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Law &
Human Rights

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Why choose Projects Abroad?

Safety & Security:

We take your security abroad very seriously. Before we send volunteers anywhere, the countries must be politically stable and safe. We are in contact with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office regarding safety and stability and, of course, we have the added security of our own overseas staff who know the local area in detail.

Structure:

Our Law & Human Rights projects are structured so that you get the most out of your time overseas. Each placement will have a project supervisor there to provide assistance and guidance throughout the trip.

Variety:

We want to match your skills and enthusiasm to the right project. There are 11 destinations to choose from, allowing volunteers with all interests to find a placement that is just right for them.

Flexibility:

Our projects have no set start dates, meaning you can choose when your placement begins.

CV and Self Development:

Voluntary work with Projects Abroad is excellent for your CV and university applications. It gives you greater life experience, develops personal skills and shows your initiative to try something new – traits which appeal to employers and universities.

Volunteer Community:

There is no need to feel isolated in any of our destinations. We send 10,000 volunteers each year on our projects, so no matter where you go and what time of year, you will always be in close proximity to others. Our local colleagues often organise social events like meals, music and weekend activities.

Destination	Law	Human Rights	Combined Law & Human Rights
Argentina		✓	
Cambodia		✓	
China	✓		
Ghana	✓	✓	
Jamaica		✓	
Mongolia	✓	✓	
Morocco		✓	
Senegal		✓	
South Africa			✓
Tanzania		✓	
Togo		✓	



What is a Law & Human Rights project?

Our Law & Human Rights projects are volunteer placements where you will work alongside staff in law firms, local and international partner NGOs, as well as our own Projects Abroad legal and human rights offices. We arrange for volunteers of all ages and levels of experience to travel to countries such as Argentina, Mongolia and South Africa.

These programmes are suitable for law graduates, law professionals wishing to take a career break, law students and those who have completed a law conversion course. In some destinations we also have placements for pre-university students thinking of joining the legal profession. These projects are also suitable for people with no formal law experience who have good communication skills and a desire to work in the field of human rights.

Wherever you choose to go, you will help to provide vital legal services to businesses, community organisations and individuals, and protect the fundamental human rights of vulnerable and disadvantaged groups in society.



Why should I take part in a Law & Human Rights project?

In many parts of the world, disadvantaged communities do not have access to legal services, and there is a lack of awareness and recourse around human rights abuses.

Having a volunteer with some kind of legal background can really make a positive difference, assisting with the workload and helping to provide legal services in disadvantaged communities in which there is a great need. Those without prior legal experience are welcome on our Human Rights programmes, where you can help raise awareness on important human rights issues, working within communities to educate and implement strategies to affect future change.

We believe that over time our Law & Human Rights projects will help improve access to legal services within disenfranchised communities, and contribute to the protection of rights for vulnerable groups and individuals in the region.



What can I do on a Law & Human Rights project?

As a Law & Human Rights volunteer, you will find yourself taking part in a range of different activities.

Your role will be tailored to suit your experience and the level of responsibility you feel comfortable with. Law volunteers may find themselves assisting in legal clinics, advising clients, drafting documents, conducting research and providing general administrative help. Those on Human Rights projects will help address human rights abuses through legal assistance, run educational awareness campaigns on social justice issues in the community, create strategies to tackle these issues and provide training.

Every destination has a project supervisor who will assign you work and support you throughout your placement. We will also provide you with resources and materials, both available to you at our local office.

Example Law Projects

China

If you are studying Law at university or have recently qualified, then this placement is for you. Based in the bustling cities of Shanghai and Chengdu, our Law placements offer you the chance to work alongside English-speaking local lawyers. You will work in areas that affect Western businesses such as taxation, contract law, corporate intellectual property, corporate law, labour law and real estate law.

Volunteers will have the chance to get involved in a range of different activities - attending meetings, conducting research and reviewing proposals. You will also gain greater insight into the workings of the Chinese legal system.

A placement with a well-respected law firm in Shanghai or Chengdu could be a valuable addition to your CV in this notoriously competitive profession, and might just secure you that lucrative first job once you graduate.



Ghana

Based in the capital Accra, law students or graduates can volunteer at a law firm or legal aid centre.

Taking on the role of a legal intern, volunteers will work alongside law professionals on a range of tasks, including interviews, research, drafting documents and attending court. The types of cases you will be exposed to vary, but commonly include constitutional issues and family disputes, as well as probate, contract and employment.

Through our partnerships with local advocacy firms, you also have the opportunity to provide legal support to the Human Rights office and various social justice projects.



Mongolia

Students who have completed at least one year of a law degree are welcome on our Law placement in Mongolia, based in the metropolitan city of Ulaanbaatar.

