

Current Posts in Kolkata

Recruited Sponsored Volunteers

The Support Groups in Europe sponsor a limited number of western volunteers. The nursing posts focus on skill sharing with local staff and are primarily managerial roles as our local staff predominantly carries out the 'hands-on work'. For sponsored posts we require volunteers to commit for a minimum period of 9 months, (*although exceptions may be made for priority posts*).

Volunteer nurses must hold current UKCC registration, other posts need appropriate professionally recognized qualifications. Calcutta Rescue accepts only qualified applicants with at least 2 years post registration experience, since the volunteers are required to practice unsupervised and as independent practitioners. We ask that volunteers have good spoken and written English and excellent organizational and communication skills. The current posts on offer include:

Administrator * (1 post)
Clinical volunteer coordinator * (1 post)
Pharmacist * (2 posts)
Wound Care/Public Health Nurse * (1 post)
Physiotherapist (1 post)
Learning Disability Nurse (1 post)
TB / Infection Control (1 post)
Midwife (possibly obstetricians/gynecology nurse (1 post)
Educationalist (1 post)
Accountant (1 post)
Fund Raising person
Public relations person

For these posts nurses should have at least 3-5 years experience in the given specialty. All applications will be considered on an individual basis particularly if they are in possession of community experience; working abroad experience; diploma in tropical nursing. Contact your local recruiters with a CV or Résumé.

The possible sponsorship we offer is a monthly allowance to help cover food and accommodation costs and other expenses. Please note that these are not salaried positions and that, although a small contribution may be made by the recruiting support group, volunteers will be expected to meet most of the costs of their travel, insurance and living expenses.

For those who require it we offer a contribution towards travel expenses, up to a maximum of 500 Euro for anybody completing the minimum qualifying period of 9 months service. However many volunteers are still able to find private sponsorship (the Round Table charity, Sponsorship events, etc), to cover this expense and we can give ideas and assistance in helping you to raise this money.

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People who have already traveled or worked outside Europe, are preferred but not essential. The capacity to be part of a team, have a good sense of humor and plenty of enthusiasm and the adaptability to work in a non-hospital environment is important. These are challenging but very rewarding positions and an excellent opportunity to gain some overseas experience.

If you are interested in applying then please return an up to date CV or résumé, and we will forward a suitable application form, and further information. We will then arrange a time and date for an informal interview.

All Volunteers. Please be advised that we require that all applicants should be able to provide a current Criminal Records Bureau, Police Check, before a contract can be offered.

Please note that if you are applying from a country outside of the UK, then it is possible that your details will be passed onto the Dutch support group who have more experience in recruiting non UK nationals.

Short term Non Sponsored Volunteers

Short term volunteers typically come from a variety of backgrounds including those required for the recruited positions (pharmacy, nursing, physiotherapy, dental assistant (or student) podiatry, midwifery and administration) as well as doctors, arts and crafts, English teaching (preferably TEFL qualified), IT, HR, and those with research experience in the field of international development.

Unlike the recruited positions which are ongoing, many of the general volunteer placements are on short term projects as outlined by the Kolkata management e.g. medical audits, and the volunteer may be asked to set up and run a new project. For this reason we particularly look for volunteers who are flexible and capable of working under their own initiative. Calcutta Rescue cannot always guarantee a specific post, you would be asked to help where the need is greatest and where your skills are most appropriate. General & Short Term Volunteers will not be offered sponsorship or a contribution towards traveling expenses. The application procedure for general volunteers normally consists of:

- Completion of a basic Application Form. (a record of your personal details, next of kin, etc).
- A short letter about yourself.
- The application form and information about each applicant is then forwarded to Calcutta Rescue in Kolkata where it is decided if your skills are required and in what area, the team in Kolkata will then contact the applicant. If a short term placement is available a CRB check may be requested, depending on the area of work.
- A full insurance policy and good supply of anti Malaria prophylaxis is obligatory.

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