



# PASSPORTS WITH PURPOSE

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2019 INFORMATION BOOKLET



## WHO ARE WE?

Passports with Purpose (PWP) is an Arc - UNSW Student Life Volunteering Program offering UNSW students the opportunity to contribute to projects in developing countries. Over the last nine years, PWP volunteers have participated in cultural exchange and empowered communities in numerous countries. 2019 promises to be another fantastic year for the program as we continue our long-term partnerships with organisations in Vietnam, Cambodia, Nepal and Indonesia.

Our volunteers work in a wide range of fields including education, construction, healthcare, re-forestation, wildlife monitoring, women's empowerment, social justice, sustainable agriculture and more, in dynamic and diverse ways.

Our partner organisations have been carefully selected. You can be assured that your time is going to communities that really benefit from your help, rather than partaking in any form of exploitative voluntourism. We place strong emphasis on local participation as well as the organisation's transparency and accountability.

Our volunteers commit to fundraising and advocating for their respective organisation throughout the term - a great way to bond with each other, learn about the community they will be visiting and set goals!

Whilst the focus of our trips is on the volunteering, there is plenty of time for fun as well! We make the most of the time overseas by getting to know the locals, absorbing the culture and taking the opportunity to travel and experience the sights.

## WHY JOIN?

Students will:

### Develop themselves by:

- Becoming a team leader
- Bonding with like-minded people at uni and working to reach a shared goal
- Building communication, event planning and fundraising skills

### Develop their global community by:

- Contributing meaningfully to a sustainable project
- Learning about and promoting responsible international volunteering
- Taking part in culture and knowledge exchanges



## WHY ARE WE DIFFERENT?

### We offer:

- A UNSW based, not for profit program run by students like you
- Passionate and approachable coordinators
- No internal admin fees
- AHEGS approval

### We stand up for:

- Long term collaboration with international NGOs
- Promotion of responsible volunteering
- local empowerment

## WHAT DOES IT COST?

Each trip is different depending on project requirements and unique inclusions. The costs involved are:

### Accordingly, we can proudly offer:

- Partner organisation fees including accommodation, meals, transfers and cultural experiences (ranging from \$700-\$1500)
- Flights
- Visas
- Travel Insurance

*Please note prices listed on the description pages are approximate due to currency exchange fluctuations, flight costs and adjustments based on the number of students.*

See the Terms & Conditions at [www.arc.unsw.edu.au/pwp](http://www.arc.unsw.edu.au/pwp) or through the Volunteer Application Form



## SIGNING UP

1. Read this book
2. Come to an info session at Arc Reception:
  - WED 5 JUN 11AM
  - FRI 7 JUN 1PM
  - TUE 11 JUN 3PM
  - THU 13 JUN 1PM
3. Apply online at [arc.unsw.edu.au/pwp](http://arc.unsw.edu.au/pwp)

Please email [passports@arc.unsw.edu.au](mailto:passports@arc.unsw.edu.au) with any questions and join the 'UNSW Passports with Purpose' group on Facebook to be kept in the loop!



# CAMBODIA

SKILLS TRANSFERRAL  
& RURAL DEVELOPMENT



## DATES

approx. 15 - 30 DEC

## LOCATION

Kampong Thom Province

## SUITS YOU IF YOU'RE

- An eager fundraiser
- Adventurous
- Interested in wholistic community development, women's issues and education

## VOLUNTEER ORGANISATION

Restore One

## COST

AUD \$1300 approx.

Inc. program fees, accommodation, food and transfers

*All activities are undertaken "as a collaboration between Restore One volunteers and local labour, to create an added benefit of employment and income for local tradespeople."*

## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

The trip begins with Restore One introducing volunteers to Cambodia and its recent history in Phnom Penh, which provides understanding about cyclical poverty throughout much of rural Cambodia. Whilst volunteering, there will be some free time to see historical attractions, including sunrise at Angkor Wat.

## ACCOMMODATION

Participants will stay in guest houses and hotels. The trip also includes a village sleeper.

## FUNDRAISING

This trip requires you to raise a minimum of AUD \$1000. This is an achievable goal which will provide much-needed resources for Restore One to sustain the projects you will be working on.

## BACKGROUND

Restore One is a not for profit organisation dedicated to developing and empowering impoverished communities in Cambodia. As the name suggests, Restore One brings about change and restoration to one community at a time. The focus is local yet comprehensive, working with individual communities to improve housing, education, employment and health within rural communities.

## VOLUNTEER WORK

Restore One places a significant emphasis on skills transferral, where they make the most of each person's individual skills and passion for learning. Whilst in Cambodia, you will be working on a diverse range of projects, from house and school building, female empowerment and health clinics, to community outreach through capacity-building microbusinesses.



