

Willing to go there?



Young People
without Borders
Sponsored gap year in 2012

What is Young People without Borders?

Young People without Borders is a new rite of passage for young Australians. A journey of discovery, culminating in a gap year overseas where you will become a volunteer and experience life beyond your borders, develop different perspectives, learn new skills, grow in confidence and independence and make new friends from home and abroad. You will become part of a network of young people just like you – young people who have a sense of adventure, and the courage, imagination and will to make a difference.

If you want to take a gap year before university or TAFE, take some time considering your career or experience life in another country, then this is your chance to do it! Placements are available for 17 to 19 year olds.

Placement Options



China

There is an extraordinary mix of cultures alive in China, from the ancient history of the Terracotta Warriors to the thriving metropolis of Beijing. As the world's most populous country, education is very important and there is great emphasis on learning English and discovering more about Western culture. Young People without Borders volunteers play a valuable role in schools and may also assist community members keen to practice their conversational English skills.

Is it for me?

This unique cultural experience will also give you the opportunity to improve your students' English language skills and future prospects. It will suit those who are enthusiastic, engaging, can think on their feet and have the confidence to teach up to 50 students at a time. You will be placed with another Young People without Borders volunteer and both of you will share accommodation, most probably on campus. A small amount of spending money will be provided. Minimum age is 18.

Departs: August 2012 for 4-5 months

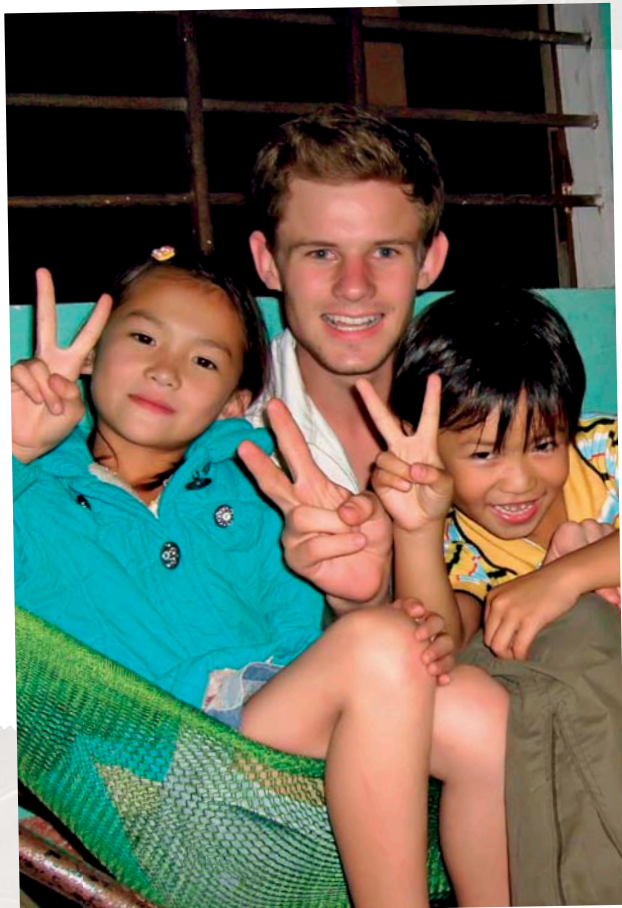
Travel costs (approximate): \$2,200 for return airfare, travel insurance and visa

Role available: English Teaching

Volunteer testimonial

"Walking into a matchbox sized classroom containing fifty to sixty 12 to 14 year olds may sound incredibly challenging and confronting. Screams of "pick me" and "let me try" – to stick a picture on the black board, as every hand in the room is waving passionately in the air, is proof of the very simple pleasure the children within an Asian classroom gain from interactive learning."

Hannah Loney, Melbourne



India

India is home to one-sixth of the world's population and has a diversity of sights and sounds that includes the Taj Mahal, the Himalayas and Bollywood. One-quarter of its population lives below the poverty line and Young People without Borders volunteers work within the community assisting local people in meaningful ways.

Is it for me?

You could choose from a wide range of placements working with young people in India. You could be working with children in orphanages or kindergartens, with young people assisting in schools or running activities in outdoor centres. Volunteers are placed either in pairs or in teams, which means there is something to suit everyone. Accommodation varies but most placements are in the north in the Himalayan foothills surrounded by spectacular scenery. Minimum age is 17.

Departs: August 2012 for up to 5 months

Travel costs (approximate): \$2,900 for return airfare, travel insurance and visa

Role available: Youth and Community Work

Volunteer testimonial

"As well as helping the kids with their English, I was a full-time best friend, confidant, stand-in mum, entertainer and playmate because these children, many of whom had come from the very remote tribal areas of India, hadn't seen their families for months on end – and in some cases didn't have a family to go home to."

Siobhan Marsh, Mornington Peninsula



Vietnam

Vietnam is a richly diverse country located between the Red River Delta in the north and Mekong Delta in the south. With tourism being such a strong industry for the country's economy, learning English is considered the key to a prosperous future and perfecting sporting skills is greatly enjoyed by all.

