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## ➔ Introduction



**P**rojects Abroad offers you the chance to take part in one of our tailor-made Law & Human Rights projects in the developing world.

No matter whether you are a school-leaver looking to gain some experience to get you on to a law course at university, a student hoping to bolster your CV, or a trained legal professional wanting a new and interesting challenge, we can provide you with a placement that suits your needs.

This is primarily because every one of our volunteers – no matter how little legal experience they might have had – can speak and write English to a reasonable level, and this can be a very important commodity in emerging markets in the developing world, where organisations are seeking to attract clients from international companies. It is also very useful in countries like Ghana and South Africa, where the official language is English but literacy levels are low – Ghana ranks about 151st in the world – and you can help to represent people whose inability to write

would leave them otherwise marginalised in their society.

For those with some form of legal experience behind them the opportunities are many and varied. Interns who wish to work in Business and Corporate Law could find themselves in the Ghanaian capital Accra, the Mongolian capital Ulaanbaatar or in one of the world's most rapidly developing cities – Shanghai in China. Alternatively those wishing to further their knowledge of Human Rights Law can work in the legislative capital of South Africa – Cape Town – or Lome – the capital of Togo, as well as Ghana and Mongolia.

All volunteers working on a Law & Human Rights project are expected to be professional in their appearance, attitude and behaviour. You will be working for an organisation operating in complex, technical areas, and dealing with important clients and we ask you to respect this at all times. You can expect to work around 8 hours a day and may wish to work more, as there is often the opportunity to do so.

**2-Week Human Rights Specials for 16-19 year olds** – although our normal projects have no set start dates and duration, we also run 2 week projects over set dates in the summer. Please contact us on 01903 708 300 for the start dates.

## ➔ What is included?

### YOUR PLACEMENT

Law and Human Rights Projects are available in China, Ethiopia, Ghana, India, Mongolia, Morocco, Senegal, South Africa and Togo. You will be given a supervisor at your place of work, and they, our staff and you will meet regularly to discuss how your internship is going and any issues which may arise.

### YOUR OWN START-DATE AND PROJECT-LENGTH

You choose where you want to go, when, and how many months you wish to work. We try to encourage volunteers to sign up for at least a couple of months and preferably more, as Law & Human Rights organisations are far more willing to accept interns for longer periods. However we can accept people for as little as a month if that is all that you can spare.

### YOUR ACCOMMODATION

You will live with a local host family, who have been carefully selected because they are friendly, welcoming and can provide you with safe and secure accommodation for the duration of your stay. In China all our volunteers live in shared apartments.

### ALL YOUR MEALS

We will ensure that you are provided with three meals a day, including a packed lunch if required.

### INSURANCE

Our package includes comprehensive insurance, which includes travel, medical and liability insurance, for the duration of your time away with us.

### COMPREHENSIVE LOCAL SUPPORT

We directly employ sizeable staff teams in all of our destination countries, 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.

### SOCIAL LIFE

It's nice to have other people to share your experiences with, and – thanks to the large number of volunteers we work with in each destination - you can be sure that there will be always be someone for you to meet up with, go out with and possibly even travel with when your project finishes.



## ➔ Some of our destinations

### GHANA

Both our Law and Human Rights projects are based in Accra, the vibrant, colourful capital city. As a former British colony, Ghana is a place where you will feel instantly at home; English is the official language and the country's legal system is based on the British model. Interns with a Law firm will find themselves mainly working within Commercial and Business Law.

Human Rights interns are involved in all sorts of areas. Some of the key work they do is concerned with the rights of minority groups, like prisoners and children. Depending upon your enthusiasm and experience, you could find yourself interviewing people, attending court proceedings, speaking with the local media or organising an awareness march.



### SOUTH AFRICA



Our Human Rights placements in South Africa are based in the bustling city of Cape Town, and give volunteers the opportunity to work on a really worthwhile project alongside respected humanitarian organisations, whilst also gaining first hand experience of human rights law in practice.

Volunteers with an interest in human rights, government and politics, campaigning, and even writers interested in social justice issues, will be put to great use in marginalised communities in and around Cape Town; either working alongside one of our partner organisations, or at our own Projects Abroad Human Rights initiative. Whichever placement you join, you'll be working alongside qualified and passionate individuals who will vastly increase your knowledge of Human Rights.

### CHINA

If you opt to do an internship in China you will be working in a large firm in central Shanghai. This is an incredible place to work, with hundreds of huge skyscrapers featuring amazing architectural features, from the sublime to the ridiculous! At the same time the people in the streets below are constantly in a rush to get somewhere, and there is a real feeling that you are a part of something important.

Some of the areas that our Law recruits have worked in the past have included mergers and acquisitions, corporate intellectual property and insolvency. Because of the nature of the work we request that you have done at least one year of Law in university before applying for an internship.



### MONGOLIA

Volunteering on a Law & Human Rights internship in Mongolia means that you will live and work in the most remote capital city on earth: Ulaanbaatar. Here you will be located in close proximity to the city centre but your walk to work will encompass a patchwork of different communities, from communist-style tower blocks to tented 'Ger' districts!

