

VOLUNTEER ABROAD APPLICATION FORM

Personal Details

First Name: _____ Surname: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Passport No: _____

Address: _____

Current Occupation _____

E-mail: _____ Mobile: _____

Tel.: _____ Fax: _____

Emergency Contact

1. Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____ Mobile: _____

Tel.: _____ Fax: _____

2. Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____ Mobile: _____

Tel.: _____ Fax: _____

Programme Choice

What country do you wish to volunteer in? (Please tick one):

Argentina <input type="checkbox"/>	Brazil <input type="checkbox"/>	Chile <input type="checkbox"/>	China <input type="checkbox"/>	Ecuador <input type="checkbox"/>
Guatemala <input type="checkbox"/>	Ghana <input type="checkbox"/>	India <input type="checkbox"/>	Mexico <input type="checkbox"/>	Morocco <input type="checkbox"/>
Nepal <input type="checkbox"/>	New Zealand <input type="checkbox"/>	Nigeria <input type="checkbox"/>	Peru <input type="checkbox"/>	South Africa <input type="checkbox"/>
Thailand <input type="checkbox"/>	Turkey <input type="checkbox"/>	Vietnam <input type="checkbox"/>		

Please name the two project areas you would most like to work at (please note that participants cannot be guaranteed a placement in a particular project area. Participants must be prepared to be flexible in this regard)

1 _____

2 _____

When do you wish to start? (Please give the month and the year) _____

How long do you wish to go on the programme for? (Please check programme information for options)

2012 Pre-departure workshop. When would you prefer to attend? (Workshops are on Saturdays from 10.30 to 4pm): Dublin Workshops (Irish Aid Centre, O'Connell St.): 10 March , 28 April , 16 June , 25 August , 8 December ; Cork Workshop: 26 May

Where did you first hear about The EIL Volunteer Abroad programme?
(Please give the name of the newspaper, magazine, web site/directory, search engine, publication or organisation where you first found out about EIL's Volunteer Abroad programme)

Experience and Motivation (attach another sheet if necessary)

Have you previously participated in voluntary activities? Please detail. _____

What is your motivation for participating in this programme? _____

Have you ever travelled or lived abroad? (Please describe) _____

Please outline any knowledge you have of foreign languages _____

References

Please give the names and contact details of two referees (one of whom should either be your employer or teacher) who we can contact in relation to your application.

1. Name _____ Occupation _____

Address _____

Tel. _____ E-mail: _____

2. Name _____ Occupation _____

Address _____

Tel. _____ E-mail: _____

Programme Preference

Volunteer Abroad offers a large range of volunteering opportunities. Some of our programmes include tourist and cultural activities as part of your orientation. Some of our projects can be challenging with basic living conditions while other projects can be with relatively comfortable living standards. The following questions will give us a clearer indicator of the type of volunteer experience you are looking for (please note that this is not a guarantee of a particular type of placement). Please circle one

1. I would like a volunteer placement that includes cultural and tourist activities

Strongly Agree	1	2	3	4	5	Strongly disagree
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2. My main priority is to work hard as a volunteer, everything else comes second

Strongly Agree	1	2	3	4	5	Strongly disagree
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3. It is important for me to be near other volunteers, to have a lot of support and to feel part of a team

Strongly Agree	1	2	3	4	5	Strongly disagree
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4. I can adjust to basic living conditions with a few mod cons

Strongly Agree	1	2	3	4	5	Strongly disagree
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5. I am open to volunteer in a challenging location or working on a project which pushes my limits

Strongly Agree	1	2	3	4	5	Strongly disagree
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Optional Survey

<p>From the following, what best describes your MAIN motivation for joining our programme? PLEASE TICK ONE ONLY</p> <p>Travel <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>To Learn a Language <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>To Learn about other Cultures <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Work Experience <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>To Make a Difference <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>To Help People <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>To Help Conserve the Environment <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Always wanted to Volunteer <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Other, please specify: _____</p>	<p>What best describes this period of time for you? PLEASE TICK ONE ONLY</p> <p>Part of my Career Break <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Part of my Gap Year <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Something different/meaningful with my Holidays <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>To help me decide what to do with my life <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>In between jobs, perfect timing <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Other, please specify: _____</p>
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Why did you choose EIL's Volunteer Abroad Programme?

What EIL source of information did you use the most?
 The website The brochure and country info sheets

Do you have any comments/recommendations on how EIL presents the information on volunteer programmes?

What is your favourite internet search engine?

What is your most frequented website?

What are your favourite newspapers and magazines?

What radio station do you listen to the most?

Medical Information

We need you to answer honestly to the following questions. The intention is to ensure that we are aware of these details in order to find a suitable project and to provide special supports when it is necessary. These questions are not designed to exclude any application.