Is it for me?

Volunteering in Vietnam will allow you to step outside your comfort zone, and embrace an enriching cultural experience. You will be able to push yourself as you take on a position of responsibility and teach English to people of many ages, or use your strong sporting background to coach local sports teams. A small amount of spending money may be provided. Minimum age is 18.

Departs: August 2012 for 4 months

Travel costs (approximate): \$2,200 for return airfare, travel insurance and visa

Roles available: English Teaching | Sports Coaching

Volunteer testimonial

"Initially, I figured volunteering would be a worthy cause and, conveniently, a good enough excuse to drop everything for five months. What I wasn't prepared for was the life-changing experience I had. Through all the people I met, the students I taught, the lessons I learned, the places I explored and the memories I created, I will never forget Vietnam."

Alex James, Brisbane



FAQs

Will I definitely get in?

There are a limited number of placements available in 2012 so it depends how many applications we receive, but we'll do our best to get everyone a place.

Will I get my first placement choice?

We aim to allocate successful applicants to their first choice but it depends on the popularity of placement options and the best fit for each applicant's skills and experience.

Where will I stay?

Your accommodation is provided by the host placement. Most often this will be on-site at your placement, or in some cases you may share an apartment with other volunteers nearby. The quality of accommodation may vary; often some of the poorer communities can only provide very basic accommodation.

Is my food included?

Your food is also included as part of the agreement with our placement hosts. The way in which your food is provided will vary according to your placement country and host. For example you may receive an allowance to purchase and prepare your own food or your meals may be supplied.

Will I be the only volunteer at my placement?

In most cases you will be placed with another Young People without Borders volunteer or you could be on a group program with a team of Young People without Borders volunteers. Whatever happens, you will live and work alongside other young people.

What support will I have before my placement?

After you've been selected, you'll be assigned a dedicated Lattitude Volunteer Coordinator from the Melbourne office who will help you plan everything, provide detailed briefing materials, assist with travel arrangements and answer any questions you might have. As part of your preparations you will attend a Pre-Departure Camp in Australia in January with other Young People without Borders volunteers and staff.

What support will I have during my placement?

Once overseas, you will be supported by a Lattitude Country Manager and one of a team of Lattitude Local Representatives who live nearby. They will meet you when you arrive, run the orientation program in your first few days and visit you at your placement. If undertaking a teaching placement in China or Vietnam, you will attend an in-country teaching course as well. At your placement, you will have a mentor assigned to you who will be your day-to-day contact and support person. And there is also a 24-hour emergency phone line which is staffed by the Lattitude team in Australia if needed.

Application Process

1. Submit your application

Complete an application form and submit via post or email. Application forms can be downloaded from www.ypwb.org.au.

2. Attend an interview

Have a face to face interview at one of many interview centres around Australia, or over the phone.

3. You're in!

You'll hear from us within one week of your interview confirming if you have been selected to join Young People without Borders in 2012, which country and role you have been selected for, and the outcome of any funding application you may have submitted.

4. Commit and prepare

You'll receive your briefing pack which will include checklists, details of your placement and information about the Pre-Departure Camp. At this stage you will be required to obtain an Australian Federal Police check for a small fee of \$43.

5. You're away!

Upon arrival, meet your Lattitude Country Manager and Lattitude Local Representatives and attend a group orientation course lasting two to three days, followed by a teaching course (if relevant). Head off to your placement with your volunteer partner or team of volunteers to meet your Host Mentor and get started!



Young People without Borders Trailblazer Award



As part of the very first group of Young People without Borders volunteers, you will be offered a Trailblazer Award which will cover over 50% of the total costs of participating in the program. The Award means that all the following costs will be covered:

- the placement
- accommodation and food while you are overseas
- in depth pre-departure support and briefing materials
- Pre-Departure Camp in Australia
- orientation when you arrive overseas, in-country teaching course (if relevant) and support from local Lattitude staff throughout the placement

You will be required to pay for your own travel costs (return airfare, travel insurance, visa requirements), which will be approximately \$2,200 for China and Vietnam, and \$2,900 for India. In addition you may need to pay for health vaccinations prior to departure. Limited financial assistance

is available towards travel costs; if you wish to apply for assistance please indicate this on your application form.

The Trailblazer Award can be earned through unlocking credit points through the following activities: attending the Pre-Departure Camp in January; completing at least eight hours of volunteering before you leave; demonstrating how you've raised funds towards your gap year; demonstrating how you've raised awareness of social issues in your own community, with family, friends or at school. You'll be given tips on each of these activities after your interview and we'll spend time looking at them at the Pre-Departure Camp.

