

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 Journalism projects are structured in a manner that allows you to get the most out of your time overseas. Each placement provides you with a project supervisor who will guide and assist you throughout your time with us.

Variety:

We aim to match your skills and enthusiasm to the right project for you. There are 17 destinations to choose from, allowing volunteers of all interests to find a placement that is just right for them.

Flexibility:

Our projects have no set start dates, which means you can choose when your placement begins and for how long you would like to join us.

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.

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Destination	Print	Radio	Television	Film Production
Argentina		✓		
Bolivia	✓			
China	✓			
Costa Rica	✓		✓	
Ethiopia	✓			
Ghana	✓	✓	~	
Jamaica		✓		
Mexico	~	✓		
Mongolia	~	✓	✓	
Philippines		✓		
Romania	✓			
Samoa	✓	✓		
South Africa	✓			
Sri Lanka	✓	✓	✓	
Tanzania	✓			✓
Togo	✓		✓	
Vietnam		~		



What is a Journalism project?

Projects Abroad's Journalism projects are short-term, practical work experience placements. They are available in various destinations in the developing world. These internship projects are available for anyone aged 16 to 75+ years old.

We arrange for you to spend a period of time working at a Journalism placement in your preferred industry, learning from local staff and gaining an insight into the workings of the media in an overseas destination with a different cultural and political setting.





Why should you take part in one of these projects?

The media world is complex and competitive with individuals and companies looking to gain an advantage in the field, either to further their job prospects and boost their personal profile or enhance the profile of the company. Our Journalism placements are designed to help you gain this competitive edge by offering you a chance to improve your reporting skills through hands-on practical work experience, as well as giving you an insider's view into the day-to-day running of a publication, radio or TV station.

We will ask you to send us a copy of your CV so that we can match you to the best possible placement. Upon completion of your project, you will receive a certificate and reference which you can use for university and job applications.



Your role on a Journalism project

The placements themselves are flexible and designed to match your individual skills, goals and previous experience. You will be expected to work normal office hours and should view your time abroad as a chance to work and improve. You will get involved with the day-today activities of the placement and should be ready for a challenge. No matter where you are placed your input will be greatly encouraged and appreciated.

If you already have some experience in this field, you will be able to share your knowledge and provide less experienced volunteers with guidance and support in an environment where there is often a lack of resources and personnel. Take every opportunity offered to you and you will reap the rewards of a unique business experience.

Some of our Journalism Projects

Print Journalism

This project will provide you with a unique insight into the culture of the local community in which you are based. You will work with a newspaper or magazine, where you will learn valuable iournalism skills.

At most placements you will have the opportunity to get involved in all aspects of the publication's production from writing, researching and editing to photography and layouts.

A print journalism placement gives volunteers the chance to put together an impressive portfolio of work.



If you are already a practising journalist, then taking part on one of these placements will broaden your horizons and have you work to a high professional standard against the backdrop of a new country. Your own skill set will grow as a result of the challenges you will face working in a new cultural context and you may find you are able to share some of your own knowledge of the industry with your new colleagues as well.

Radio Journalism



These projects are perfect for individuals who are passionate about radio broadcasting and provide you with a great opportunity to learn and will provide a radio station is run.

Working alongside small teams of local journalists, you will be given a range of responsibilities. Your role as a volunteer may include attending press conferences, researching and writing stories and scripts, reading

news bulletins, presenting segments of shows, or co-presenting with a local colleague. You can also learn about, and get involved in various aspects of producing a radio show.

The radio stations cover an array of topics ranging from the arts and politics to sports and local events. Many focus on current news items and community issues, giving you the opportunity to learn more about the local culture.



TV Journalism

Whether you are interested in pop culture or politics, production or presenting, we have the television broadcasting placement for you. You will have real ownership of your story as you guide it through the process of researching, interviewing, editing, and even presenting. If you have any special interests such as music or sport, you can often incorporate these into your placement.

Let us know which type of role you are interested in most - behind the scenes or in front of the camera. You will generally spend some of your time in the studio, while the rest of the time will be out in the field attending interviews and press conferences.





Film Production

Volunteers on our film production placement in Tanzania will have the opportunity, through work placements and assignments, to create a portfolio of work that will act as a showcase for your talent on your return home.

Our film production placement is based in Arusha where volunteers work with a local youth organisation. The aim is to provide training to underprivileged locals. Variety is key to this project and whether your skills lie in the technical or the creative aspects of film production, your knowledge and enthusiasm will be the most valuable assets

Volunteers participating on the film production project will need at least 1 year's prior experience in film production, media or a closely related topic.

Some of our Destinations



China

If you are looking for an exciting, energetic backdrop to your journalism placement then there's no better destination than China. Living and working in rapidly-developing cities will surely inspire you to root out some interesting stories!

Volunteers on this project will work with an Englishlanguage magazine in either Chengdu or Shanghai. Your workload will be very varied; you may be asked to give an outsider's view on Chinese culture one day and then find yourself interviewing an important public figure the next.

Ghana

We offer a wide variety of journalism projects in Ghana, with placements at radio stations. newspapers and television stations. Most of our journalism projects are based in the lively capital city of Accra, and as a journalism volunteer you will get a unique insight into the city and its people. There is always something going on in Ghana and whether you are interested in football, politics or tribal music, you will never be short of a good story.

Mexico

All journalism volunteers in Mexico live and work in town of Ciudad Guzman. You can choose to work at either a local radio station, a newspaper or a magazine publication. Volunteers can get involved



in co-presenting live current affairs programmes, conducting interviews live on the radio, reporting on news and sports and searching out stories in the town.

Mongolia

Volunteers in Mongolia will find no shortage of topics to report on whilst living in one of the most diverse and fascinating cities in Central Asia – Ulaanbaatar. Whether you are working as a reporter on an English language newspaper, as part of the production team at a TV station, or fronting a chat show on a local radio station you will get a great insight into how the media works in the heart of the country's capital city.

South Africa

Volunteer placements are based in Cape Town where you will work alongside local journalists for the online publication Cape Chameleon. You can get involved in all aspects of the online publication production from writing, researching, editing, photography and layouts.

The online publication covers a range of topics such as community issues, environmental concerns and sport. Volunteers have a real opportunity to get involved, whether it be interviewing a local politician or finding out opinions on the latest rugby game.

What is included?



YOUR PLACEMENT:

You will be assigned 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. Our staff often run workshops to give you more ideas and support during your placement.



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 Vietnam, 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 or questions.



YOUR OWN START DATE AND PROJECT

You choose when and where you want to go and for how many weeks you wish to work. Projects run from 2, 3 or 4 weeks upwards.



INSURANCE.

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



PRICES:

Journalism projects start from £1,295.

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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Journalism projects are available in the following destinations:









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