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volunteering



UNITED KINGDOM

Do-it is the first national database of volunteering opportunities in the UK.

Vinspired connects 16-25 year olds with volunteering opportunities in England.

Community Service Volunteers (CSV) is the UK's largest volunteering and training charity.

Camphill Communities in England and Wales are for those considering a gap year, career break, ADiA, FSJ, EVS or welfare training placement and wishing to share time with an international group of young people and get involved in the lives of our amazing children, adolescents or adults with special needs and gifts.

Most volunteer vacancies are open to young people from the age of 18 years and can last 6 months to 2 years.

Volunteers receive free accommodation, food and a personal allowance of £35 per week.

WWOOF UK In order to volunteer on WWOOF host farms in the UK you must first become a member. Membership lasts for 1 year.

In the 'abroad' section you can find more details on WWOOFing.

ABROAD

WorldWide Volunteering helps people of all ages to take part in fulfilling and inspiring volunteering projects in the UK and around the world.

The on-line **database** is the UK's most comprehensive source of information on full-time volunteering.

International Citizen Service (ICS) is a global volunteering experience which supports young people from all backgrounds to make a real difference to some of the world's poorest people.

This new initiative will give thousands of 18-22 year olds across the UK the chance to join in the fight against global poverty. Places are also available for some team leaders who will mentor the other volunteers and contribute their skills and experience.

The scheme is open to everyone, but those who can afford to contribute will be asked to pay for part of the costs of their volunteer placements overseas. If the income of the household on which you depend is less than £25,000 per year your participation will be fully funded.

Regardless of how much you pay, you will be provided with flights, visas, travel and medical insurance, medication and vaccines, food and accommodation, an allowance while

you are overseas, and full support throughout the whole programme.

European Voluntary Service (EVS) is the Action 2 of the **Youth in Action** programme, offering young people the opportunity to volunteer abroad, primarily in Europe, for a period of 2 to 12 months.

It is free. There is no cost to the volunteer at any stage. Travel, accommodation, food and insurance are all covered by a European grant. You will even receive a small personal allowance each month.

There are no qualification requirements. Basic language knowledge will help, but is not necessary.

EVS is inclusive for all young people. Those volunteers with fewer opportunities who do not feel able to complete a longer term placement can take part in EVS for a short-term project from two weeks to two months. Extra support is available if you feel that this would be needed for you to carry your project.

The **database** contains information on all the organisations that are accredited for EVS.

Info on **EVS** for other young Europeans on the website of the European Commission.

Grundtvig Senior Volunteering Projects support partnerships and exchanges of senior volunteers and local organisations located in two countries participating in the EU's **Lifelong Learning Programme**. Each organisation sends and hosts up to 6 volunteers during a 2-year project. Volunteers, who should be aged 50 and over, will usually spend from 3 to 8 weeks abroad working for projects in fields including social protection, the environment, sport and culture. Volunteers should take part in non-profit making activities that provide good learning opportunities. Any organisation involved with adult education can apply.

Advice Sessions offer you the opportunity to meet with National Agency staff to discuss your plans for submitting an application for funding.

Info on **Grundtvig** for other Europeans on the website of the European Commission.

Emmaus Summer Camps Every summer from 15th June - 15th September, a number of European communities host young volunteers aged 18 and over for stays lasting between one week and two months. During their stay, volunteers are integrated into the community and take part in its daily life - they get involved in the activities (collecting, salvaging, recycling and selling goods) and the life (eating with the companions and cleaning duties) of the community depending on their skills. The hosting group covers all of the costs incurred by the presence of the young volunteers (food, accommodation and accident insurance).

In 2011, there are hosting groups in **France**, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Finland, Italy and Spain.

Voluntary Services Overseas (VSO) is the world's leading independent international development organisation that works through volunteers to fight poverty in developing countries.

Long-term volunteer roles offer you the chance to spend two years abroad making a lasting difference to some of the world's poorest people. You'll need a minimum of two years' experience in your professional field, preferably with a degree qualification. You must be ready to volunteer abroad within 12 months of applying.

Short-term volunteer placements tend to be consultancy-type roles, designed around achieving a specific goal or completing a set project, so require highly skilled professionals who can hit the ground running. The majority of short-term roles last between 4 and 6 months. For most of our roles, you will need at least 5 years' experience in your field, be able to go for 6 months and be ready to leave within 12 months of applying – sometimes at short notice. They take care of all your expenses, from flights and insurance through to visas and accommodation. You even get a local living allowance.

Youth volunteering VSO runs two programmes which aim to put young adults at the centre of efforts to tackle poverty and inequality:

If you are aged 18–22, you can volunteer on the **Global Xchange (GX)** programmes. GX gives volunteers a chance to join other young people to work on important projects in developing countries. There are two Global Xchange opportunities to choose from: *Youth Xchange* and *Youth Action*, which are 6 months and 3 months long respectively. Global Xchange is now part of **International Citizen Service (ICS)**, a new government backed global youth volunteering programme funded by DfID.

If you are aged 18–25, you can volunteer on the **Youth for Development** programme. Volunteers work on a project in a developing country for 12 months. Participants live and work in a community and could be involved in a wide variety of projects. Example projects include working to support children's education, HIV and AIDS programmes, or contributing to organisational development through research and advocacy.

Diaspora volunteers share their skills and commitment in their countries or continents of heritage. It encourages more people from Diaspora communities to get involved in volunteering to help fight poverty in developing countries and raise development awareness in the UK.

World Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms (WWOOF) is a world wide network of organisations, linking volunteers with organic farmers, and helping people share more sustainable ways of living.

WWOOF is an exchange - In return for volunteer help, WWOOF hosts offer food, accommodation and opportunities to learn about low-impact lifestyles and organic agriculture through hands-on experience. As a WWOOFer, you can expect to work about 5-6 hours per day 5 days a week, or a combination of hours/days to suit your host and yourself not totalling more than 30 hours per week.

Camphill Communities - Around the world.

