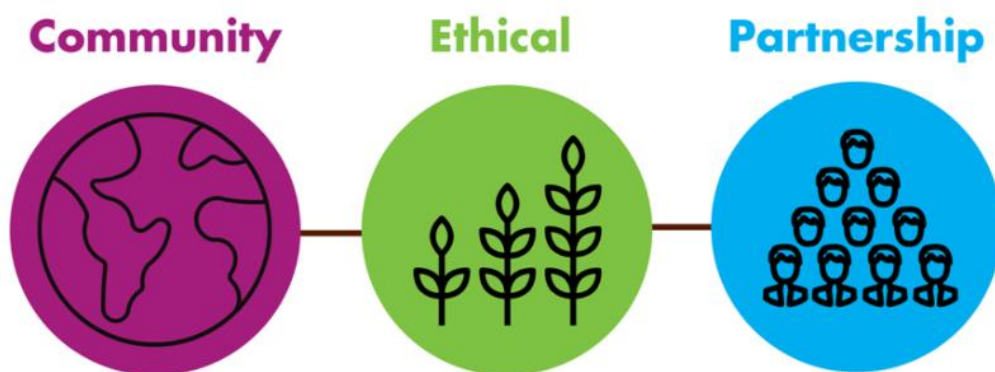
Group Volunteering

Concordia have been sending groups of young people to volunteer projects abroad since 2009. With an increased demand from colleges and youth organisations, Concordia arranges bespoke group trips with our partners overseas. We prepare the groups thoroughly before their journey, and once abroad the groups are involved in community work, cultural workshops and exploring the local area. Groups are usually between 10 and 20 people aged from 14

upwards. 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 - whether they are just up the road from us or on the other side of the world.

We ensure that we only deliver ethical 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 can. We value collaborative practices in our staff team – working together is always our preferred way of getting things done.



CERTIFICATE OF SPONSORSHIP AND VISA COSTS

If a VISA to enter the UK is needed, Concordia will provide a **sponsorship letter unless this is stated otherwise**, which will be used by the volunteer to apply for a CHARITY WORKERS VISA. **Volunteers need to pay £25 to Concordia** (on top of the £50 extra-fee) to cover the cost of this letter and can make the payment via PayPal.

Volunteers who are entering from a country in the EU (Or otherwise stated) will **not require** a VISA if their volunteering project lasts less than 30 days. You are able to check this here: [Check UK Visa](#)

VISA FEE COSTS

Volunteering Projects and MTV projects 1-6 months

The volunteers are responsible to apply for their VISA to the UK. When a volunteer applies for the CHARITY WORKERS VISA, **they need to pay a fee of £298 (GBP) to UKVI.**

LTV Projects 6-12 months

For longer projects, if a volunteer stays up to 12 months in the UK, they need to pay an additional £1035 Health Surcharge to UKVI, on top of the £298 VISA fee. This extra cost is meant to cover any medical treatment needed in the UK during the project by the National Health Service (NHS).

As it could take several weeks to obtain the VISA, we recommend volunteers to apply as soon as possible. You can apply for a visa up to 3 months before the day you are due to start volunteering in the UK.

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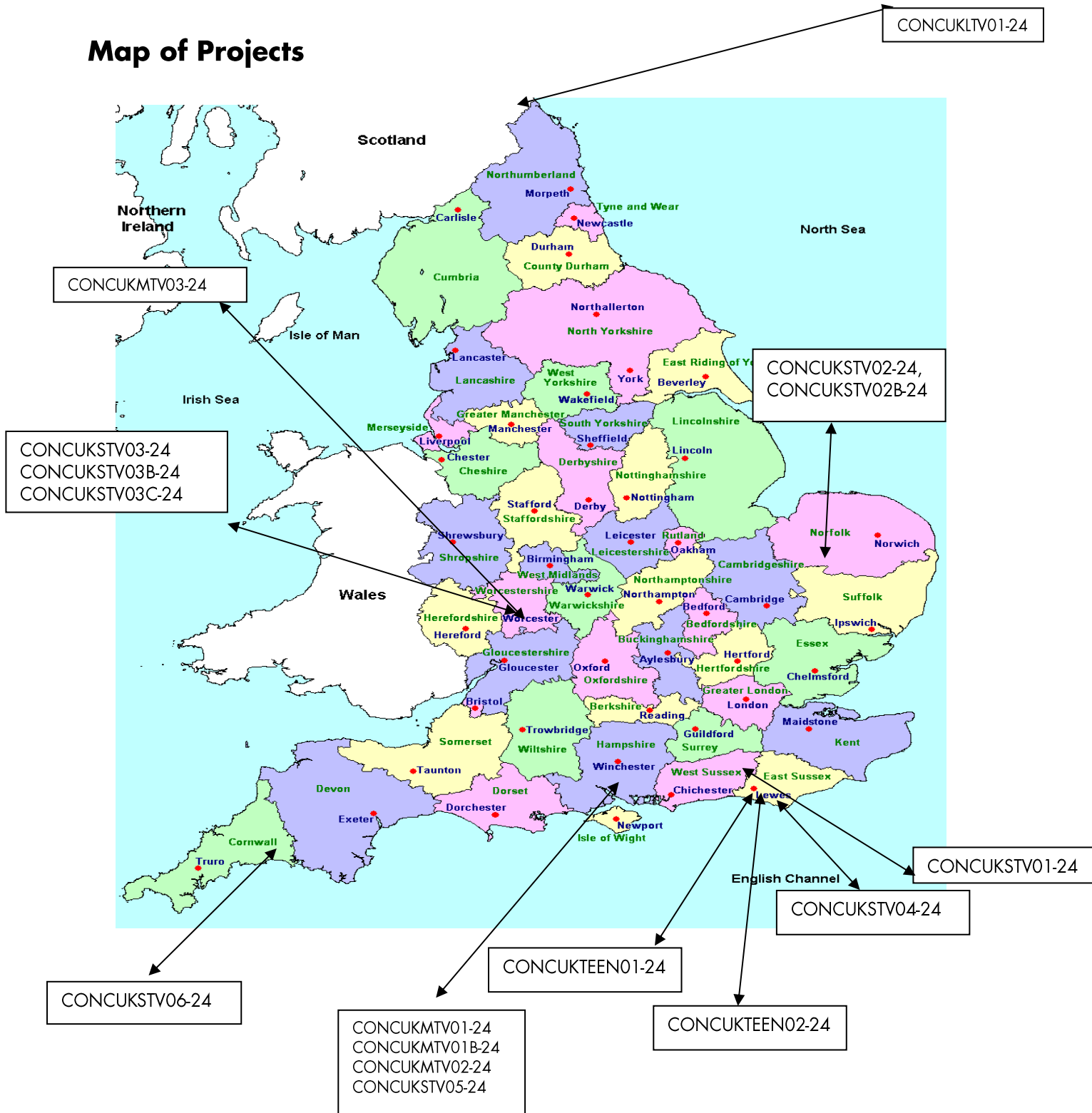
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LMTV	Project Name	Region	Dates	Type	Vols	Remarks	Extra Fee
CONCUKLTV01-24	CAMPBILL TIGH A'CHOMAINN LTV	SCOTLAND	01/06/2024-31/05/2025	DISA/SOCI	2	VEF, Application Form, Motivation Letter CGC, 2 References, Zoom interview, C	£50 (GBP) VISA FEES APPLY
CONCUKMTV01-24	YMCA VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY LEADER MTV	SOUTHAMPTON	04/03/24-01/09/24	SPORTS/KIDS	2	VEF, YMCA App form, CGC, 2 references, Zoom interview	£50 (GBP) VISA FEES APPLY
CONCUKMTV01B-24	YMCA VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY LEADER 2 MTV	SOUTHAMPTON	15/04/24-13/10/24	SPORTS/KIDS	2	VEF, YMCA App form, CGC, 2 references, Zoom interview	£50 (GBP) VISA FEES APPLY
CONCUKMTV02-24	YMCA FAIRTHORNE NURSERY	SOUTHAMPTON	10/06/24-10/12/24	KIDS	2	VEF, YMCA App form, CGC, 2 references, Zoom interview	£50 (GBP) VISA FEES APPLY
CONCUKMTV03-24	GREEN & AWAY INTERNSHIP MTV	WORCESTER	10/06/24-16/08/24	FESTI/ENVI	5	VEF, Google App form, Interview (zoom) with host CGC, 2 references.	£50 (GBP) VISA FEES APPLY
CONCUKSTV01-24	ELDERFLOWER FIELDS FESTIVAL	SUSSEX	22/05/24-29/05/24	FESTIVAL	8	VEF, ML, Good levels of English, Conversation with Host beforehand	£50 (GBP)
CONCUKSTV02-24	CAMP CRUSOE	THETFORD	20/07/24-03/08/24	YOUNG PEOPLE/EDU	2	VEF, ML,	£50 (GBP)
CONCUKSTV02B-24	CAMP CRUSOE	THETFORD	03/08/24-17/08/24	YOUNG PEOPLE/EDU	2	VEF, ML,	£50 (GBP)
CONCUKSTV03-24	GREEN & AWAY STV	WORCESTER	13/06/24-27/06/24	FESTI/ENVI	5	VEF, ML, Good level of English (applicants will have a telephone call beforehand to check language level)	£50 (GBP)
CONCUKSTV03B-24	GREEN & AWAY STV	WORCESTER	24/06/24-08/07/24 01/07/24-15/07/24	FESTI/ENVI	5	VEF, ML, Good level of English (applicants will have a telephone call beforehand	£50 (GBP)

