



PASSPORTS WITH PURPOSE

VOLUNTEER



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WHO ARE WE?

Passports with Purpose is an Arc Volunteering Program offering UNSW students the opportunity to volunteer in developing countries, empowering local communities to sustainably develop and participate in knowledge exchange. In the last six years, Passports with Purpose volunteers have travelled to India, Vanuatu, Sri Lanka, Laos, Thailand, Cambodia, Nepal, Indonesia, Fiji, and beyond. 2018 promises to be another fantastic year with some amazing trips planned in communities we continue to support and collaborate with.

Our volunteers have the opportunity to work in a wide range of fields including education, construction, healthcare, re-forestation, gender empowerment, social justice, sustainable agriculture and more, in dynamic and diverse ways.

We carefully select the organisations that we partner with. 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 semester – a great way to bond with each other, learn about the community they will be visiting and set goals!

WHY VOLUNTEER?

Passports with Purpose provides students the opportunity to:

- Contribute to a developing community
- Gain local knowledge and learn first-hand from communities
- Bond with a group of like-minded people from your uni
- Develop fundraising skills
- Learn how to improve sustainable volunteering
- Develop leadership skills through the team leader program
- Travel overseas and experience a new culture
- Challenge yourself!

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



CHOOSE PASSPORTS WITH PURPOSE!

Passports with Purpose is a student run volunteering program, with some coordinators being past participants and all being current UNSW Students. Located on campus within the Arc @ UNSW volunteering office, our door is always open – come by to chat or ask questions, anytime.

Accordingly, we can proudly offer:

- A UNSW-based, UNSW-supported, not-for-profit volunteer program
- An understanding of what it is like to be a student
- Passionate and approachable Coordinators
- No internal administration fees
- AHEGS Recognition

WHAT DOES IT COST?

The cost for each trip differs, depending on the requirements of each project and unique inclusions. Our trips fall within the \$700-\$3600 range. 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.

Please see the Terms & Conditions on the Arc website or through the Volunteer Application Form



SIGNING UP

Apply online at arc.unsw.edu.au/pwp

Looking for more information?
We're hosting info sessions at our Arc Reception:

WED 25 JULY, 3-4PM (WEEK 1)

THURS 26 JULY, 1-2PM (WEEK 1)

Please email

passports@arc.unsw.edu.au with any questions and join the 'UNSW Passports with Purpose' group on Facebook to be kept in the loop!

VIETNAM

DISABILITY WORK AND
CHILD WELFARE



DATES

approx. 22 NOV - 6 DEC

LOCATION

Ba Vi Province

GROUP SIZE

6-14 people

DESIRED SKILLS

Sensitivity, moderate level of fitness

VOLUNTEER ORGANISATION

Red Lotus Foundation

COST

AUD \$1050 approx.

This includes program fees, accommodation and food.

BACKGROUND

Located in Ba Vi, Red Lotus provides much-needed welfare services and a safe space for people who are disadvantaged, especially children with disability.

VOLUNTEER WORK

With a focus on compassion and sharing, volunteers work alongside locals in the Ba Vi orphanage and disability centre to assist in rehabilitation, as well as teach basic English and art therapy. Volunteers primarily help with care and play activities with the children, however there are endless opportunities to improve the centre through gardening, painting and repair works.

"We offer an opportunity for people to share their skills with those who are most in need, and in doing so, we provide a platform for the exchange of cultures, and caring."

CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

Volunteers can choose to travel to nearby areas; for example, Halong Bay or Sa Pa. There is also plenty of time allocated to immersing yourself in the culture and scenery of Ba Vi province.

ACCOMMODATION

Volunteers will stay in a nearby guest houses in Ba Vi.

GOALS

Throughout the semester we will work with you to prep for your time in Vietnam, we will also work together to raise a minimum of \$350pp. Fundraising is a vital component to our program as we want to contribute to the purchase of much needed materials for the disability centre.



CAMBODIA

SKILLS TRANSFERRAL
& RURAL DEVELOPMENT



DATES

approx. 22 NOV – 6 DEC

LOCATION

Kampong Thom Province

GROUP SIZE

8-20 people

DESIRED SKILLS

Adaptability, strong English, eager fundraisers

VOLUNTEER ORGANISATION

Restore One

COST

AUD \$1210 approx.

This includes program fees, all activities, accommodation and meals.

An additional AUD \$950pp is expected as compulsory fundraising, which goes directly to the project you'll be involved with.

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.

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 tragic 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 a few different guest houses and hotels that will vary depending on availability.

GOALS

Throughout the semester you will be supported in fundraising as this trip requires you to raise a minimum of AUD\$950. This is an achievable goal which will provide much-needed resources for Restore One to sustain the projects you will be working on.



NEPAL

EMERGENCY RELIEF,
RECONSTRUCTION & EDUCATION



BACKGROUND

Sambhav Nepal's mission is to achieve grassroots reforms in education, poverty, health, sanitation and community development, so as to uplift 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. Passports with Purpose volunteers participate in the reconstruction of damaged school buildings and vital infrastructure, as well as advocate for continuing education through teaching experiences.

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".