International Voluntary Service (ISV) is the British branch of *Service Civil International*, a world wide network of like-minded, not-for-profit organisations promoting peace and social justice through voluntary work.

United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme is the UN organisation that contributes to peace and development through volunteerism worldwide.

Volunteer Action for Peace (VAP) is a UK based charity organisation which works towards creating and preserving international peace, justice and human solidarity for people and their communities. You can select a project from our range of Short Term Workcamp opportunities (2-4 weeks), Medium Term Volunteering (2-6 months) and Long Term Volunteering (6+ months) or as an EVS volunteer on a fully funded scheme.

Inter-Cultural Youth Exchange (ICYE) is an ethical volunteering organisation with over 50 years of experience in international volunteering. Projects range from HIV and AIDS awareness projects, to working with street children or in orphanages, to human rights or indigenous community groups as well as the environment and many more.

Concordia provides low cost volunteer opportunities in over 60 countries across the world.

UNA Exchange offers thousands of opportunities to volunteers on a huge range of projects in over 60 countries worldwide.

Available Funding Streams

Youth in Action

Action 1.2 - Youth Initiatives are projects entirely devised, planned and implemented by young people at either local, regional, or trans-national level. A Youth Initiative provides the opportunity to learn from the experience of handling responsibility for the delivery and budget of a project, helping a variety of young people develop their initiative, enterprise and creativity.

Four or more young people can come together as an informal group to discuss issues they feel are important in their life. They can then devise a project to investigate further, with a view to the creation of a proposal that addresses or improves those issues, particularly for themselves and other young people in the local community. To achieve this they would organise their ideas into a set of achievable targets and assign roles and responsibilities amongst themselves.

They can request funds (up to £6000) for their activities such as meeting room hire, equipment hire and promotion.

Participants: Young people between the ages of 18-30 who are legally resident in a Programme Country. Those aged 15-18 may be admitted, if accompanied by a youth worker or coach.

Info on [Youth Initiatives](#) for other young Europeans on the website of the European Commission.

Prince's Trust

Community Cash Awards are grants to help you set up a project that will benefit your community.

What you get:

- A grant to get you going of up to £3,000 (the average amount given is £1,500).
- Support to help plan your project, research your budget, set goals and learn about your community.

You must be either:

- aged 14-16, and achieving or at risk of achieving less than 5 GCSEs grades A* - C, or
- aged 16-25 and not in education, training or work (or working less than 16 hours a week).

UnLtd is a charity which supports social entrepreneurs - people with vision, drive, commitment and passion who want to change the world for the better.

UnLtd Millennium Awards provide practical and financial support to social entrepreneurs in the UK. It is people who are important to UnLtd; which is why they only offer support to individuals - they do not support organisations. You don't just get money from UnLtd - if you win an award you will get a complete package of support designed just for you, in addition to the financial support. UnLtd currently offers two levels of award:

Level 1 Awards, of between £500 and £5,000 (expected average of £2,000), are designed to help make new ideas become real projects. UnLtd gives out 1,000 Level 1 Awards each year across the UK. These awards are aimed at individuals or informal groups of people who have an idea and want help getting it off the ground. The money is to help with the running costs of the project.

Level 2 Awards, of up to £15,000, support people whose ideas are already developed or pay for the living expenses of Award Winners to help them devote more time to their projects. These Awards are given out once in the spring and once in the autumn.

UnLtd Sport Relief Awards are a UK wide funding programme for 11-21 year olds who are prepared to go the extra mile and use their passion for sport and arts to bring respect and understanding to their communities by setting up their own projects. These awards are funded by Comic Relief and provide opportunities for young people to bring communities together, to help promote understanding and solve problems through sport, arts and recreational activities. There are three types of awards:
Try It - up to £1,000
Shape It - up to £5,000
Do It - up to £10,000

O2 Think Big

13 to 25 years old? Take a look around and if you see something you want to create or change, start a

project to make it better. For you, your community or your surroundings. It can be anything from starting a dance club, to starting a revolution.

What you get once you're in the programme:

- £300 cash for your project
- Training and support
- £30 mobile credit to share around your project group
- A Think Big merchandise pack
- Communications tools
- Support from the team of O2 helpers
- Only if you have completed your £300 project and things are going really well might you get invited to *Think Bigger* and apply for more.

Awards 4 All England is a simple small grants scheme making awards of between £300 and £10,000. The programme aims to help improve local communities and the lives of people most in need.

You may be eligible to apply if:

- you are a not-for-profit group (including social enterprises), a parish or town council, school or health body;
- you have a bank account that requires at least two unrelated people to sign each cheque or withdrawal;
- you have a governing body with at least three unrelated members;
- you can spend the grant within one year.

Additional support

Resource Centre - Information sheets - useful information to help people run community and voluntary groups.

Resource Centre - Favourite Funders - factsheets on good funders for local groups.

Charity Commission - the regulator for charities in England and Wales.

National Association for Voluntary and Community Action (NAVCA) For support contact your local NAVCA member.

youth awards



Arts Award is...

- A great way for young people to explore creative skills
- A nationally recognised qualification
- A framework for learning new skills and sharing them
- A link between young people and creative professionals in arts and media
- A rapidly growing award that can be achieved throughout England.

Your Arts Award can be based around any arts or media activity, and you can complete it in a wide variety of settings – like youth clubs, arts centres, schools, colleges, theatres or community groups. There are no entry requirements, no time limit for completing the award, and no set rules on how you present your final work. The only thing you need to be is aged between 11 and 25, and ready to explore new creative experiences.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award

A DofE programme is a real adventure from beginning to end. It doesn't matter who you are or where you're from. You just need to be aged between 14 and 24 and realise there's more to life than sitting on a sofa watching life pass you by. You can do programmes at three levels, Bronze, Silver or Gold, which lead to a Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

Sports Leaders UK

provides nationally recognised leadership awards and qualifications that help people develop essential life skills such as organisation, motivation, communication and working with others. All of the awards and qualifications are practical - candidates learn by doing rather than through written work. And, they don't do exams - assessment is made upon a candidate's ability to lead and demonstrate their leadership skills for

a certain period of time, within a specific setting.