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CONCUKSTV03C-24	GREEN & AWAY STV	WORCESTER	29/07/24-12/08/24 ,05/08/24-15/08/24	FESTI/ENVI	5	VEF, ML, Good level of English (applicants will have a telephone call beforehand to check language level)	£50 (GBP)
CONCUKSTV04-24	MOULSECOOMB PRIMARY SCHOOL STV	BRIGHTON	TBC	AGRI/ENVI/MANU	8	VEF, CGD, ML	£50 (GBP)
CONCUKSTV05-24	YMCA 30 DAY LEADER PROGRAMME STV	SOUTHAMPTON	TBC	TBC		VEF, CGD, ML	£50 (GBP)
CONCUKSTV06-24	WILD FUTURES MONKEY SANCTUARY	CORNWALL	01/09/24-29/09/24	ANIM/SUSTI/EDU	6	VEF, ML, CGC, Host Documentation Forms	£50 (GBP)
CONCUKTEEN01-24	ROCK FARM TEENAGE PROJECT	BRIGHTON	01/07/24-07/07/24	Teen/Agr i/Envi/Manu	14	VEF, ML, PARENTAL CONSENT	£350 (GBP)
CONCUKTEEN02-24	BRIGHTON ROCKS V	BRIGHTON	05/08/24-11/08/24	Teen/Agr i/Envi/Manu	14	VEF, ML, PARENTAL CONSENT	£470 - TBC (GBP)

Map of Projects



CONCUKLTVO1-24 - CAMPHILL TIGH A'CHOMAINN
01/06/2024 – 31/05/2025 - 2 vols

Work: DISA/MANU

Vols: 2

Age: 18-25

Location: Aberdeen, Scotland

Requirements: Camphill App Form, VEF, motivation letter, CGC, 2 professional references, Medical Certificate



PROJECT: Camphill Tigh A'Chomainn are a small and vibrant Camphill Community started in 1987, with two homes situated in a large garden in Peterculter, a village on the outskirts of Aberdeen. In Tigh a'Chomainn we live together as a community supporting adults, some of whom have learning disabilities. Living together in an extended family environment provides the possibility for us all to develop new skills and opportunities. Whilst building these skills we aim to support one another practically and emotionally as needed. In Tigh a'Chomainn we recognise that we all have different strengths and so aim to support those strengths and foster an attitude of mutual respect for the contributions we can all make for one another. We help one another to feel supported in the decisions that we make for our futures and appreciate the self-esteem that we can gain from our successes. But if we happen to make some mistakes along the way we can do so knowing that we can learn from them and be helped to make the next step.

Tigh a'Chomainn is one of 10 Camphill Communities in Scotland. The host offers a unique setting in which you will learn skills which can transfer to a career in medicine, social work or care. Alternatively, if you want a placement which will give you very valuable hands-on experience in caring for adults with learning difficulties.

WORK:

The overall objective of the project is supporting and assisting adults with additional support needs, learning difficulties and mental health conditions in their day to day lives.

Volunteers will undertake ancillary and personal care tasks, light domestic duties and general support for individuals.

Camphill is a unique vocational experience as it is based on living and working with the residents. As part of this amazing long term volunteering experience there is an expectation that volunteers become part of the 'community' at Camphill TAC. Volunteers will also have the opportunity to participate in community and team meetings to share any ideas and develop skills.

All volunteers will be given 'holiday leave' for the duration of their stay and Camphill TAC. The placement is also a great experience if you are looking for something meaningful to do on a gap year or simply want to go a new adventure and change of environment. We don't look for any previous or specific experience, just a can-do attitude, genuine interest and a passion for helping people! Short-term co-

workers are an integral part of Tigh a'Chomainn Camphill, supporting our residents with the help of our senior care and support team.

TRAINING: Volunteers will receive a training induction upon arrival to the site and there will be consistent training throughout this year. Volunteers will be introduced to other staff and volunteers on site. Volunteers will be paired with a 'co-worker' for them to 'shadow' until you feel comfortable with the practices and procedures. Necessary additional training may be given to the volunteers throughout the year.

ACCOMODATION & FOOD: Volunteers will live on site or an accommodation a short walk away. Your type of accommodation will vary depending on space and availability. Volunteers may be given accommodation at a flat separate to the main property where you would have your own room. All rooms will come with bathroom, bed, storage for clothes and access to Wi-Fi. Volunteers will be provided with a lockable area/safe to store anything away.

Volunteers have access to a washing machine, tumble drier or can use the ones in the house at specified times.

Volunteers are provided with food and have use of a kitchen with all appliances available. 3 meals a day are provided by TAC for all volunteers.

Near to the accommodation there is a local medical centre, a gym, Cafes/bars/restaurants and an easily accessible bus link to Aberdeen City Centre.

POCKET MONEY & ALLOWANCES: Volunteers are provided with all meals, accommodation and laundry. Volunteers are provided with a **£200 monthly subsistence allowance**.