DATES

approx. 22 NOV – 13 DEC

LOCATION

Gorkha, Nepal

GROUP SIZE

8-20 people

DESIRED SKILLS

Moderate level of fitness, eagerness to trek

VOLUNTEER ORGANISATION

Sambhav Nepal

COST

AUD\$1320 approx.

This includes program fees, accommodation, food, and five days of trekking.

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.

GOALS

Throughout the semester you will be preparing for your time in Nepal and will be supported in fundraising a contribution of AUD \$350pp to provide much needed resources to this community. These resources will be used directly in your projects.

INDONESIA

ENVIRONMENTAL
SUSTAINABILITY & JUSTICE



BACKGROUND

Passports with Purpose first partnered with FNPF in Semester 2 – 2017- making this our newest partnership. Friends of the National Park Foundation (FNPF) is an Indonesian conservation not-for-profit organization working to protect wildlife and its habitat, at the same time as supporting local communities. FNPF works alongside the local community to restore native forest and rehabilitate wildlife displaced by logging.

VOLUNTEER WORK

Working with the local community, volunteers assist with planting of new crops, wildlife observation and conservation education. The work is a combination of physical activities and office duties with the opportunity to really understand how community development works at a grassroots level.

CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

Kalimantan is a beautiful area with many local hotspots to explore. In spare time, you can explore the neighbouring communities, learn local crafts, go on boat trips, explore the rainforest and visit an orangutan rehab centre!

ACCOMMODATION

Includes dormitory or twin-share options.

GOALS

Throughout the semester you will be preparing for your time in Indonesia and will be supported in fundraising a contribution of AUD \$300pp to provide much needed resources to this community. These resources will be used to ensure longevity of the program and ensure the rainforest continues to thrive.

DATES

approx. 22 NOV – 6 DEC

LOCATION

Kalimantan, Indonesia

GROUP SIZE

8-15 people

DESIRED SKILLS

Moderate level of fitness, lover of the outdoors

VOLUNTEER ORGANISATION

Friends of the National Parks Foundation

COST

AUD\$700 approx.

This includes program fees, accommodation and food, and entrance to National Park.



FAQS

DO I HAVE TO BE AN Arc MEMBER?

Yes – its free, so why not?

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST AND WHAT IS INCLUDED?

This is completely trip dependent so it is a difficult one to answer. The majority of the trips do not include flights which gives us the opportunity to find the best flight deals possible with our travel agent. Different trips cost different amounts because of the in-country expenses, exchange rates and differing program fees. We try to ensure that when flight costs are added, the total for any of the trips is between \$2500 - \$3600. This is, of course, dependent on the flight rates available.

There will be some additional costs, which you will have to cover yourself. Generally, these will be incurred prior to leaving and include passports (if you don't have one), visas (if required), vaccines, medications and travel insurance. You may also choose to take spending money or to travel longer which will change the price.

DO I NEED TO FUNDRAISE?

Yes, all volunteers are expected to fundraise in order to successfully partner with these organisations and to promote sustainable volunteering that sees the impact of your trip lasting longer than your time in-country. As soon as you are accepted to the Passports with Purpose program, you become one of our valued volunteers and fundraising work is begun immediately with the support of your coordinators and your teams.

WHAT IF I WANT TO GO FOR LONGER?

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 is definitely welcomed, however, it cannot impact your commitment to the program dates.

WHAT IF SOMETHING GOES WRONG? (MY MUM'S WORRIED!)

Passports with Purpose tries never to back out of a commitment to our partner organisations because we understand the importance of our volunteers being there. However, no trip will be allowed to go ahead if the area is deemed unsafe, if there is a natural disaster, a war or political disagreements that render the streets unsafe. We are consistently checking the government's Smarttraveller page and encourage our volunteers to do the same.

We keep open communication with your chosen emergency contacts, including hosting an information night to answer their questions.

Our number one priority is always our volunteers and we do everything that we can to ensure their safety whilst on the trip.

I WANT TO APPLY!

Go for it! Make sure not to miss out on this incredible opportunity. Apply at: arc.unsw.edu.au/pwp, or email passports@arc.unsw.edu.au



WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

Passports with Purpose conducts group interviews with applicants so that we can get to know you and see where we think you will best be able to help. Applicants are asked a few questions and are also asked to provide a ranked list of their preferences for trips. Whilst it is our intention to fulfil as many people's wish lists as possible, no promises are made regarding which trip one may travel on.

Interviews are mandatory if applicants are to proceed to the acceptance round.

Please ensure that you are available during one of the times listed below or contact us on passports@arc.unsw.edu.au to schedule an interview time.

Interviews will be held in Week 2 and 3 of Semester 2, 2018.

All applicants are asked to save the date – TUESDAY, 14TH MARCH – in the evening as successful applicants will participate in an induction session that night.

RANK YOUR PREFERENCES

In the interviews we will be asking for preferences so it is a good idea to think about where you want to go – you may want to list your preferences below and bring them with you to the interview.

TRIP	PREFERENCE (from 1–5)
CAMBODIA – RESTORE ONE	
VIETNAM – RED LOTUS	
CAMBODIA & THAILAND – DESTINY RESCUE	
INDONESIA – FNPf	
NEPAL – SAMBHAV	



We can't wait to meet you at interviews!





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