UK Youth Challenge and Youth Achievement Awards

are an activity-based approach to peer education, promoting personal and social skills development, accredited to national standards by ASDAN (Award Scheme Development and Accreditation Network). The Awards are designed to help develop more effective participative practice by encouraging young people to progressively take more responsibility in selecting, planning and leading activities that are based on their interests. The peer group model encourages the development of a wide range of life skills through a flexible and informal approach.

youth exchanges



The Commonwealth Youth Exchange Council Youth Exchanges

provide support, guidance and funding for life-changing youth exchanges between the United Kingdom and Commonwealth Countries.

They support exchanges which are:

- Youth-led - where young people, aged 15-25 years are involved in all stages of the planning and running of the exchange. Youth exchanges can be a very powerful instrument for young people's development when everyone has the opportunity to full participate in the planning, organisation and decision making involved in the exchange.

- Two-way - where groups visit, and host, each other. Most exchanges take place over two-years, with one group hosting and the other visiting each year.

- Taking place within the Commonwealth. There are over 50 Commonwealth Countries you could hold an exchange with.

Youth in Action

Action 1.1 - Youth Exchanges

Youth Exchanges with European partner organisations allows members of youth groups throughout the UK and Europe the chance to

come into contact with other European cultures.

A Youth Exchange brings together groups of young people from different backgrounds from two or more eligible countries, providing them with an opportunity to meet, discuss, and confront various themes, whilst learning about each other countries and cultures.

Youth Exchanges are open to all young people from the UK, regardless of their background, education or socio-economic status.

Participants: Young people aged 13-25 who are legally resident in a Programme Country. The Youth in Action programme encourages the involvement of 'young people with fewer opportunities', i.e. those who are at a disadvantage compared to their peers, because they face social, economic, educational, cultural, geographical, health-related or disability-related obstacles.

The grant is calculated as a percentage of the real costs for travel as well as fixed rates for things such as preparation costs, activity costs, etc. The exact amounts are published in the Youth in Action Programme Guide under the Chapter 'Action 1.1 - Youth Exchanges'.

Comenius School Partnerships

are bi- and multilateral cooperation between schools in different European countries, focusing on common interests of the participating schools and helping them to work on a common project.

They are for staff and students in nursery, primary, secondary, special schools, sixth form and further education colleges are eligible. Find out which countries you can work with.

The benefits to the school include valuable opportunities for staff and students to work together, develop focused approaches to problem-solving, and build pedagogical programmes. Pupils and students also have the possibility of visiting their partner institutions through the funding available.

The partnerships can provide a great opportunity for in-service training, through mobility activities such as teacher exchanges, head teacher study visits, teacher placements and project meetings.

Funding is awarded as a fixed lump sum amount based on the number of mobilities (staff and pupils travelling abroad). The grant covers the costs of reciprocal class exchanges.

Info on [Comenius](#) for other Europeans on the website of the European Commission.

Rotary Short Term Youth Exchange Programme involves spending 2 weeks or more staying with an exchange partner in their family home and exploring a different country, another culture and possibly another language and then hosting the same exchange partner in your home for a similar period. This often operates with the visitor coming to your home in Britain or Ireland first.

Exchanges usually take place during the long summer break from school but one leg could be at Easter or Christmas, if so wished.

You are eligible if:

- You are 15-19 years old.
- You agree to host your exchange partner in your home for 3-4 weeks.
- Your school will give you a good character reference.

Remember your parents or guardians don't have to be members of Rotary for you to take part in an exchange.

The world is your oyster... well, almost; there are Rotary Clubs in about 170 countries and most of them are certified by Rotary International to take part in the Short Term Exchange Programme. Not all countries participate every year but it is possible to arrange an exchange with your chosen country.

Is it not necessary to be able to speak a foreign language. However, if you have studied a foreign language at school and choose to visit a country that speaks that language, you will be able to gain some conversational ability.

You do not have to worry about food and accommodation costs, as they will be covered by your host.

You are responsible however for the cost of your travel. You must also take out an insurance policy which is acceptable to Rotary in the host country. You must obtain a passport, a visa (if required) and provide your own spending money for the duration of the exchange.

Your parents need to take into account the cost of having your exchange partner as a guest in your home for 3-4 weeks and the additional expenditure of excursions you might make with them or events to which you might take them.

[More info.](#)

Rotary Group Study Exchange Programme The GSE programme of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for young business and professional men and women between the ages of 25 and 40 in the initial years of their professional life. The program provides travel grants for teams of participants to exchange visits between paired areas in different countries. For 4 to 6 weeks, team members study the host country's institutions and ways of life, observe their own vocations as practised abroad, develop personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas. Team members can come from corporations, small businesses, community organizations, medical and educational facilities, government offices, and nonprofit agencies.

GSE team member applicants must:

- Be between the ages of 25 and 40
- Be fully employed with at least two years of work experience in their chosen field
- Be in the early stages of their careers or professions
- Reside in or be employed in the sending Rotary district and also be citizens of the country in which they reside
- Be proficient in the language of the country being visited
- Be personable, articulate, cooperative, motivated team players, and enthusiastic about their vocations.

For each team member, The Rotary Foundation provides the most economical round-trip air ticket between the home and host countries. Local Rotarians in the host area provide for meals, lodging, and group travel in their district. Each team member is responsible for all personal and incidental expenses incurred before, during, and after the study tour, including any personal travel arranged after the exchange.

Lions International Youth Camp and Exchange Programme

An Exchange can be arranged in hundreds of countries and geographic locations where there are Lions clubs. Most exchanges last between 4 and 6 weeks during which the participants (ages 15-21) stay with one or more host families in another country.

Camps are one or two weeks long and bring together young people

(ages 16-22) from around the world. Camps usually include a family stay that lasts between 1 and 4 weeks. More than 100 Lions camps are held each year in about 39 countries. Activities include visits to places of cultural or natural interest, sporting events and country presentations by the camp participants.

