



Travelteer

UNIVERSITY
PLACEMENTS



A Bit About Us

Founded in 2015, Travelteer offers University students affordable volunteering opportunities in partnership with grassroots organisations and local NGOs in Sri Lanka. Our placements provide volunteers with once in a lifetime experiences and allow them to immerse themselves in new cultures in a safe and controlled environment.

Our Charity

We have our very own charity called 'Travelteer Impact' that empowers disadvantaged communities and aims to make positive environmental changes across South Asia. This is achieved by partnering with or creating projects that provide long-term support for the advancement of education, well-being and environmental conservation.

To date, we have raised over £120,000 that has been essential in creating brighter futures for disadvantaged communities through the provision of new equipment, facilities, training and more.

Charity Objectives

Unlock the potential of under-privileged children in rural communities.

Rehabilitate and regenerate the local environment.

Protect and re-populate indigenous wildlife.

Utilise volunteer skill-sets to maintain and develop sustainable projects.

Travelteer
Impact!

Over
£120,000
Raised
To Date

Charity Number: 1168026

Virtual Internships

An Overview

Our 12 week virtual internships provide UK University Students with the opportunity to tackle various international development issues and achieve real outcomes for our partners in Sri Lanka.

Our course specific internships take place remotely, with students working independently on research projects set by the Travelteer team - all you need is a computer, phone and internet connection.

Each student is paired with a Travelteer mentor that will guide them through the research process with regular contact via video conferencing. In addition to their research project, students will also help the Travelteer team create and implement online marketing campaigns and write informative blog posts showcasing aspects of their given research projects.



UK Research Internships

Duration: 12 Weeks

Involvement: 6 - 8 Hours Per Week

Why Join Our Placements?

**Gain Valuable Work Experience
Whilst Developing Transferable
Skills For Future Employment**

**Undertake Course Specific Research
That Makes an Impact in
Disadvantaged Communities**

**Develop Essential Digital Skills That
Are Vital in The New Virtual
Workplace**

**Actively Engage in and Contribute
towards sustainable development in
a Developing Country.**

**Experience 1 to 1 Mentorship With
Linkedin References and Attribute
Endorsements Upon Placement
Completion**

Volunteer Programme: Marine & Wildlife Conservation

Our Marine & Wildlife Conservation programme works closely with the Sri Lankan Environmental Department and various local NGOs. These partnerships have led to the creation of various high impact Conservation projects on Sri Lanka's South Coast and provide UK volunteers with the chance to contribute to sustainable development.

Our projects aim to regenerate key areas of indigenous rainforest, boost sea turtle hatchling numbers and implement effective recycling strategies for ocean plastic. Marine & Wildlife volunteers will assist the Travelteer Conservation team by developing various research proposals that will help refine our projects and increase their impact on the local environment.





Marine & Wildlife Conservation Virtual Internships (12 Weeks) 6 - 8 Hours Per Week

Under the guidance of an assigned Travelteer mentor, our Marine & Wildlife Conservation volunteers will undertake a conservation specific research topic provided by Travelteer. The research project should be formally written up and will be presented to Travelteer management upon completion.

Travelteer mentors will be on hand to help guide volunteers through this research project and volunteers will also engage in various marketing and fundraising assignments for the Travelteer team.

PROGRAMME STATS TO DATE



**20,00 Turtles
Released**



**4,500 Trees
Planted**



**2.3 Tonnes of
Plastic
Collected**



**620
Volunteers
to Date**



Possible Research Topics

Volunteers will be given a research topic by the Travelteer team, though this topic can be adjusted to meet individual university course requirements. Possible Marine & Wildlife Conservation research topics can be seen below.

Research into Sea Turtle Nesting Habits

Artificial Turtle Nest Creation & Maintenance

Research into the Flora & Fauna of Sri Lanka

The effect of Ocean Plastics on Marine Eco-Systems

Volunteer Programme: English Development

Our English Development programme works closely with a number of Sri Lankan schools to create sustainable projects that provide brighter futures for children in rural communities.

Many rural school children can understand and speak basic words in English, however their comprehension and conversational skills are underdeveloped and the importance of English cannot be understated for an island nation so heavily reliant on tourism and remittance (Sri Lankans working abroad and sending money back to their families).

Through the creation of research proposals in the UK, English Development volunteers gain invaluable experience in an international education system, providing global perspective and insight into childhood development in different educational settings.





English Development Virtual Internships (12 Weeks) 6 - 8 Hours Per Week

Under the guidance of an assigned Travelteer mentor, our English Development volunteers will undertake an English specific research topic provided by Travelteer. The research project should be formally written up and will be presented to Travelteer management upon completion.

Travelteer mentors will be on hand to help guide volunteers through this research project and volunteers will also engage in various marketing and fundraising assignments for the Travelteer team.

PROGRAMME STATS TO DATE



**12 Schools
Impacted**



**1,500
Students
Taught**



**270 Daily
School meals
Provided**



**290
Volunteers
to Date**



Possible Research Topics

Volunteers will be given a research topic by the Travelteer team, though this topic can be adjusted to meet individual university course requirements. Possible English Development research topics can be seen below.

The Importance of English in a modern Sri Lanka

**Global
Childhoods**

**Exploring gender
in early years**

**A comparison of UK vs Sri Lankan
education frameworks**

**Introduction of technology
in the classroom**

Volunteer Programme: Textiles & Design

Our Textiles & Design programme works in partnership with local communities to provide textiles training for disadvantaged women in rural areas of Sri Lanka. Our team is currently implementing a 360° strategy for recycling ocean plastics, designing and producing sustainable products under our 'Palm Project' brand and then marketing them online through social media campaigns and online selling platforms.