HOW TO APPLY:

- All applicants must send on application a completed **VEF and then will receive a Camphill application form** + **two professional references**.
- **Zoom Interviews:** will be arranged individually.
- After Zoom interview, if confirmed on the project, applicants should send a **certificate of good conduct** /police check from your home country and a **Medical Certificate**

ACCESSIBILITY: Volunteers need to have a reasonable level of physical fitness.

EXTRA FEE: £50 (GBP) - a small contribution to Concordia's administration fees.

UK VISA COSTS: All volunteers will need to apply for a **Temporary Work – Charity Worker, please be aware that this has replaced the Tier 5 (T5) Charity Worker VISA**. The application fee for this VISA is **£298** and you can stay for up to 12 months. To apply for the Charity Workers VISA volunteers will need a **Certificate of Sponsorship (COS)** this will be provided by Concordia at the cost of **£25**. As this project is more than 6 months long volunteers will have to pay and **Immigration Health Surcharge (IHS)** which will cost **£1035 which the host will reimburse you for**.

**CONCUKMTV01-24 & CONCUKMTV01B-24
YMCA FAIRTHORNE MANOR VOLUNTEER LEADER – 4 VOLS.
04/03/2024-01/09/2024 & 15/04/2024-13/10/2024**

Work: Sports/Children/Education

Vols: 4

Age: 18+

Location: Close to Southampton

Requirements: VEF, YMCA App form, CGC,
2 references



PROJECT:

The YMCA Fairthorne is offering the opportunity to international volunteers to carry out a 6 project with starting dates on March the 4th and the 15th of April and will provide you with valuable experience and training to run a variety of activities with children.

Here is what the host says: "Each year we welcome thousands of visitors to YMCA Fairthorne Manor's 94-acre site on the South Coast. The site includes sweeping grounds, mature woodland, a lake, access to the River Hamble and a range of exciting outdoor activities. It's a place of firsts, whether it's a toddler playing in the mud, being away from home, 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. Can you help add the sparkle to everything we do? Volunteer with us to help support happy, healthy lives for all."

About the YMCA

The YMCA started in 1844 in London and has grown to become a worldwide organisation with 45 million members in 125 countries. The YMCA has adapted to the needs of today and works with all ages, races, religions and cultures. Each YMCA now operates on a local scale, delivering services that meet the needs of their local community, in keeping with the wider organisation's values and aims. At YMCA Fairthorne Group, they are proud to be affiliated with the wider YMCA movement – the world's largest and longest-running youth charity.

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.

Part of the YMCA Fairthorne Group, YMCA Fairthorne Manor, provides a wide range of programmes on-site, including high quality childcare for children aged 0-5yrs, school holiday Day-camps, residential programmes for groups, a family campsite and community activities.

WORK:

You will ensure all visitors to YMCA Fairthorne Manor have an experience which embodies all of the YMCA core values: Welcoming, Active, Listening, Inspiring, Caring, Exciting. During your stay at Fairthorne Manor you will act as a host to the incoming groups, leading on activities and games, running evening entertainments, ensuring meal times are running smoothly, taking part in the campfires, playing games with the younger children, welcoming families to the events and generally making a big difference to the YMCA Community.

Behind the scenes you will ensure the smooth running of our large operation, from helping to look after the beautiful woodland and grassland areas, maintain activities and assisting the estates team.

YMCA wants you as a volunteer if...

- You know how to have fun.
- You want to make friends from all over the world.
- You love being outside, come rain or shine.
- Enjoy inspiring young people.
- Wants to make a difference to the local community.
- Want to learn new skills and improve on the amazing ones you already have!
- Like the idea of your days being varied.
- Making every visit to Fairthorne.

What you get in return...

- Full training and development opportunities
- 3 meals a day
- Free accommodation in shared dorm style rooms
- A small cash payment upfront on arrival of £420
- Travel expenses for doctors/dentist.
- The chance to work with a really varied community.
- Great fun in the great outdoors
- The chance to build friendships that last a lifetime.
- Learn new skills to stand you in good stead for many careers.
- Mentoring from our experienced staff team
- The opportunity to learn about and be part of a huge international YMCA movement.
- A full outdoor uniform that is yours to keep afterwards.
- Fun staff and volunteer social events.

ACCOMMODATION & FOOD: You will be allocated a basic room, which (depending on its size) you will share with up to 4 other volunteers. It should also be remembered that this is a public facility and therefore Health and Safety laws do apply. This means it must be kept clean and tidy at all times with rubbish removed daily. **FOOD:** 'Canteen style' with a limited choice but with a vegetarian option. There is no 'self' catering option. Three meals a day are provided, which includes a cooked breakfast and / or cereals, lunch and a cooked evening meal. Meals are at set times. **IMPORTANT: Please remember it's not a 5* hotel. YMCA is more like a youth hostel with dormitory-style accommodation and basic facilities.**

LOCATION:

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

TERMINAL: Nearest airport: Southampton – Eastleigh or London Gatwick. **Nearest train stations:** Botley Railway Station

HOW TO APPLY:

- All applicants must request an application pack and send a completed **VEE, two professional references, including one from their most recent school/ college or employer.**
- **Zoom Interviews:** will be arranged individually.
- After Zoom interview, if confirmed on the project, volunteers need to send a **certificate of good conduct /police check** from your home country.

UK VISA COSTS:

All volunteers will need to apply for a ***Temporary Work – Charity Worker, please be aware that this has replaced the Tier 5 (T5) Charity Worker VISA.*** The application fee for this VISA is **£298** and you can stay for up to 12 months. To apply for the Charity Workers VISA volunteers will need a ***Certificate of Sponsorship (COS)*** this will be provided by Concordia at the cost of **£25.**

EXTRA FEE: £50 (GBP) - a small contribution to Concordia's administration fees.

**CONCUKMTV02-24 YMCA FAIRTHORNE MANOR NURSERY LEADER
10/06/24 – 10/12/24 2 vols**

Work: Children
Vols: 2
Age: 18+
Locations: Hampshire, England
Requirements: Application form,
CGC, 2 references,
Tier 5 Visa
Extra Fee: £50 (GBP)



PROJECT:

The YMCA Fairthorne is offering the opportunity to international volunteers to carry out a 6 project with starting dates on June the 10th and will provide you with valuable experience and training to run a variety of activities with children in a nursery setting.

Here is what the host says: "Each year we welcome thousands of visitors to YMCA Fairthorne Manor's 94-acre site on the South Coast. The site includes sweeping grounds, mature woodland, a lake, access to the river Hamble and a range of exciting outdoor activities. It's a place of firsts, whether it's a toddler playing in the mud, being away from home, 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. Can you help add the sparkle to everything we do? Volunteer with us to help support happy, healthy lives for all."

About the YMCA

The YMCA started in 1844 in London and has grown to become a worldwide organisation with 45 million members in 125 countries. The YMCA has adapted to the needs of today and works with all ages, races, religions and cultures. Each YMCA now operates on a local scale, delivering services that meet the needs of their local community, in keeping with the wider organisation's values and aims. At YMCA Fairthorne Group, they are proud to be affiliated with the wider YMCA movement – the world's largest and longest-running youth charity.

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.

Part of the YMCA Fairthorne Group, YMCA Fairthorne Manor, provides a wide range of programmes on-site, including high quality childcare for children aged 0-5yrs, school holiday Day-camps, residential programmes for groups, a family campsite and community activities.