All participants in a Lions Youth Camp or Exchange must:

- Be between the ages of 15 and 22
- Have a basic knowledge of the language of the host country
- Be ready to represent your community, country and the sponsoring Lions club
- Welcome the opportunity to explore and accept the customs of another culture
- Provide proof of insurance (health, medical, travel) and a liability release agreement
- Be sponsored by a Lions club Sponsorship (To request sponsorship, contact your local Lions club or a district Youth Camp and Exchange chairperson listed in the Youth Camp and Exchange Directory.)

Details about the Programme

- The sponsoring Lions club, the youth's family, or both, are responsible for the cost of the young person's international travel and insurance.
- Costs incurred while in the host country are the responsibility of the host Lions club.
- The host family agrees to provide the young person with housing and meals in the home.
- Planned excursions, entertainment, and restaurant meals are the financial responsibility of either the host Lions club or the host family.
- The youth taking part in the exchange should have adequate personal funds for gifts, long-distance telephone calls, souvenirs, and incidentals.
- Young people with special needs can participate in the youth exchange programme.

Causeway, the British - Irish Youth Programme Exchange

has been developed as a means of helping to strengthen and improve relationships between young British and Irish people. It has been designed to contribute to the development of strategies aimed at diminishing misunderstandings that have existed and which currently exist between people of these islands.

Activities funded include:

- >Youth Exchanges
- >Advance Planning Visits
- >Contact Exchanges
- >Special Projects

The programme is for groups of young people aged 13 - 25 years and their youth leaders/workers.

UK-German Connection

The German Scholarships

Programme (Preisträgerprogramm) is a fantastic opportunity for all UK citizens, aged 16+, in their penultimate school year (Year 12 in England and Wales, S5 in Scotland, Year 13 in Northern Ireland). The programme is run by the Pädagogischer Austauschdienst (PAD) and administered in the UK by UK-German Connection. It provides a unique opportunity for pupils to get first-hand experience of German life and culture and improve their German language skills at the same time.

Candidates need to have studied German for at least two years and have achieved excellent results. They also need to have a good command of the spoken language and a good general knowledge about Germany, as well as very good social skills. Participants are expected to actively take part in all the programme activities.

Please note: this programme is only for those who are both British nationals and British residents. It is not open to German nationals and German native speakers!

The programme takes place every summer, for about a month, and includes:

- an introductory week in Bonn
- school visits and project work
- home stays with German families
- visits to cities like Cologne, Berlin and Munich
- an international evening

This is a fully-funded course, and therefore all costs (including travel, accommodation and course costs) are paid for by the German government through the Pädagogischer Austauschdienst (PAD).

Funding for Youth Groups

Youth Challenge Fund

The programme is designed to inspire young people from the UK and Germany to get involved in interactive, skills-related joint activity,

to enhance their international experience and intercultural awareness in a creative, practical and enjoyable way and to maximise the impact and sustainability of UK-German youth contacts.

The Youth Challenge Fund is open exclusively to youth groups (and their leaders) in the UK and Germany and is aimed at children and young people up to the age of 25. Students enrolled at a Higher Education institution are not eligible.

The visit will include a minimum of 4 full days of dedicated and joint activity between the young people from both countries.

At least 8 young people from each participating institution/youth group will be involved in the visit and the project activity surrounding the visit. Where possible, the activities will include young people who would otherwise not have the chance to take part.

In addition to the participating young people, the activities must have a wider impact on all members of the participating groups and beyond and display high visibility and publicity in the local communities and through local networks in both countries.

A language-learning element is welcomed but not compulsory.

The travelling institution/youth group is responsible for coordinating and submitting the application and will receive the grant for the activity.

Grants provided through the Youth Challenge Fund go towards project resources, joint activities and costs for the visit to Germany, as a contribution to the overall costs - normally 50%.

Instant Impact project fund provides top-up grants for taster trips and visits to Germany for young people.

Eligibility:

- Schools: primary and secondary schools, FE colleges
- Youth groups involving young people up to the age of 25. Students enrolled at a Higher Education institution are not eligible.

Funding is available for:

- Travel, accommodation and subsistence costs for the visit
- Materials, resources and dissemination activities

The maximum grant will normally not exceed £750.

Celebratory Fund

Grants provided through the Celebratory Fund support partnership anniversary celebrations and can be used towards:

- joint activities
- youth mobility
- materials and resources
- dissemination

This new scheme is designed to help you and your partners celebrate your link and to give you the opportunity to tell the world about your collaboration and joint activities.

Eligibility:

- primary and secondary schools, FE colleges
- youth groups involving young people up to the age of 25. Students enrolled at a Higher Education institution are not eligible.

The Celebratory Fund provides grants of normally 50% towards the overall fundable costs, but will not exceed £3,000.

See also:

[Youth Opportunities Database](#)

Funding for Schools

Challenge Fund

Instant Impact

Celebratory Fund

See also:

[Schools' Opportunities Database](#)

Funding for education costs (grants, scholarships, bursaries, awards, loans, academic exchange programmes)

DirectGov

Money to learn: 14 to 19

Check the UK government website for financial help if you might struggle with the costs for your studies.

Financial help for adult learners

Check the UK government website to get an overview of the funding available, and find out where to go for advice.

Discretionary Learner Support is available in colleges and school sixth forms to help with learning costs.

The funds are prioritised for those who face financial hardship. They can be used to help with:

- financial hardship and emergencies
- childcare costs (for Ofsted-registered childcare)
- accommodation costs (for those who have to study further than the maximum distance from home)
- essential course-related equipment, materials and field trips
- travel costs (for over 18s)

Learning for free

If you don't already have GCSEs, A levels or equivalent qualifications, you may be able to study for them without having to pay any tuition fees.

You'll be able to get free tuition:

- for a course which leads to your first full Level 2 qualification
- if you're under 25, for a course which leads to your first full Level 3 qualification

Student grants, loans, bursaries, scholarships and awards

Full-time students can apply for a Maintenance Grant or Special Support Grant.