Do you suffer from any allergies? If yes, please describe which kind and what the symptoms are: _____

Do you have any special dietary requirements? If yes, please specify:

Do you require any ongoing or temporary medical treatment? If yes, please specify:

Are you receiving or have you ever received treatment/counselling for any physical or psychiatric conditions? If yes, please specify (having a condition may not exclude you from participation):

To the best of your knowledge have you been in contact with any contagious or infectious diseases or suffered from anything in the last four weeks that may be contagious or infectious? If yes, please give details:

Have you had any recent injuries? If yes, please give details: _____

When did you last have a tetanus injection? _____

Please give details of any other relevant information regarding your health:

Please give the contact details for your family doctor:

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____

Document Checklist

Please check that you have enclosed the following with your completed application form:

- 1 recent passport-sized photographs
- An up-to-date CV
- Signed declaration overleaf
- A deposit of €350 (cheque, postal order or bank draft)

Please send all of this to our office at:
EIL Intercultural Learning; 1 Empress Place, Summerhill North, Cork City

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. EIL – Intercultural Learning is the Irish national office of The Experiment in International Living.
2. Applications to participate in EIL Programmes are welcome from those with a sincere desire to develop understanding and friendship between people of different cultures and backgrounds and with the ability to adapt easily to daily life in another culture.
3. EIL reserves the right to refuse participation on any programme to any person(s) demonstrating discriminatory attitudes in relations to race, class, occupation, religion or colour.
4. Participants agree at all times to consider themselves ambassadors for their country and to respect the property of their hosts.
5. Participants agree to contact their Volunteer Co-ordinator in the event of any difficulties or problems arising during the programme.
6. No application can be processed without receipt of a €350 deposit. Once we have confirmed your acceptance on the programme, the deposit is non refundable.
7. Participants are responsible for booking and purchase of flights, and the organisation of any required visa for the relevant country.
8. Participants travelling to all destinations agree to seek medical advice on any vaccinations or medical/dietary issues prior to departure.
9. Applicants should be as flexible as possible in their requirements regarding placements. Every effort will be made to meet specific requirements but these can never be guaranteed.
10. Participants agree to read the EIL Volunteer Contract prior to sending their application and are aware of EIL right to cancel their programme if they do not comply with the contract's conditions. The contract is available online: <http://www.eilireland.org/volunteer-abroad/why-eil/predeparture-contract> or can be sent to the participant upon request.
11. All prices are quoted in Euro. The balance of the programme fee should be paid not later than 6 weeks before departure.
12. EIL reserves the right to cancel any programme for which full payment has not been received 28 days before departure.
13. EIL accepts no liability whatsoever for any loss, illness or accident suffered by a participant during the programme howsoever caused.
14. Placement can normally be deferred to a different start date to a charge of €150.
15. If you cancel your programme before your departure, the cancellation charges depend on how much notice you give us before your originally preferred departure date: notice of more than 12 weeks - full refund of amount paid less deposit; notice of 9 to 12 weeks - 50% of total cost; notice of 5 to 8 weeks - 75% of total cost; less than 5 weeks - no refund.
16. No refund will be given for any participant cancelling or withdrawing from the programme after departure.
17. Refunds for participants forced to withdraw during the programme because of serious illness will be considered on a case by case basis.
18. No refund will be given to participants dismissed for misconduct.
19. Participants agree to contribute €30.00 (to be deducted from amount paid for programme) towards the work of The Trust for Education in International Living to promote intercultural programmes which foster international understanding, world peace and the elimination of racist attitudes. Further information on the Trust is available on request.
20. Travel insurance is compulsory.
Optional Insurance is available, key features:
 - Unlimited medical and hospital treatment abroad
 - Any medical costs resulting from an accident
 - Liability cover up to €500,000
 - Limited life insurance, accidental disability and emergency dental treatment coverBefore travel we send full details of the cover including your insurance identity card and instructions on how to make a claim. Please note that you need to purchase additional travel insurance to cover you for delay/cancellation of flights/programme.
21. The possibility exists of transport delays or cancellations due to weather conditions, industrial disputes or other causes; whilst EIL greatly regrets any inconvenience caused to participants, it can not be held responsible for any repercussions, financial or otherwise caused by weather conditions, war fire, flood, strike, industrial dispute, terrorist activities, hostilities, political unrest, riot, civil commotion, inevitable accident, act of God, or other circumstances amounting to force majeure....

Declaration

Do you have any prosecutions pending or have you ever been convicted of a criminal offence or been the subject of a Caution or of a Bound Over Order Yes No

If Yes, please state the nature and date(s) of the offence(s): _____

Have you ever been the subject of disciplinary procedures or been asked to leave employment or voluntary activity due to inappropriate behaviour towards a child or vulnerable adult? Yes No

If Yes, please give details: name(s) of employer(s), date of incident(s), nature of incident(s)/inappropriate behaviour: _____

I confirm that nothing within my personal or professional background deems me unsuitable for a post which involves working with children and vulnerable adults. I declare that I have completed each section above to the best of my knowledge and that I have read and accept the Terms and Conditions of this programme. In addition, I confirm that I will attend the pre-departure workshop organised by EIL.

Signed _____ Date _____