Within Sri Lanka, our programme teaches disadvantaged local women income generating skills, helping them to become more self sufficient. The products designed by both volunteers and local women are subsequently sold online and at various local boutiques with all proceeds going back into the community!





Design & Textiles

Virtual Internships (12 Weeks)

6 - 8 Hours Per Week

We're looking for students to help refine our Sri Lankan Textiles programme with an emphasis on sustainability. Under the guidance of their mentor, Design & Textiles volunteers will undertake a specific research topic provided by the Travelteer team. The research project should be formally written up and will be presented to Travelteer management upon completion.

Travelteer mentors will be on hand to help guide volunteers through this research project and volunteers will also engage in various marketing and fundraising assignments for the Travelteer team.

PROGRAMME STATS TO DATE



**35 Women
Trained**



**Over 3 Tons
of Plastic
Collected**



**Over
£10,000 of
generated
income**



**60
Volunteers
to Date**



Possible Research Topics

Volunteers will be given a research topic by the Travelteer team, though this topic can be adjusted to meet individual university course requirements. Possible Design & Textile research topics can be seen below.

Current Trends for Sustainable Travel Accessories

In-depth analysis of Sustainable Materials

**Research into online platforms
selling sustainable products &
effective marketing campaigns**

**Understanding the process of
recycling ocean plastic into
workable material.**

Volunteer Programme: Sports Development

Our Sports Development programme works closely with a number of Sri Lankan schools to implement sports coaching at the grassroots level - unlocking the potential of disadvantaged children in rural areas by providing skilled volunteer coaches and funding for both equipment and facilities.

The programme provides hands-on experience for Sports Development volunteers to plan and implement their own sport sessions in a developing country. Our various projects focus on inclusivity and skill learning to promote health and wellbeing through the coaching of different sports.





Sports Development Virtual Internships (12 Weeks) 6 - 8 Hours Per Week

Under the guidance of an assigned Travelteer mentor, our Sports Development volunteers will undertake a sports specific research topic provided by the Travelteer team. The research project should be formally written up and will be presented to Travelteer management upon completion.

Travelteer mentors will be on hand to help guide volunteers through this research project and volunteers will also engage in various marketing and fundraising assignments for the Travelteer team.

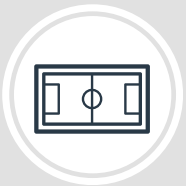
PROGRAMME STATS TO DATE



**12 Schools
Impacted**



**Over 500
Students
Coached**



**8 Pitches
Restored**



**160
Volunteers
to Date**



Possible Research Topics

Volunteers will be given a research topic by the Travelteer team, though this topic can be adjusted to meet individual university course requirements. Possible Sports Development research topics can be seen below.

The role of Physical Education in a developing country

Gender equality in South Asian Sport

Nutrition in Sri Lanka

Coaching as a foreign language

Observational Analysis for Sport

Volunteer Fundraising

Volunteer fundraising has already made a huge impact on the lives of disadvantaged communities in Sri Lanka. To date, we have raised over £120,000 that has gone towards new teaching and sports facilities at rural schools, meal provision in disadvantaged communities, improved equipment for conservation efforts and more!

We encourage all of our volunteers to fundraise for their programme of choice. Over the course of our 12 week virtual internships we usually recommend each volunteer to try and fundraise £300 - it is not a necessity but any money that can be raised makes an impact on our Sri Lankan projects.

From setting up your JustGiving page to advice on great fundraising activities, the Travelteer team is always here to help!



Personal Mentorship

Throughout the 12 week virtual internship, each volunteer will be matched with a mentor from our Travelteer staff. As a virtual internship, communication will be done remotely through online video calls - our friendly team are always help and mentors will support volunteers through all aspects of the research project.

Virtual Internship Fees

Our 12 week virtual internships cost £300 per person. Students should make sure to check whether they are eligible for a grant from their university to cover this cost! Should students undertaking our 12 month virtual internship wish to join the Travelteer team on the ground in Sri Lanka, they will receive £300 in credit towards their living costs in-country.

Accreditation



The Application Process



Submit Your CV & Cover Letter

If you would like to get involved in one of our virtual internships, kick-off your application by emailing through both your CV and a Cover Letter to our team at team@travelteer.co.uk. Make sure to use your cover letter as a chance to tell us which programme you are most interested in and why you believe you would be a strong candidate for this remote 12 week internship.

Travelteer UK management will individually assess each CV & cover letter to shortlist applicants heading onto the next stage of interviews.

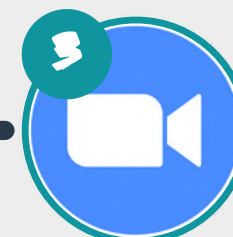


Phone Interview

Shortlisted applicants will be contacted via email and a phone interview will be scheduled.

The phone interview will be conducted by a member of the Travelteer UK Team and gives us the chance to get to know our applicants a little better and understand more about their interests and experience.

Upon completion of all phone interviews, our team will notify candidates on whether they will proceed to the final step of internship application process to be conducted by Travelteer Management.



Online Interview

The final stage of the application process will be an online video interview with Travelteer Management.

This final stage gives applicants a chance to discuss possible research topics with Travelteer management ahead of starting their 12 week virtual internship..

Upon completion of all video interviews, successful applicants will be matched with a Travelteer Mentor who will guide them through all aspects of the placement.

Start Your Virtual Internship

Apply Today

To apply for one of our virtual internships, simply get in touch with the Travelteer team at admin@travelteer.co.uk

Alternatively, get in contact with us via the details below and start planning your trip of a lifetime!

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