Part-time students can apply for a Fee Grant and a Course Grant. You don't pay grants back.

Check the UK government website to find out what other types of finance are available for students.

City & Guilds bursary

If you are aged 16 or over and you live in the UK then you can apply for

a City & Guilds bursary (educational grant).

Rotary Long Term Youth Exchange Programme

Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) is a Rotary International student exchange program for students in secondary school. Rotary Clubs in RIBI (Great Britain and Ireland) sponsor students currently in Years 11 - 13 (5th & 6th Form), to live and study at a similar level in a foreign country where they will be hosted with selected host families, normally for up to twelve months. In return, a student from the "exchange" country will be hosted, for a similar period, by the Rotary Club which has sponsored the outbound student.

You are eligible if:

- You are between 16 and 18½ years old when school starts abroad
- Your school is prepared to recommend you to take part in the programme
- You are capable of acting as an Ambassador for your country, your family and for Rotary

You pay the fare to your destination country and the cost of an insurance policy agreeable to the destination Rotary district. Rotary can often give leads as to charities or other organisations who may offer financial assistance towards the cost of travel. Any return ticket has to be open-ended in case of an early return, for whatever reason, and this will be more expensive than a normal ticket. You may also be required to pay an administration fee, if so you will be informed very early in your application process of this cost. In addition you will require a Rotary blazer, business cards, and pin badges to exchange with others. Along with the cost of the compulsory orientation this should not be more than £300 and help towards some of this cost may be provided by your local Rotary Club.

Each student has to take with them an emergency fund of between the equivalent \$200 and \$500 depending upon the requirements of the programme in the country to which they are going. This fund will be held by their host Rotary Club and, if not used for emergency purposes, returned to them at the end of their time abroad.

The host Rotary Club in your destination country provides you with up to four carefully selected host families, free meals and accommodation, free tuition, and a monthly allowance, which varies from the equivalent of \$50 to \$100, depending on the country. You pay for your passport, a visa if necessary, and you take some spending money with you.

Exchange opportunities are available throughout the world. You are asked to choose three countries. Your preferences are taken into account during the selection process but it is not guaranteed that you will be placed in any of your chosen countries.

Comenius Individual Pupil Mobility

Secondary schools that are or have been involved in a Comenius School Partnership can apply for grants to send pupils to one or more of their Comenius partner schools. This action gives the secondary school pupils the chance to spend between 3 and 10 months in a host school and a host family abroad. It broadens their understanding of the diversity of European cultures and languages and helps them to acquire the skills they need for their personal development.

Erasmus Student Mobility for Studies

Student mobility for studies, the centrepiece of the Erasmus programme, enables students at higher education institutions to spend an integrated period of study of between 3 months and 12 months in another participating country.

Students may be awarded an Erasmus grant to help cover the travel and subsistence costs (including insurance and visa costs) incurred in connection with their study period abroad.

Erasmus students - whether or not they receive an Erasmus grant - are exempted from paying fees for tuition, registration, examinations and access to laboratory and library facilities at the host institution.

The payment of any national grant or loan to outgoing students should be maintained during the Erasmus study period abroad.

Students may only receive two Erasmus grants: one for a study period and one for a placement period.

Students enrolled in an Erasmus Mundus Course, who do not get an Erasmus Mundus grant, may qualify for an Erasmus grant under the general Erasmus conditions.

An Erasmus student may follow, if offered, an Erasmus Intensive Language Course in the host country before the study period, for which a grant may also be awarded.

Info on [Erasmus](#) for other Europeans on the website of the European Commission.

Erasmus Mundus is a cooperation and mobility programme in the field of higher education that aims to enhance the quality of European higher education and to promote dialogue and understanding between people and cultures through cooperation with Third-Countries. In addition, it contributes to the development of human resources and the international cooperation capacity of Higher education institutions in Third Countries by increasing mobility between the European Union and these countries.

The programme provides support to higher education institutions, organisations active in the field of higher education and individual students, researchers and university staff who wish to spend a study / research / teaching period in the context of one of the above mentioned joint programmes or cooperation partnerships (*Action 1* and *Action 2*).

Erasmus Mundus offers full-time scholarships for Masters programmes and Doctorate programmes to students coming from any country around the world, including, of course European countries. These scholarships are exclusively awarded to students that have been selected to attend one of the Erasmus Mundus Joint Programmes at Masters or Doctorate level.

Furthermore, the programme offers fellowships to scholars who wish to undertake research assignments or scholarly work in one of the selected Erasmus Mundus Programmes.

Action 1

Erasmus Mundus Masters Courses (EMMC)

Erasmus Mundus Joint Doctorates (EMJD)

Programmes offered by consortia of higher education institutions with study/research periods in at least two European countries.

It includes scholarships for students and doctoral candidates to attend these programmes.

Students and doctoral candidates from all over the world can apply.

Action 2

Erasmus Mundus Partnerships
Partnerships of higher education institutions from Europe and from a range of countries or regions across the world.

It includes scholarships for students and academics to study/research/teach in one of the partner institutions. Scholarships cover a range of academic levels.

Students (undergraduates to post-docs) and staff (administrative and academic) can apply.

Info on [Erasmus Mundus](#) for other Europeans on the website of the European Commission.

Co-operation with industrialised countries

The EU has set up joint study programmes with industrialised countries, particularly in North America and the Asia-Pacific region (USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Korea), that provide financial support for student mobility. Such co-operation enhances the quality of higher education and vocational training for both partners and promotes greater intercultural understanding.

The main activities are:

- *Joint/double degree projects*, launched with the US in 2006, which support consortia of higher education institutions in creating integrated joint study programmes, with students from the two sides spending a substantial period of study in the partner country and receiving either a joint or a double degree;

- *Joint mobility projects* which are set up and run by a group of higher education and/or vocational education and training institutions from the EU and a partner country. Activities focus on short-term mobility of students (typically one semester) with recognition of study abroad periods, joint curriculum development, and exchange of

trainees, teaching staff or administrators;

- *Policy dialogue and projects which address strategic issues* related to education and training systems and policies of the EU and its partner countries. Activities include studies, seminars, working groups and benchmarking exercises. Relevant issues include recognition of qualifications and accreditation.