WORK:

Throughout your time volunteering with the YMCA Fairthorne, you will help to deliver the highest quality of care and curriculum in line with the 'YMCA way' and regulated guidelines. Keeping the YMCA core values at the heart of everything they do, Welcoming, Active, Listening, Inspiring, Caring

and Exciting. As a volunteer, you will inspire the youngest participants, through delivering an exciting, child led, play based curriculum utilising the outdoors wherever possible! From taking children on walks to explore nature, to eating and teaching around a campfire, you will be there to support young children as they challenge themselves and develop throughout their time at YMCA Fairthorne Manor Nursery.

YMCA Fairthorne Manor are looking for a volunteer who:

- Knows how to have fun!
- Wants to make friends from all over the world.
- Love being outside no matter the weather
- Enjoy inspiring children and young people (if you have experience of volunteering with young people this would be excellent!)
- Want to help make a difference to the community Want to learn new skills and improve on the amazing ones you have already!
- Like the idea of your days and tasks being varied
- Love the idea of making every visit to YMCA Fairthorne special and one they will remember forever!

All volunteers will receive a small cash payment of £420 to spend on items they wish.

KIT LIST: We provide volunteers with uniforms: t-shirts, fleece, coats. We also provide all bedding.

Things you will need to bring:

- Towels
- Toiletries
- Casual clothes/underwear and footwear for personal time
- Suitable footwear for the outdoors, trainers or boots- nothing that is open-toed or not attached at the back.
- Plain trousers/leggings or shorts in either black/dark blue or khaki
- Sun hat, sunglasses, sun cream, medications
- Travel adapter for electronics.

ACCOMMODATION: Volunteers will be allocated a basic room, which may be shared with up to 4 other volunteers/instructors. Three meals a day will be provided in the dining room and there are toilet and shower facilities and a washing machine.

Please note, do not expect a 5* hotel! Fairthorne is more like a youth hostel with dormitory-style accommodation and basic facilities.

YMCA Fairthorne will provide the following for all volunteers: - Full training and development opportunities - 3 meals a day - Accommodation in shared dormitory style rooms. - The chance to work with a really varied community - Loads of fun in the great outdoors - The chance to build friendships that last a lifetime - Learn new skills to stand you in good stead for many careers - Mentoring from our experienced staff team - The opportunity to learn about, and be part of, a huge international YMCA movement - YMCA uniform to ensure you feel part of the team

LOCATION: YMCA Fairthorne encourage all volunteers to take the chance to get out and explore the UK. YMCA Fairthorne is situated just outside of Southampton and less than two hours from London.

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- Visit the Tudor houses
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TRAVEL: Nearest airport: London or Southampton Airports - **Nearest train station:** Botley train station

WORKING HOURS: You will work Monday-Friday and have Saturdays and Sundays off. Your hours of work will be any set period between 7.45am-6.00pm, some evening work will also be required.

HOW TO APPLY:

- All applicants must request an application pack and send a completed **VEF, YMCA application form** + **two professional references, including one from their most recent school/ college or employer.**
- **Zoom Interviews:** will be arranged individually.
- After Zoom interview, if confirmed on the project, they should send a **certificate of good conduct /police check** from your home country.

UK VISA COSTS:

All volunteers will need to apply for a ***Temporary Work – Charity Worker, please be aware that this has replaced the Tier 5 (T5) Charity Worker VISA.*** The application fee for this VISA is **£298** and you can stay for up to 12 months. To apply for the Charity Workers VISA volunteers will need a ***Certificate of Sponsorship (COS)*** this will be provided by Concordia at the cost of **£25.**

EXTRA FEE: £50 (GBP) - a small contribution to Concordia's administration fees.

You will need to provide us with two contacts for us to obtain a reference from and provide us with a certified translated local police check or be willing to obtain a DBS check if living in the UK. Be able to attend an online interview in the coming weeks with a panel from our centre.

**CONCUKMTV03-23 GREEN & AWAY – GENERAL INTERNSHIP – 10/06/2024 –
16/08/2024 – 5 VOLS**

Work: Festival/Environmental
Vols: 5 Vols
Age: 18+
Location: Worcestershire, UK
Requirements: VEF, Application Form, ML,
Good level of English (applicants will have a
telephone call beforehand to check language
level)



PROJECT: Green & Away are a registered educational charity, that organise, build and run Europe's only tented, sustainable conference centre - a temporary eco-village, situated on a farm in the west of England. Each summer they bring a community of around 100 volunteers from across the world together to create the site, facilitate events, and take down this beautiful and unique project. Green & Away provides an outdoor low impact venue to host many different events. Our purpose it to provide a space for environmental and social education through hosting sustainable events and volunteer education programmes.

Successful applicants for the internship programme 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 is an entirely volunteer-run organisation and as an educational charity, teaching our interns has been an integral part of our work for over ten years. All interns are expected to stay on site throughout the season and are provided with three vegetarian meals a day and a space to pitch your own tent. If you would struggle to bring your own tent or sleeping equipment, we can provide you with one of our spares.

Green & Away is looking for several passionate and hardworking individuals to join the summer internship programme. The programme is varied and adaptable to suit you and your interests. What we can offer you is a place to learn new skills, meet a range of different people and learn about sustainability, environmental education, and running a charitable organisation. Green & Away has hosted interns every summer for around six years and the feedback we have received has been excellent. Our interns have gained life-changing skills with us and have described their time as the best summer of their lives. Green & Away is a unique and magical place, with something for everyone.

WORK CONCUKMTV03-24: At Green & Away, the host tailors the internships to the applicants' areas of interest and what skills you would like to develop. During your time with Green & Away you could run one long project, or a portfolio of smaller projects, all with a focus on sustainability, ecotourism and outdoor living.

Past Projects have included:

1. Writing a strategy for the charity
2. Designing and Maintaining educational boards and signs
3. Doing a carbon footprint analysis
4. Helping with the social media
5. Designing and running educational workshops for Green & Away Volunteers

Green & Away runs via a number of "departments" and alongside your individual project, you will be tasked with responsibilities within one or several of these departments (you can tell us about your preferences in your application). 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 for our summer season. The departments are as follows:

1. Catering & Sustainable food
2. Hospitality and ecotourism
3. Technical and maintenance
4. Office and project management
5. Eco Event Management

ACCOMMODATION & FOOD: Green & Away takes place outdoors and under canvas. You will need your own tent; however, we may be able to arrange one for you if you are unable to bring one and you let us know in advance. Full board is provided (three vegetarian/vegan meals a day and regular tea breaks with cake!). The site has hot showers, clothes washing facilities and composting toilets. All safety equipment you may require will be provided.

A licensed bar with subsidised pricing, comfortable seating areas, and arts and crafts facilities come as and when we have built them. There is Wi-Fi and phone/laptop charging facilities. Please note, when you first arrive the field will be almost empty (although our toilets and showers will be operating), so please be prepared for this).

Although Green & Away is set up on the outskirts of a small village near Worcester, the nearest shop and post office is two miles away.

LOCATION & LEISURE: The site is situated close to a small village which has some small activities going on, the site is roughly 5-6 miles from Worcester with a direct 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 site. The nearest hospital is 9 miles away.

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).