# NEPAL

EMERGENCY RELIEF,  
RECONSTRUCTION & EDUCATION





## DATES

approx. 15 DEC – 5 JAN

## LOCATION

Gorkha, Nepal

## SUITS YOU IF YOU'RE

- Up to the challenge of trekking
- A strong advocate for continuing education after disaster

## VOLUNTEER ORGANISATION

Sambhav Nepal

## COST

AUD\$1320 approx.

Inc. program fees, accommodation, food, transfers and 5 days of trekking.

*Sambhav Nepal, where possible, uses "locally available manpower and resources to implement projects, thus supporting the local economy. The methods and materials that are utilised ensure minimal impact to the environment and the community, while providing efficient, sustainable and tangible results".*

## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

You will have the opportunity to soak in the atmosphere of Kathmandu and will also go on organised treks with Sambhav Nepal. These treks will allow volunteers to see various parts of Nepal's cultural life and diverse terrain.

## ACCOMMODATION

Due to the earthquake and its destruction of many of the community's homes, whilst volunteering you will be staying in a tented camp. When in Kathmandu and whilst trekking, you will be staying in hotels and guest houses.

## FUNDRAISING

Throughout the term you will be preparing for your time in Nepal and will fundraise a contribution of AUD \$350pp to provide much needed resources.

## BACKGROUND

Sambhav Nepal's mission is to achieve grassroots reforms in education, poverty, health, sanitation and community development, uplifting the living conditions of the rural communities of Gorkha. Sambhav Nepal currently works with twenty-nine villages.

## VOLUNTEER WORK

Since the 2015 earthquake, volunteers are desperately needed to help restore the community through basic construction work. PWP volunteers participate in the reconstruction of damaged school buildings and vital infrastructure, as well as advocate for continuing education through teaching experiences.



# FAQS

## DO I HAVE TO BE AN Arc MEMBER?

Yes – its free, so why not?

Head to the website to join and get your sticker and pack from Arc Reception

[arc.unsw.edu.au/join](http://arc.unsw.edu.au/join).

## HOW MUCH WILL IT COST

This is completely trip dependent.

Most of the trips do not include flights which gives us the opportunity to find the best flight deals possible with travel agents. Different trips cost different amounts because of in-country expenses, exchange rates and varying program inclusions. Additional costs to consider are travel documents (passports, visa and insurance), vaccinations and spending money.

## CAN I EXTEND MY TRIP?

Do it! Whilst you're overseas, why not check out more of the country? If you've got the time and the money, we totally encourage you to stay! You will need to let the coordinators know well in advance of your trip so that appropriate flights can be booked. If you have any issues with dates and need to come home early or start late, this will also need to be discussed with the coordinator well in advance. Extended travel cannot impact

your commitment to the program dates.

## WHAT IF SOMETHING GOES WRONG?

PWP tries not to back out of commitments to partner organisations, however student safety comes first. You will never be sent somewhere deemed unsafe. Your hosts also have the highest level of safety standards and you will never be alone in an unfamiliar environment. Your loved ones are encouraged to speak to the coordinators with any concerns they may have and we host an open door day closer to departure for this purpose.

## HOW DOES FUNDRAISING WORK?

Fundraising is as important to our program as overseas travel and is compulsory for all volunteers.

### Fundraising:

- Provides personal development opportunities through team work, event planning, budgeting and communication
- Allows volunteers to stand up for worthy causes
- Ensures the longevity of projects by providing a useful financial contribution

Our volunteers host bake sales, barbecues, trivia nights, sell fair trade chocolate and have a blast doing it! It's a great way to get to know your team, be involved in your uni and local communities, and give a direct gift to the charity you are supporting.



# WHAT'S NEXT

Apply at [arc.unsw.edu.au/pwp](http://arc.unsw.edu.au/pwp) or email [passports@arc.unsw.edu.au](mailto:passports@arc.unsw.edu.au) for more information.

Applicants will be invited for a group interview so we can get to know you and place you on the trip we think you're most suited to.

Applicants invited to join our team of volunteers will need to be available for an induction and training evening in Week 4, Term 2.

## DO I GET TO CHOOSE MY TRIP?

We ask for your preferences, however an application to PWP is an application to the program, not a specific trip. We will place you based on your skills, interests and who we think you'll work best with. This will be determined from your application and interview.

We strive to grant everyone's first preferences! You are encouraged to look up our partners and rank your preferences:

TRIP	PREFERENCE (from 1-2)
<b>CAMBODIA – RESTORE ONE</b>	
<b>NEPAL – SAMBHAV</b>	



**We can't wait to meet you at interviews!**  
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