Foreign & Commonwealth Office Scholarships

Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan (CSFP)

If you are a citizen of a *developed Commonwealth country*, you can apply for:

*Scholarships for PhD study at UK universities

If you are a citizen of a *developing Commonwealth country*, you can apply for:

*Scholarships for Master's or PhD study at UK universities

*Shared Scholarships for Master's study at selected UK universities

*Split-site Scholarships for PhD students to spend up to one year at a UK university

*Distance Learning Scholarships to study UK Master's degree courses in your home country

*Academic Fellowships for mid-career academics to spend time at UK universities

*Professional Fellowships for mid-career professionals to spend time at a UK host organisation

If you are a citizen of the *Falkland Islands, the Maldives, St Helena or the Seychelles*, you can apply for:

*Scholarships for undergraduate study at UK universities

If you are a citizen of the *United Kingdom*, you can apply for:

*Scholarships and fellowships in other Commonwealth countries

Under the CSFP, the following opportunities are being offered to citizens of the United Kingdom:
New Zealand – Commonwealth Scholarships for PhD study

It is anticipated that the following opportunities will be offered in the future:

Canada – Commonwealth Post-Doctoral Research Fellowships (October 2011)

India – Commonwealth Scholarships (December 2011)

CSFP endowment fund awards for study in developing Commonwealth countries (early 2012)

Related links:

[Department for International Development](#)

[The Commonwealth Scholarship Commission in the UK](#)

[Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan](#)

Chevening Scholarships are for future leaders from around the world, usually to fund one-year Master's courses at British universities.

Marshall Scholarships are for US citizens to study in the UK, commemorating the humane ideals of the Marshall Plan.

Online resources

Studying in Europe

[Selection of European Commission websites offering practical advice to students and academics](#)

[Up-to-date information on 32 European countries, on the website of the European Commission](#)

Scholarships for UK study

[Education UK](#)

[Scholarship Search](#)

Scholarships for EU study

[European Commission information on scholarships and grants](#)

[Scholarship Portal](#)

[Study Abroad](#)

[East Chance](#)

[Your scholarship in Europe](#) - a comprehensive guidebook of scholarships provided by the European Union and its Member States to Central Asian Students [Database on Education Exchange Programmes](#) (DEEP) is Asia-Europe Meeting's (ASEM) comprehensive online portal on universities, student exchanges and scholarships in Asia and Europe.

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Opportunities in the UK and abroad

Prince's Trust Courses

(Team, Get into, Get Started, National Citizen Service) give you motivation, skills and experience. If you are aged 16-25 and unemployed, they could be for you. And they're free of charge, of course.

National Citizen Service (NCS) is a voluntary eight-week summer programme for 16-year-olds that will promote: a more cohesive society by mixing participants of different backgrounds; a more responsible society by supporting the transition into adulthood for young people; a more engaged society by enabling young people to work together to create social action projects in their local communities.

Operation New World is an educational Charity established in 1994 in order to provide free self-help programmes for unemployed young people (18-25).

Courses include:

- A weekend introduction and training course in first aid, navigation and other outdoor skills, normally with a Territorial Army regiment or at an Outdoor Training Centre.

- One or two weeks field trip in an isolated location (usually an island off the coast of Europe), learning habitat identification and employability skills. The projects are led by qualified teaching staff and local environmental experts.

Winston Churchill Memorial

Trust gives grants to British citizens, resident in the UK, to travel overseas to study areas of topical and personal interest, to gain knowledge and to enlarge their experience for the benefit of their profession, community and the UK as a whole.

Grants cover return and internal travel, daily living and insurance. For 2010, the average Fellowship was for 4-6 weeks.

Rotary New Generations

Exchange (NGE) is a short term (3 weeks to 3 months) international exchange programme, the objective of which is to create goodwill and international understanding but in this case through vocational experience and cultural immersion.

You or your parents/guardian don't have to be members of [Rotary](#) to be eligible for NGE.

It is meant to help you:

- Build a network of likeminded friends
- Develop new skills and experience that will help you in your chosen career
- Learn about other cultures and practices

The NGE programme is open to:

- Young adults between the ages of 18 and 25,
- Students who have just completed their secondary education and who want a taste of a vocation which interests them before university or college,

- Those in university or college education and graduates,
- Those looking to develop their skills and for experience within a given vocation, etc.

All it costs you is your travel fare, your insurance and your pocket money.

You do not have to be able to speak a foreign language.

It is not compulsory to host an inbound student, however, this is an important part of the exchange and a means of saying 'thank you', and also, in the long term, an opportunity to make friends for life.

Apprenticeships Programme

As employees, apprentices earn a wage and work alongside experienced staff to gain job-specific skills. Off the job, usually on a day-release basis, apprentices receive training to work towards nationally recognised qualifications. Anyone living in England, over 16 and not in full-time education can apply. Apprenticeships can take between one and four years to complete depending on the level of Apprenticeship, the apprentices' ability and the industry sector. The minimum salary is £2.50 per hour; however, many apprentices earn significantly more.

There are lots of benefits to doing an Apprenticeship. You can earn while you learn, and learn in a way that is best suited to you – through hands-on experience on the job. Key

benefits of being an apprentice include:

- earning a salary
- getting paid holidays
- receiving training
- gaining qualifications
- learning job-specific skills

Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF)

Skills for the Future

The Heritage Lottery Fund has announced an investment of £17m in 54 projects under its Skills for the Future programme.

This money will deliver 808 placements, adding up to an impressive 780 years' worth of paid training opportunities for people across the UK seeking a career in heritage. It will not only support traditional conservation training but also a wide variety of more contemporary skills, such as managing volunteers and using social media to get people involved in heritage, that will help reinvigorate and broaden the appeal of the heritage industry to job-seekers.