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS AND HOW TO APPLY: Volunteers must enjoy being outside, be motivated to work hard to create a beautiful and functional site, have an interest in community life, and a desire to learn about living in an environmentally sustainable way. A motivation letter is required. Volunteers must also speak a good level of English. All applicants will fill in an application pack and have an interview with the host before acceptance on to the project.

All applicants will receive a Zoom call to check their English level is high enough; the hosts need to check that you can understand health and safety instructions etc.

ACCESSIBILITY Volunteers need to have a good level of physical fitness and be confident walking on uneven ground outside.

EXTRAFEE £50 (GBP) - A small contribution to Concordia's administration fees. If the volunteer needs a VISA to enter the UK, an additional £25 needs to be paid to Concordia to cover the cost of the VISA sponsorship certificate. Volunteers will need to pay £298 for a Tier Five Charity VISA. Green & Away will be able to part-subsidise a certain number of volunteers travel costs*.

ADDITIONAL REMARKS

For Green and Away it is really important the volunteer understands what we are about (environmental charity, not a music festival! etc.) and the circumstances of the facilities (outdoor showers, 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.

CONCUKSTV01-24 - ELDERFLOWER FIELDS FESTIVAL
22/05/2024 – 29/05/2024 - 8 VOLS

Work: FEST/CHILDREN/MANU
Vols: 8
Age: 18-70
Location: Southeast England, near Brighton
Requirements: VEF, motivation letter, interview with host.
Extra Fee: £50



PROJECT: Elderflower Fields was born in 2012 out of a desire to create a new festival designed especially for families and kids. The festival sold over a thousand tickets, and everyone loved it, the sun was shining, kids played, and people danced. The festival was so popular that it happened again in 2013 and then a new bigger venue in 2014. Pippingford Park is set in an Area of Outstanding natural beauty. The host intentionally keeps Elderflower Fields small – this is part of what makes it such a safe and special festival. Designed especially for those with young children as an opportunity for little festival first timers to dip their toes into a magical world of music, fun and nature. Families return year after year for a weekend filled with new experiences, exploration and celebration.

Elderflower Fields is an independent festival, created by So Sussex and put together by a small but hardworking time to create a magical experience for their audience. The rest of the festival is made up of friends, family and amazing volunteers – hopefully including you!

WORK: Being part of our volunteer and stewarding team is an amazing opportunity to carry out some meaningful volunteering whilst also having the opportunity to enjoy all Elderflower Fields has to offer (for no cost!). You will be part of the amazing community which comes together to make the festival happen, many of whom come back year after year and will be on hand to show you the ropes. It is a hugely rewarding experience in which you will have an amazing time and make great friends.

Volunteers will be part of the field team – the eyes and ears of the festival. Volunteering in pairs, you will look after a specific area of the event and act as a contact point for the guests. Therefore, it is important that you have a good level of listening and speaking English! You may be answering questions, offering directions and helping people find their way around the site. After initial training and learning you will be able to identify if anything needs rectifying. You will be in contact with Event Control, reporting any incidents and feeding information to the public.

This is a fantastic volunteering opportunity for anyone interested in getting into event management with real on-the-ground responsibility at a large arts event. As you will arrive a few days before the festival begins there will be several tasks to get the site 'festival ready' and after the festival there will be jobs to revert the site back to its Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

ACCOMMODATION & FOOD: Volunteers will be camping at the site, in the 'crew paddock' area which is used by all festival crew. **PLEASE BE AWARE THAT IT CAN BE VERY COLD IN THE EVENINGS/NIGHT IN THE UK IN MAY, PLEASE PACK ACCORDINGLY AND BRING LOTS OF WARM CLOTHES AND LAYERS.** Elderflower fields will provide the tents for volunteers, volunteers will have access to hot showers/hot water for the duration of the volunteering project. The Crew HQ is a sheltered area where volunteers are able to charge devices, rest and relax when not volunteering. There is a microwave and hot water urn at the Crew HQ, volunteers can bring any snacks/additional food they wish to consume during the festival – please be aware there is no oven and minimal fridge space, so nonperishable foods are advisable if you wish to bring anything additional.

Volunteers will be provided with three meals a day. Cereal, Tea and Coffee will be provided at the Crew HQ for breakfast. Volunteers will receive a £10 'voucher' for both Lunch and Dinner which can be utilised at any of the available food vendors. ***Please take note that £10 is enough to get you a substantial meal, however there are some items which will cost more than £10, if you wish to pay the difference you can.*** On days where there is no festival, volunteers will be provided with a lunchtime sandwich and evening meal.

Please check the [weather](#) forecast here and pack accordingly.

LOCATION AND LEISURE Elderflower Fields is set in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty – before the festival is running there will be lots of opportunities to explore and walk around the natural environment. During the festival you will have free time to enjoy and explore all the festival has to offer including music, food, activities and workshop, it really is amazing! You can look at last year's festival [here](#).

NEAREST AIRPORT: Gatwick airport. Nearest train station: East Grinstead train station – then a final journey will take you to the site.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS AND HOW TO APPLY: Please fill in the VEF and then you will have a chat with the host.

ACCESSIBILITY: Volunteers need to be able to work outdoors in various types of weather, walking on uneven ground is required.

EXTRA FEE: £50 (GBP)

CONCUKSTV02-24, CONCUKSTV02B-24– CAMP CRUSOE – 20/07/2024-03/08/2024, 03/08/2024-17/08/2024 – 4 VOLS

Work: FEST/CHILDREN/MANU

Vols: 8

Age: 18-70

Location: Thetford, East England

Requirements: VEF, motivation letter, interview with host.

Extra Fee: £50



PROJECT: Camp Crusoe is the quintessentially British Summer Camp experience, where campers feel connected, valued, challenged and supported. The host wants every camper to have a fun experience and believe that modern childhood is too short, and the host is passionate about 'making the most of every moment'. Camp Crusoe is a fun and adventurous camp and not a summer school. Camp Crusoe prides themselves on being a small camp that cares, there are no more than 80 campers per two week stay; the host is passionate that community bonds are formed throughout their stay at camp and friendships that remain long after camp has finished.

The extensive program of activities from water sports to drama, archery to 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. We don't try to cram too much in and 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' experiences working with children both on summer camps and in the classroom and are supported by a highly trained and motivated team of camp counsellors, many of whom have worked at camp before and are planning a career working with children.

VOLUNTEERING: Volunteers will be part of an amazing 'Camp counselling' team where they will help shadow and learn the role of how to be part of an amazing Summer Camp team. 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 reading prior to the start of the camp to prepare for the role.

ACCOMMODATION & FOOD:

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, and then many bike trails and easy river access for swimming, canoeing and Kayaking. An essential element of Summer Camp is the cabin experience.

Campers sleep in a number of secure and modern cabins, separated into two 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 ablutions block very nearby with loos and hot showers but also girls and boys 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: Camp Crusoe's home for the summer is the absolutely fantastic Thorpe Woodlands Adventure Centre just outside Thetford, Norfolk. Set in glorious private woodland. There is access to the beautiful Shadwell park, featuring rolling landscape, large fields and woodlands. Volunteers will be able to visit the Shadwell Gardens and pleasure grounds. It is a 10 minute drive from the site to the local town of Thetford where there is access to local restaurants, cafes and museums.