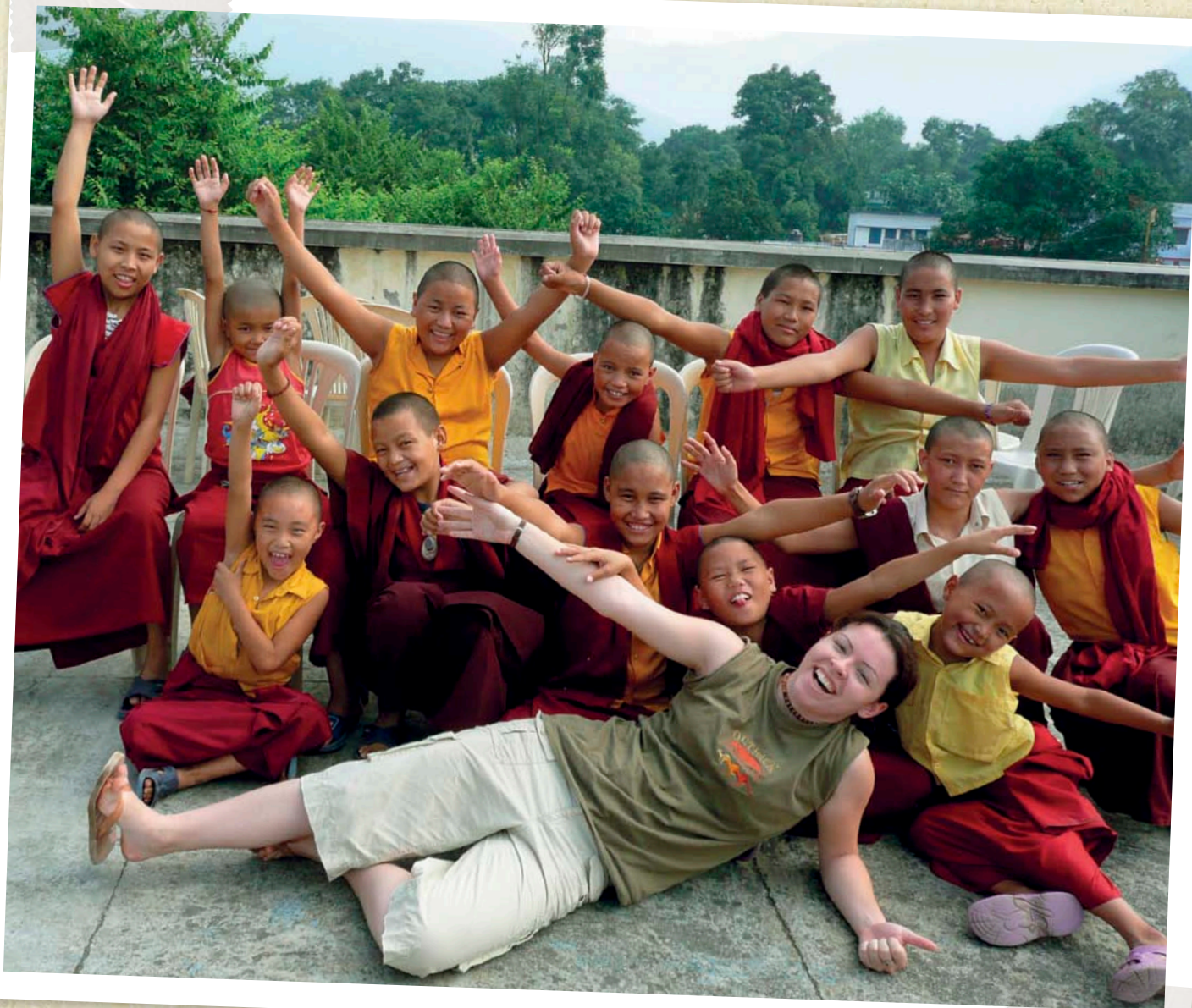
But you can work towards unlocking these points now. Don't forget to take photos and/or video footage as we'll be asking you to show us what you've done as well as blog about your experience.

As a recipient of a Young People without Borders Trailblazer Award, you'll play a key role in inspiring future participants and further

advising and representing the program. Upon return from your placement, you will become a Young People without Borders Ambassador and be able to do a variety of things:

- participate in workshops
- deliver public or school talks
- contribute to the website
- mentor future volunteers
- lead volunteer events





Who are we?

Foundation for Young Australians

The Foundation for Young Australians (FYA) is a national, independent, non-profit organisation, dedicated solely to young people. Throughout its 30 year history, FYA has supported and engaged over one million young Australians through hundreds of projects and partnerships in every State and Territory. FYA provides a national platform of respect and opportunity for the best ideas and actions that young Australians have to offer. FYA believes that all young people have the courage, imagination and will to shape their education and create social change.



Lattitude Global Volunteering

Lattitude Global Volunteering (formerly known as Gap Activity Projects) is an international youth development charity. Lattitude's mission is to provide unique opportunities for young people to make a positive difference to their lives and the lives of others. Lattitude does this by supporting them on diverse, challenging and structured international volunteering placements in a community and culture different from their own. With nearly 40 years' experience and offices in Australia, New Zealand, the UK and Canada, Lattitude has supported more than 25,000 young volunteers around the world.



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