Mongolian Law is quite extraordinary. It is one of only a handful of countries which operates a purely Customary Law-based system, something which grew organically from an economically weak nation with a tiny population spread out over a wide area. When the old Soviet Union fell, Mongolia began to change.



## THE ROLE OF A VOLUNTEER - GHANA

Volunteer interns are currently involved in the following areas:

- children's rights
- prison conditions
- women's rights
- police accountability
- electoral transparency

Volunteer interns are given work according to their experience and qualifications. The work is always challenging and may include:

- attending court; monitoring and documenting trial proceedings
- attending workshops and meetings related to human rights issues
- delivering presentations or statements at conferences or seminars representing the position of the Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative
- conducting independent research on human rights issues
- researching and developing questionnaires, leaflets, reports or briefing papers to support the Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative's activities
- monitoring media output and keeping records of human rights related articles and debates
- writing themed articles for publication in newspapers
- speaking on radio and TV stations either as part of a discussion programme or an individual broadcast item
- travelling to rural areas to raise civil rights awareness, especially children's and women's rights
- providing free legal advice
- preparing submissions to Parliament or government departments

Current projects include:

Raising awareness and mobilising support for poor communities who are at risk of being forced from their homes by corrupt officials who want the land for shops and offices.

Interviewing tribal leaders about the assaults they have suffered at the hands of extortion gangs. They also raise media awareness of corruption and brutality and bring press and public attention to cases such as when two young journalists were beaten up by gang members in the north of Ghana.

Travelling to villages to raise awareness of child-trafficking. Volunteers use methods such as role-plays to discuss this issue with secondary-school children. They are working alongside law students who also translate for them.

Protesting against the murder of Ghanaian illegal immigrants in Gambia. In 2007 our volunteers mobilised such a big demonstration that the president of Gambia did not attend the African Union Summit in Accra in July.

Reproductive rights: volunteers have been working to prevent harmful traditional practices such as female circumcision.

Women's rights: Our volunteers have brought media attention to the rape of women by Fulani herdsmen who come to the villages in the dry season. Some volunteers are also responsible for starting court cases against these men. They also do workshops in the areas to warn woman about the dangers of walking alone at night and to tell them about their legal rights.

## → 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 volunteer will have a project supervisor to provide assistance and guidance throughout the placement.

**Variety:** We want to match your skills and enthusiasm to the right project. By creating a wide variety of projects for volunteers, we allow you to select the project best suited to you. There are 9 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 which mean 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.

**Prices:** Law and Human Rights placements start from **£1,245**.

## → 3 easy ways to apply



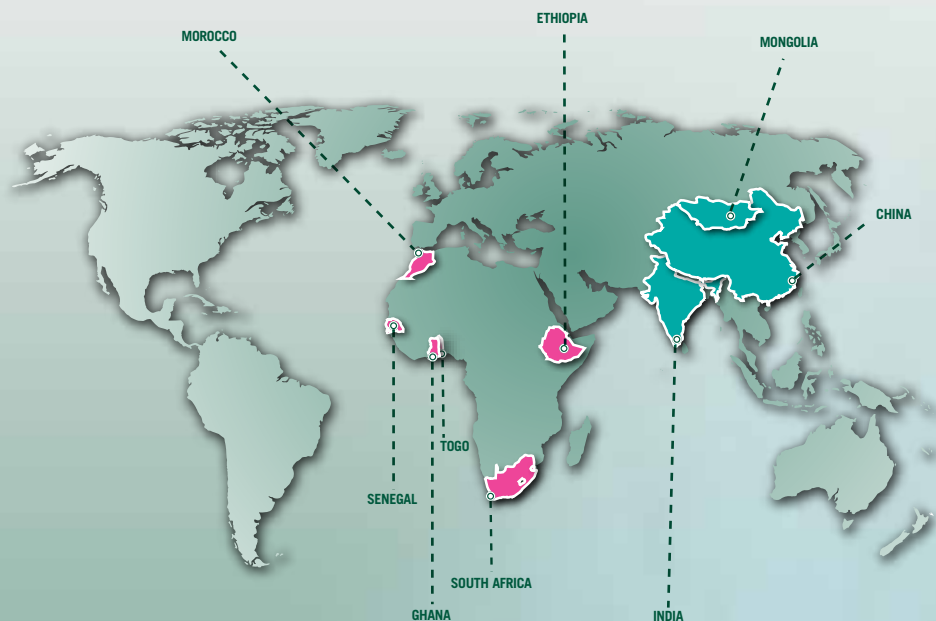
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“Placed at The British Council - The Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative, I was truly made to feel that being a law student from England was of some real value, and not just merely as a volunteer who had come to make the tea! I was able to get straight into making a difference, and got involved in looking into Human Rights abuses by the Ghana police service, interviewing witnesses and documenting their testimonies, and researching material for the state of prison conditions in Ghana.

I was also able to attend Human Rights conferences; among the attendees being the Presidential advisor on HIV/AIDS and met parliamentarians to discuss the state of family-planning services across Ghana. Projects Abroad responded to the interests I had explained pre-departure and placed me with an organisation that truly furthered my interests in Human Rights law.”

**Danica Mullarkey** (in Ghana)

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