NEAREST AIRPORT: The nearest airport to Thetford is Norwich (NWI) Airport, other nearby airports include London Stansted (STN), London Luton (LTN), London Heathrow (LHR) and London Gatwick (LGW) (95.9 miles). The host is able to take you back to London on the last day of the project via a free coach service.

MEETING POINT: Camp Crusoe staff will pick up from Thetford Train Station.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS AND HOW TO APPLY: Please fill in the VEF and provide police check and motivation letter.

AS THIS IS A LOW NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS, CONCORDIA WILL NOT BE PROVIDING A LEADER, HOWEVER YOU WILL HAVE A CAMP CRUSOE COORDINATOR ON SITE.

ACCESSIBILITY: Volunteers need to be able to work outdoors in various types of weather, walking on uneven ground is required.

EXTRA FEE: £50 (GBP)

CONCUKSTV03-24, CONCUKSTV03-24A, CONCUKSTV03-24B: GREEN & AWAY TAKEDOWN AND FESTIVAL, VARIOUS DATES JULY AND AUGUST – 5 Vols for each

Work: Festival/Environmental
Vols: 15
Age: 18+
Location: Worcestershire, UK
Requirements: ML, Good level of English (applicants will have a telephone call beforehand to check language level)



PROJECT: Green & Away is a registered educational charity, who organise, build and run a unique, tented sustainable venue – a temporary outdoor eco-village, situated on the banks of the River Teme, in lush Countryside overlooked by the Malvern Hills in the West of England.

Every summer since 1990, many volunteers from all different walks of life and all over the world have come together to create a beautiful space for events, connection to the outdoors, community and learning – and we are very excited to welcome you!

WORK AND WHAT TO EXPECT: The host is looking for people who like working hard, having fun, and being part of a community to get involved. At Green & Away the host lives in a comfortable outdoor venue as a community of up to 30 volunteers working together to look after the temporary summer home, taking turns to cook meals, and keeping the site running alongside hosting events. The type of activities you will be involved in **depends on which phase of Green and Away you join (there are three)** and this may involve putting up large marquees, housekeeping of tents or catering large events (there will be more volunteering, these are just examples. **This is an ongoing project with several starting dates. In your application, make sure to add which date you would like to start your 2 weeks project. You can apply for several 2-week periods in the same application**

13 June - 27 Jun - Set up phase
24 June - 8 July - Events phase
1 July - 15 July - Events phase
8 July - 22 July - Events phase
15 July - 29 July - Events phase
22 July - 5 August - Events phase
29 July - 12 August - Take down phase
5 - 15 August - Take down phase

You will be supported and encouraged to be involved in whatever you feel most comfortable doing, and the host always supports and appreciates new ideas and feedback – Green & Away is a place to share and learn new skills. The host warmly welcomes and encourages individuals of all backgrounds, ethnicities, races, genders, abilities, ages, religions, and orientations to join the Green & Away project.

Setup Phase: Each year we build the venue from scratch. The tasks during setup are hard but very rewarding work as you will arrive at an empty field and have the satisfaction of watching and helping the tented village circle take form each day! Basic facilities such as kitchen, showers and toilets will be ready when you arrive.

Setup takes two weeks where we erect large tents such as the kitchen and bar marquee, set up and furnish the smaller accommodation tents for paying guests and put in place essential things like plumbing and electrics., and erect the cafe, sitting room yurt, and main marquee tent amongst others. Once the structures are built, they are furnished with seating, equipment, decorations and many flowers and bunting as a finishing touch.

Setup is a time of team spirit, learning diverse new skills from how the pulley system on a canvas marquee works, how to build a traditional yurt, how to do an alpine butterfly knot, install our infrastructure such as plumbing or solar powered electrics, and looking great in steel cap boots!

Events Phase: Throughout the season we welcome different groups for whom we provide the venue and support in the smooth running of their events. Tasks involve welcoming guests and helping them settle in, cooking meals and baking bread and cakes, washing up, running the bar and cafe, cleaning the showers and toilets, chopping wood, and preparing the site for the next group (washing bedding, making beds, looking after the site).

Each event is different, and no day is the same at Green & Away. By working together as a team, we make even the washing up of over 200 plates a fun task, and you will have the opportunity of trying out different jobs and taking on new responsibilities and challenges! Between events, tasks turn to tidying up and working on different improvement projects which can vary over the years.

Takedown Phase: At the end of the season the entire site is deconstructed and packed away for the winter. Like setup, this involves a lot of manual labour and hard work but is a time when the team really comes together as we work to leave the field as we found it at the beginning of the summer.

We make sure that all structures are cleaned, dried and packed away. You'll have the chance to see the behind the scenes of outdoor living and event infrastructure and take part in plenty of problem solving and logistics tasks. While the work can be quite physical, we find that because we are not hosting events anymore, we have more time for team activities such as fancy banquet dinners, dress-up parties or relaxing campfire evenings.

If it is something you want to have a go at, then takedown may be the phase for you! Please note that as we take structures down the facilities on the field will become more minimal (toilets and showers will be available till the end).

LOCATION: The site is based at New House Farm in the small village of Bransford. It is surrounded by stunning countryside, close to the Malvern Hills. Bransford is in the county of Worcestershire, in the west of England, approximately 35 miles/56 km from Birmingham.

ACCOMMODATION & FOOD: The host is an outdoor venue and campsite so all accommodation is tented – this is for all volunteers as well as guests will be in tents. Green & Away will provide you with a space in a tent with a camp bed, sleeping bag, pillow and blanket – **IT IS STILL COLD AT NIGHT DURING UK SUMMERTIME, PLEASE ENSURE YOU BRING ENOUGH WARM CLOTHES.**

All food is provided (3 meals a day, regular tea breaks, with cake!). Meals are vegetarian/vegan, organic, fresh and local when possible. IF you do have any specific dietary requirements, please let the host know in advance.

The site has an outdoor biomass-powered, wood cladded shower cubicles, composting toilets, drinking water taps, clothes washing facilities and a washing line. The host provides eco-friendly toiletries. All safety and volunteering equipment is provided by Green and Away.

LOCATION & LEISURE: The site is situated close to a small village which has some small activities going on, the site is roughly 5-6 miles from Worcester with a direct 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 site. The nearest hospital is 9 miles away. You will get 2 days off of volunteering, days off are not the same each week, but rest will be assured to all volunteers.

The work at Green & Away is what brings us together, but there is also plenty of time for evening activities, revelling in music and laughter in our bar, swimming, playing games and enjoying an evening round the campfire. There is also opportunity for day trips to visit the local area, cultural visits or special days out like canoeing on your days off.

You are also invited to engage with our Education Wednesdays, where we spend an afternoon together learning from one another in a variety of ways through talks, workshops and discussions. If you have a skill or knowledge on a topic you would like to share with the group let us know!

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).

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS AND HOW TO APPLY The host may reach out to you to establish levels of English, you will receive an email if successful. A conversational level of B2 is necessary to understand safety instructions.

ACCESSIBILITY Volunteers need to have a good level of physical fitness and be confident walking on uneven ground outside.

EXTRAFEE £50 (GBP) - a small contribution to Concordia's administration fees.

ADDITIONAL REMARKS

For Green and Away it is really important the volunteer understands what we are about (environmental charity, not a music festival! etc.) and the circumstances of the facilities (outdoor showers, camping). Green & Away need volunteers to have a good level of English (B2) 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.