Skills for the Future offers work-based training in a wide range of skills that are needed to look after buildings, landscapes, habitats, species, and museum and archive collections, as well as equipping people to lead education and outreach programmes, manage volunteers and use new technology. Its focus is on vocational learning, helping meet the skills gaps identified by heritage bodies, and on encouraging potential trainees from all walks of life. Trainees will learn how to engage families, schools and communities with their heritage, bringing heritage sites and collections alive for the next generation.

Training Bursary Programme was designed to produce craftspeople with skills that are in danger of being lost through an ageing workforce. Seven of the ten projects have received additional funding:

1. The *Traditional Building Skills for England and Wales Scheme*, run by English Heritage and the National Trust offers to provide bursaries and facilitate work-based training placements (Bursary Placements) for eligible and successful applicants, who are enthusiastic and committed to developing their skills in order to work in the built heritage sector in England and Wales. This will address areas of greatest shortage and most

widespread need across England and Wales and will concentrate upon the following skill sets: Blacksmith / Metalworker, Bricklayer and Craft mason, Carpenter and Joiner, Dry Stone Waller / Drystone Dyker, Earth Waller, Glazier, Lead worker, Painter and decorator, Plasterer, Roof Slater and Tiler, Steeplejack, Stonemason, Thatcher, Wall and Floor Tiler.

2. The *LEMUR Scheme*, run by Herefordshire Nature Trust, helps trainees learn natural heritage conservation skills. The 'Learning Environments in Marine, Urban and Rural areas' (LEMUR) project is an accredited training scheme that offers a fast track route to developing the necessary skills and competency required to gain a professional post in nature conservation. Through training hubs in Herefordshire, Devon and Sheffield, the project provides twelve 9-month work-based accredited training placements a year which are hosted by a broad range of local heritage conservation organisations.

3. The *Historic and Botanic Gardens Scheme*, a partnership of 17 heritage organisations led by English Heritage, has been awarded money to create practical placements in horticulture.

4. The *Institute of Archaeologists* has been awarded money for archaeology placements across the UK.

5. The *Institute of Conservation (ICON)* has been awarded money for bursary placements in the conservation of objects and collections - from books and textiles to metalwork and ceramics.

6. The *Masonry Conservation in Scotland and Northern Ireland Project*, run by Historic Scotland, has been awarded money for 14 year-long and 50 short-term bursary placements.

7. The *Natural Talent Project*, run by the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers (BTCV), has been awarded money to offer training for new apprentices to develop skills in the conservation of specialist habitats and species.

If you are interested in any of the training opportunities then please look at the project websites for further details.

Leonardo da Vinci

Use a Leonardo da Vinci Mobility grant to fund European work placements for trainees or anyone looking to gain new skills within your organisation. You can also help staff involved in delivering or designing training to take part in professional development activities.

You can send trainees and people in the labour market to another European country for a work placement to enable them to gain real experience and skills in employment. Placements can last between 1 and 39 weeks, depending on the participant.

Funding is calculated on a per participant basis i.e. it depends on the number of people you will be sending abroad as part of the project. The Leonardo programme will contribute to:

- project management costs;
- language or cultural preparation for participants;
- travel costs; and
- subsistence (accommodation and living expenses).

Info on Leonardo for other Europeans on the website of the European Commission.

Erasmus Student Mobility for Work Placements

enables students at higher education institutions to spend a placement (traineeship/internship) period between 3 and 12 months in an enterprise or organisation in another participating country.

Students may be awarded an Erasmus grant to help cover the travel and subsistence costs (including insurance and visa costs) incurred in connection with their placement period abroad.

Students may get a financial contribution or a contribution in kind by the host enterprise/organisation.

Students may only receive two Erasmus grants: one grant for a study period and one for a placement period.

The payment of any national grant or loan to outgoing students should be maintained during the Erasmus placement period abroad.

Students enrolled in an Erasmus Mundus Course, who do not get an Erasmus Mundus grant, may qualify for an Erasmus grant under the general Erasmus conditions.

An Erasmus student may follow, if offered, an Erasmus Intensive Language Course in the host language before the placement period, for which a grant may also be awarded.

Info on [Erasmus](#) for other Europeans on the website of the European Commission.

Erasmus for Staff enables higher education teaching staff and people employed in private businesses to go abroad to teach in a higher education institution for up to six weeks. Likewise, any academic and non-academic higher education staff may receive training abroad in an enterprise or another institution.

The grants provided to contribute to subsistence costs and to cover travel costs are always managed by the higher education institution.

For teachers of higher education institutions: having teaching staff coming from abroad enables students to benefit from new lectures, different teaching methods and perhaps to experience learning in a foreign language (this is called "internationalisation at home"). Teachers can gain different perspectives, establish new contacts and build their academic network. Periods are quite short, averaging about one week.

For business staff: visiting lecturers from the business sector provide fresh insights for students. During their stay, they may set up exchanges with the partner institution for student placements and staff training, as well as take part in co-operation projects and networks.

Staff training: teaching and other staff from higher education institutions, such as librarians, can go abroad to receive training in a business or at another institution. The stay is an opportunity to stimulate further exchanges and co-operation.

Intensive programmes: teachers can gain experience in teaching abroad in one of more than 250 intensive programmes that take place yearly throughout Europe. These short study programmes, between two and six weeks, are organised by at least three higher institutions from three different countries.

Co-operation: staff members can represent their institution in 'multilateral' co-operation activities,

particularly in the development of curricula, and in academic and structural networks.

Info on [Erasmus](#) for other Europeans on the website of the European Commission.

See also Erasmus Mundus for staff.

Comenius Assistantships

Grants enable future teachers to spend 3 to 10 months in a school abroad and to assist in teaching. This gives the future teacher the opportunity to enhance their knowledge of other European languages, countries and school education systems and to improve their teaching skills. It also helps to improve language skills of pupils at the host school and can increase both their motivation to learn languages and their interest in the assistant's country and culture.