You will work alongside skilled professionals at a local law firm, gaining exposure to a range of different activities including research, interviews, writing legal opinions, attending hearings and contract work.

One of our partner law firms focuses on business matters; this is an excellent opportunity for those with an interest in economics and international trade.



Example Human Rights Projects

Argentina

Volunteers on this project will work alongside local staff to address and resolve concerns such as domestic violence and housing disputes.

You will work within a structured programme at the Projects Abroad Human Rights Office in the city of Cordoba. Day to day activities will include meeting people from all areas of society, including those belonging to international and domestic authorities and organisations.

Many victims of abuses are unaware of their human rights or the protection they are entitled to. Projects Abroad regularly organises educational and awareness raising outreach work which involves travelling to communities, schools and other institutions.



Ghana

Volunteers work at the Projects Abroad Human Rights Office in Accra. Your precise role will be determined by your level of experience and your specific topics of interest. Areas that you may get involved in include domestic violence, child trafficking, interstate succession and the right to education, to name a few.

You will learn about human rights law in Ghana, using this to help vulnerable people understand their rights and empower them to seek justice against human rights abuses.

Volunteers visit rural communities, schools and other local institutions to educate and raise awareness of human rights issues. You may help to identify communities and individuals in need of assistance and resolve complaints and the specific issues of those revealed as victims.



Cambodia

As a volunteer you will work with one of our partner NGOs. These non-profit organisations work to represent local communities and develop laws that are in the public interest. Your precise role will be determined by your background and level of interest in specific areas.

Volunteers work under the supervision of the local staff and, depending which organisation you join, you could be working in some of the following areas: housing rights, women's rights, rights of indigenous people or workers' rights.



Combined Law & Human Rights



South Africa

Volunteers on this project work at the Projects Abroad Human Rights Office in the Wynberg area of Cape Town. We have two different departments on this placement: Legal Services and Social Justice.

As a volunteer, your precise role will be determined by your level of experience and your specific topics of interest. An average day will involve working in the office, conducting interviews, doing research, providing legal advice and reviewing cases from walk-in clients. Office work is combined with field work in homes for abused women or children, HIV/AIDS victim shelters and juvenile detention centres.

Volunteers can get involved in the running of human rights workshops, the distribution of educational pamphlets or documents and assisting refugees in processing their refugee status papers.

Short-term Specials



Although our standard projects have no set start dates and duration, we also run specially-designed two week Law & Human Rights placements for those aged 16-19, which take place during the summer holidays.

Volunteers will take part in a range of different activities, learning more about the legal system and social justice issues in their host country. These placements are ideal for students who plan to pursue law or human rights as a career, or wish to gain pre-university experience in the field.

What is included?



YOUR PLACEMENT: Law & Human Rights projects are available in 11 destinations. You will be given a supervisor at your place of work. Your supervisor and the local Projects Abroad staff will meet with you regularly to discuss how your placement is going and assist with any issues that may arise.



YOUR ACCOMMODATION: In most destinations you will live with a local host family who has been carefully selected because they are friendly, welcoming and can provide you with safe and secure accommodation for the duration of your stay. In a small number of destinations like China and Cambodia, you will live in shared volunteer accommodation in an apartment or volunteer house.



ALL YOUR MEALS: We will ensure that you are provided with three meals a day, including either a packed lunch or lunch provided where you are working.



LOCAL SUPPORT: We directly employ sizeable staff teams in all of our destinations and they are responsible for ensuring that all aspects of your project run as smoothly as possible. From the moment they meet you at the airport they will be available to show you around the local area, introduce you to your host family and placement supervisor, and be on-call 24/7 if you have any problems.



YOUR OWN START DATE AND PROJECT LENGTH: You choose when and where you want to go and how many weeks you wish to work. Projects run from 2 weeks upwards.



INSURANCE: Our package includes travel and medical insurance for the duration of your time away with us.



PRICES: Law & Human Rights projects start from £1,445

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Amendments or cancellations may be notified to the UK office by telephone but they must be confirmed in writing. Our charge for an amendment is normally between £35 and £150. Cancellation and curtailment charges depend on how far in advance of your stated departure date we have been informed in writing.

- Notice of 3 months or more: £65
- Notice of 2 to 3 months: one third of total programme fee
- Notice of 1 to 2 months: two thirds of total programme fee
- Notice of less than one month: no refund

Deposits paid less than three months before the originally stated departure date are non refundable. Exceptions are entirely at the discretion of Projects Abroad and must be agreed in writing at the time when any postponement or cancellation is made.

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Before arriving in Cape Town, I really knew nothing about human rights. I learnt more during my month on the project in South Africa than I ever could have imagined. It was the first time in my life I felt like I was doing tangible work, and at the same time, I was actually touching people's lives.



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