CONCUKSTV04-24, MOULSECOOMB PRIMARY SCHOOL- TBC – 8 VOLS

Work: Kids/Envi
Vols: 8
Age: 18+
Location: Brighton, East Sussex, England
Requirements: VEF, Motivation Letter, CGC



PROJECT: Moulsecomb Primary School teaches around 400 3–11-year-olds and has a strong ethos of working in partnership with the local and wider community. The school believes that one of the best ways for children to learn is through practical activities and the school grounds are full of structures such as a willow dome, Mesolithic hut and an Iron Age round house.

The school works closely with The Moulsecomb Forest Garden and Wildlife Project, which has a collection of allotments that have been converted into an environmental project for the benefit of the local community. The Forest Garden and Wildlife Project began in 1994 and is now a magical place hidden away behind the railway station.

WORK: International volunteers will be joining the family of the school and need to be flexible with the daily tasks. Three days a week you're likely to be helping out with the children in the classrooms in the afternoons, then in the morning be out in the school grounds working on tasks like painting, gardening and maintenance. Two days a week volunteers will visit the outdoor education gardens at Moulsecomb Forest Garden Project and help with watering, planting, digging and learning about their work with the local community.

ACCOMMODATION & FOOD: The accommodation is basic but adequate; volunteers will sleep on the floor in the Gym room at the school where there are showers. There are cooking facilities in the school Community room. Please bring a sleeping bag and roll mat. The community room is used at 8am for breakfast club so volunteers must be prepared to tidy their things away in the morning and have breakfast with the children. It is really important that volunteers respect that they are in a school and act as role models for the children. Since it is always nice to try new and different dishes, volunteers are encouraged to bring along their favourite recipes from home!

LOCATION: Moulsecomb is situated to the north of Brighton, a vibrant seaside town famous for its open mindedness and relaxed attitude. It is only 1 hour by train from London.

TERMINAL: Nearest Airport: Gatwick Airport **Nearest Train Station:** Brighton/local branch line – Moulsecomb.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS AND HOW TO APPLY:

- Volunteers to have an interest in working alongside children.
- **A Certificate of Good Conduct** must be sent to Concordia at least three weeks before the project takes place.

- At times this project can be physically demanding, and the volunteers need to be prepared to work outside in all weathers.

ACCESSIBILITY: Volunteers need to be able to sleep on the floor, walk up to 4km and participate in gardening/physical work often at a low level.

EXTRAFEE: £50 (GBP) - a small contribution to Concordia's administration fees. If the volunteer needs a VISA to enter the UK, an additional £21 needs to be paid to Concordia to cover the cost of the VISA sponsorship certificate.

YMCA 30 DAY PROGRAMME

**CONCUKSTV06-24, WILD FUTURES MONKEY SANCTUARY CONSERVATION –
01/09/2024-29/09/2024 – 6 VOLS**

Work: Animal/Sustainability/EDU
Vols: 6
Age: 18+
Location: Cornwall, UK
Requirements: VEF, ML, good level of English (applicants will have a zoom interview to check language level), good level of Physical fitness. Minimum of two doses of Covid-19 Vaccine.



PROJECT: Wild Futures is a UK registered charity founded upon six decades of experience as a leader in the field of primate welfare and conservation, environmental education and sustainable practice. The host is committed to protecting primates and habitats worldwide, with the protection of non-human primates at the forefront of the charities work. The safe haven for monkeys rescued from situation of abused and neglect is The Monkey Sanctuary in Cornwall, which has an international reputation for its levels of care and innovative management techniques.

WORK: The host is looking for passionate, motivated and dedicated volunteers who have an interest in animal welfare and conservation. Work includes providing a high standard of care to monkey who have been rescued from the UK pet trade, allowing them to live in stable, enriching social groups.

Volunteers will spend the mornings helping clean the enclosures. In the afternoons, volunteers will be preparing monkey food bowls and learning to identify edible wild leaves to use to make enrichment items for the monkeys. Volunteers will be helping with daily tasks and general upkeep, including cleaning, tidying, maintenance and gardening. When the site is open to the public, volunteers may help full time members of staff provide arts and crafts workshops to visiting children.

Volunteers will receive training on how to behave around monkeys, along with a general background regarding the UK Pet Trade and the impact of captivity on monkeys as well as training on how to prepare enclosures, food and enrichment for the monkeys – a truly once in a lifetime experience! It is important to not, volunteers will have no direct contact with the monkeys.

LOCATION: The volunteers are based a 45-minute walk from the picturesque seaside town of Looe. Volunteers will stay at the sanctuary in Murrayton House, a 19th Century Building, which has beautiful views of the rising and setting sun, and wildlife gardens to relax in and enjoy.

Looe is the picturesque fishing harbour situated in South East Cornwall, just a further 45 minutes from the big city of Plymouth. Looe is famous for fish and a sandy beach with lots of shops, hikes, food and fun to be had! Looe has a rich history such as the famous Looe Bridge that joins the East and West towns. There are many hidden treasures in including beautiful woodland and cobbled streets lined with independent shops and restaurants.

ACCOMMODATION & FOOD: Volunteers will stay in single sex dorms with up to four other people on the site. Volunteers will either stay in a single bed or bunk bed. **Volunteers need to bring their own towels, toiletries and sleeping bag. Pillows, pillow cases, a sheet for the mattress and a blanket are provided.**

There is a fully accessible kitchen and pantry which volunteers will be able to utilise for meal times, food supplies will be provided for volunteers to prepare their own three meals a day (or cook together as a group it is lovely to cook and eat together!) and there is additional access for volunteers to store **meat and fish free products**. Volunteers will have access to a living room with a TV, board games, DVDs and an area to relax. Optional evening entertainments are listed on the chalkboard. Volunteers will have access to showers, hot water and a washing machine and detergent. There is a specific drying room to dry clothes.

Uniform is provided, when necessary, on volunteering jobs. Volunteers will clean enclosures in PPE (overalls, boots and gloves) which are provided. Volunteers need to bring their own supply of face masks – washable ones are fine, to wear when in the Monkey Territory.

NEAREST AIRPORT: There are two options for the incoming volunteers:

1. Volunteers fly into Bristol Airport. Volunteers will get the cross country to Bristol Temple Meads and then a train to Liskeard - this will take roughly 2 hours 40 minutes and is a direct train. Once volunteers arrive in Liskeard, they will need to take a train to Looe which is roughly 30 minutes. A Taxi will then be needed to Wild Futures which is less than ten minutes.

2. If volunteers cannot arrive in to Bristol Airport, then Heathrow is needed. However this is a longer journey, Volunteers will need to get the National Express Bus (Book In Advance) to Liskeard and a train to Looe which takes approximately 6 hours. A Taxi will then be needed to Wild Futures which is less than ten minutes.

Travel Costs: Option One: £60 Option Two: £50 These costs are rough estimates.

Concordia will work with the host and pre organise taxis to cover one journey to the venue and one journey back to the station on the final day. If the volunteer fails to reach the meeting point on time, they will need to organise their own final transportation to the venue.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS & HOW TO APPLY: All Wild Futures need is enthusiasm, positivity and a person with a passion for animal welfare! PLEASE NOTE: **this is a vegetarian centre, no meat or fish product are to be eaten, cooked or stored on site.** Volunteers need to be fit and healthy to carry out the volunteering.