Comenius Assistants are intending and trainee teachers from across Europe. They enhance the European and cultural dimension across the curriculum, and offer classes in their native language.

An assistantship may help you decide if teaching is the career for you.

Comenius Assistants work in schools and colleges across Europe for between 12 and 16 hours per week.

Academic requirements are one of the following:

- a teaching qualification, although you have not yet regularly worked as a teacher
- studying towards a teaching qualification
- a minimum of two years of study at higher education level providing access to a future career as a primary or secondary teacher in any subject.

Info on [Comenius](#) for other Europeans on the website of the European Commission.

Comenius In-Service Training

Grants are available to enable teachers and other categories of staff working in school education to take part in in-service training activities.

These may last between one and six weeks and must take place in a European country other than the country in which the participants normally work.

The training may take the form of a training course, a conference, a

seminar, a placement or job-shadowing.

Info on [Comenius](#) for other Europeans on the website of the European Commission.

Grundtvig Assistantships

Grundtvig assistantships focus on people undergoing initial training for a position in adult education, or who have just qualified, or who are recycling into adult education from other jobs.

Assistantships funding is open to anyone working or intending to work in adult education.

Grants are available to go on a work placement to an adult education organisation in another European country, where you will spend 12-45 weeks working as a 'Grundtvig Assistant'.

A grant is available for travel and subsistence costs.

Info on [Grundtvig](#) for other Europeans on the website of the European Commission.

Grundtvig In-Service Training

Grants are available to attend a training course in another European country. This part of the Grundtvig programme provides an opportunity for staff working with adult learners to improve their practical skills and to gain a broader understanding of lifelong learning across Europe.

In-service training can last from 5 working days to 6 weeks.

A grant contribution towards course fees, travel and subsistence costs is available.

Info on [Grundtvig](#) for other Europeans on the website of the European Commission.

Grundtvig Visits & Exchanges

This part of the Grundtvig programme provides an opportunity for staff working with adult learners to improve their practical skills and to gain a broader understanding of lifelong learning across Europe.

Grants are available to work shadow or attend a conference or seminar in another European country.

The length of any work-related visit or exchange can vary depending on its purpose, but may not exceed 3 months.

A grant is available to cover travel and subsistence costs.

Info on [Grundtvig](#) for other Europeans on the website of the European Commission.

Eurodissey is an exchange programme of the Assembly of European Regions (AER) which allows young job seekers aged between 18 and 30, who are resident in one of the program's member Regions, to benefit from a traineeship placement abroad for a period between 3 to 7 months.

In general, no special qualifications are required; applications received are matched to the requirements of the businesses.

Some requirements may vary slightly depending on the Origin Region, so trainees shall in any case contact the Origin Region or consult their conditions of eligibility.

Under the Eurodissey programme, trainees are entitled to:

- Traineeship from 3 to 7 months
- Language Course
- Accommodation
- Monthly allowance or salary
- Insurance cover
- Certificate

Training courses and seminars for the third sector

[SALTO - Youth](#)

[Council of Europe – Youth](#)

[Caleidoscop](#)

Other schemes

Quaker Peaceworker Scheme

Each year, Britain Yearly Meeting recruits 7 or 8 people who want an opportunity to apply their

commitment to working for peace, and funds a placement for each of them with an organisation working on an aspect of peace in the UK or overseas.

The Lighthouse Group Fast Track Intern Programme

TLG's Fast Track Intern Programme is a unique opportunity to undertake a gap year of accelerated leadership and career development within a pioneering charity. The organisation is looking to recruit exceptional individuals aged 21 and over to work and develop alongside senior managers and wider staff team.

You will be located at the National Support Centre in Bradford or at one of the local centres throughout the UK (Manchester, West London, Reading or Nottingham).

Fast Track placements are available in departments across the organisation in such areas as Fundraising, National Development, Operations, and Education.

A bursary of £135 per week is available.

The deadline for applying is in July/August each year.

[More details.](#)

Biodynamic Agricultural Association Apprentice Training

For the last twenty years, the Biodynamic Agricultural Association has offered a practical two-year apprentice training in biodynamic agriculture and horticulture. This takes place on well established biodynamic holdings around the country and is open to everyone

aged 21 and over (in exceptional circumstances younger candidates will also be considered). Apprentices usually live and work on the farm in exchange for board, lodging and training. Their practical tuition is supported by weekly tutorials and a programme of seminars and block courses. Apprentices undertake a project on a subject of their choice during their second year.

Soil Association Organic Apprenticeship Scheme

Developed in close partnership with the growers, the Soil Association Organic Apprenticeship Scheme is a two year work-based placement with an organic farmer or grower. Combined with a series of structured seminars throughout the two years - designed to build upon the practical knowledge you will gain out in the field - the aim of the Organic Apprenticeship Scheme is to produce well-rounded and experienced individuals with specialist skills and a broad knowledge of organic agriculture and food businesses.

The Apprenticeship Scheme runs for 2 years and is open to everyone aged 16 or over.

Websites to follow

[Charity Job](#)

[Environment Job](#)

[Stop Dodo](#)

[Countryside Jobs](#)

[Jobs Go Public](#)

[The European Job Mobility Portal](#)

additional support and information



Prince's Trust

Development Awards are grants to help you get into education, training or employment. Among other things, a Development Award can be used to:

- buy clothes for a job interview or new job
- cover fees for a training course
- fund childcare costs to help you attend a college course
- buy equipment, materials or tools

- pay for travel costs to a work placement, training course or job.

You must be either:

- aged 14-16, in education, and at risk of achieving fewer than 5 GCSEs grades A-C, or
- aged 16-25 and not in education, training or work (or working less than 16 hours a week).

Turn 2 Us is a charitable service which helps people access the

money available to them – through welfare benefits, grants and other help.

Information portal for young people

[TheSite](#) – your guide to the real world

[Eurodesk UK](#)

[European Youth Portal](#)

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