Volunteers to apply through PLATO and receive an application pack which needs to be returned ASAP, this will be sent on to the host for approval.

ACCESSIBILITY: Need to be physically fit to carry out the work.

EXTRA FEE: £50 (GBP)

**CONCUKTEEN01-24, ROCK FARM, 01/07/2027-07/07/2024– 14 VOLS +
2 COORDINATORS**

Work: Teen/Agri/Envi/Manu
Vols: 14 vols + 2 Coordinator
Age: 16-17
Location: West Sussex, UK
Requirements: VEF, ML, Parental Consent Form.



PROJECT: Rock Farm is a therapeutic growing project open to everyone, restoring both the landscape and people through an innovative market garden model. We grow fruit and vegetables using regenerative, permaculture, and no dig principles, with absolutely zero pesticides or herbicides. We are at the cutting edge of embedding productive crops in a forest garden ecosystem, which sinks large amount of carbon into the soil instead of emitting it and provides the backbone of our sustainability and therapeutic curricula. 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. Rock Farm grows produce on six acres of community land in West Sussex, offering access to horticultural therapy and community gardening for a range of volunteers and vulnerable groups.

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: Planting trees, growing vegetables, tree work. 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
- Clay Restoration on a Pizza Oven
- Tending to the plants and other wildlife
- Digging new areas for new trees to be planted
- Education sessions with the host

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

- Walk to local town Steyning.
- Takeaway Pizza
- Games Night
- Visit to Brighton
- Farwell Party

LOCATION: 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 the whole feeling of the area and learn about living in the 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 Coordinator will help volunteers make plans for their free time – but volunteers will be expected to contribute ideas and suggestions for activities.

ACCOMMODATION & FOOD: Volunteers will stay in large style canvas tents throughout the project, this is a sustainable style living and project so do pre plan and bring warm clothes and items to sleep to in – **I must emphasise that even in the British Summertime it will be VERY COLD AT NIGHT – please ensure you bring enough warm clothes, sleeping bags and warm clothes to sleep in.** Volunteers will have access to two hot outdoor showers – **these are outdoor showers, so you will need to bring flip-flops/sliders and a swimming costume – as these are carbon negative showers there will only be a certain amount of hot water per day – one of the tasks for the volunteers is to create the hot water system!** Rock farm will provide a small furnished cabin in the camping area for use as a meeting and relaxing area. There are a four further buildings/cover for eating and cooking – including a pizza oven!

Rock farm will provide dry goods and fresh produce for two 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.

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

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS & HOW TO APPLY:

ACCESSIBILITY: Volunteers need to be able to work outdoors in various types of weather, walking on uneven ground is required.

EXTRA FEE: £350 (GBP)

ADDITIONAL REMARKS: This is a teenage project for young people aged 16-17.

CONCUKTEEN02-24, BRIGHTON ROCKS V, 05/08/2024-11/08/2024 – 14 VOLS

Work: Teen/Agri/Envi/Manu
Vols: 14 vols + 2
Coordinator
Age: 16-17
Location: Brighton, UK
Requirements: VEF, ML, Parental
Consent Form.



PROJECT: Concordia is excited to continue our flagship international volunteering programme, the fifth iteration of Brighton Rocks: Brighton Rocks V. Concordia will host a group of 14 international volunteers in Brighton to work with a local host carrying out a blend of environmental and manual volunteering. Alongside this volunteers will have the opportunity to carry out some culturally enriching activities alongside leisure visits to a nearby town and the very popular city of Brighton.

WORK: As mentioned, volunteers will be carrying out environmental sustainability and manual volunteering, volunteering with a local partner, The Brighton Permaculture Trust (BPT). A long-term sustainable partner of Concordia. Volunteers will carry out work on a beautiful community orchard and a race hill community orchard. Working alongside other local volunteers for two days, with the third day being dedicated to The Brighton Permaculture Trust creating opportunities to help act towards the sustainability of the trust. Tasks volunteers may complete during the three days will include the following:

- Forest Gardening
- Water Harvesting
- Composting
- Seed Saving
- Educational uses and benefits of weeding
- General maintenance

This project is also a wonderful place to ask any questions that you may have about sustainability and permaculture. The project will last 7 days, including 2 travel days. There will be 3 and a half days dedicated to volunteering and 1 and a half days dedicated to leisure and culture activities. During the leisure days, volunteers will have the opportunity to travel to the historic Lewes and a Visit to the town of Brighton, going to the beach, the pier and exploring the historic lanes.

LOCATION:

Brighton is situated on the South Coast of England, roughly 90 minutes south of London by train, located in East Sussex. It is a picturesque seaside town, rich in diversity, history and individuality. Famous for its pier and North Laines, Brighton has lots to discover! The project will take place in

Brighton, East Sussex, England. Brighton is a vibrant city where the volunteers will explore British culture and develop their language skills. Cultural visits and leisure activities will be organised together with the group. Visits to close-by sites will ensure that the group get the whole feeling of the city. Surrounding Brighton is the South Downs, a national park providing great hiking opportunities to reach great views of the county. The Concordia Coordinator will help volunteers make plans for their free time – but volunteers will be expected to contribute ideas and suggestions for activities.

ACCOMMODATION:

Volunteers will be accommodated at Varley Park at the University of Brighton, in a small suburb North East of the main city. Each volunteer will have their own bedroom with a bed, sink, storage. There is shared bathroom and shower facilities. Volunteers will have communal kitchens in which a fridge, freezer and ovens are provided. Volunteers will have access to Wi-Fi. Please be aware that the plugs will be **British three-pin standard**.

Concordia will provide volunteers with ingredients to make meals along with drinks and snacks. Food will be cooked and prepared by the volunteers. The Concordia Coordinator will ensure a 'rota' is created with one team cooking and one team cleaning each meal time. Food preparation and consumption will take place in one of the flats and not both. It is important that all volunteers take part in the cooking as it will make it a much more enjoyable activity!

If you do have any allergens or dietary requirements, please ensure that these are listed on your consent form prior to your arrival to the UK.

CULTURAL AND LEISURE ACTIVITIES:

Please note that cultural and leisure activities are an important part of the project, dedicated to the intercultural exchange of international teens.

Cultural and leisure activities may include the following (***This is subject to change and weather dependent***)

- Trip to the historic town of Lewes
- Lewes castle
- Intercultural cooking night
- Games night
- Fish and Chips Takeaway meal.
- Group activities at Stanmer Park
- Trip to Brighton Pier
- Individual time to explore Brighton as small groups.
- Movie Nights

TRAVELLING TO BRIGHTON: Volunteers will need to make their own way to Brighton station, where the Concordia Coordinator will meet the volunteers. **Ensure you are not late to the meeting point, if you think you are going to be late then please inform the Concordia Coordinator.**

NEAREST AIRPORT: London Gatwick Airport.

PROJECT ACCESSIBILITY: Volunteers need to be able to volunteer outdoors, walking on uneven ground may be required.

CONCORDIA COORDINATOR: Two Concordia coordinators will be with the group for the duration of the project. The coordinators will have strong experience in leading groups, possess a police check and have carried out extensive training with Concordia.

EXTRA FEE: £470 – PROVISIONAL TBC

ADDITIONAL REMARKS: This is a teenage project for ages 16-17.

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