

VOLUNTEERING AT HONOUR VILLAGE CAMBODIA

We welcome volunteers from 18 upwards: you need to be fit, flexible, willing, and speak fluent English with clear pronunciation. You need to be self-motivated and a good team member. You need to be able to offer our children at least one month of your time, and preferably longer. We do not make a charge for volunteers, but if you hold a fun fund-raiser before you come, or after your visit, we are very grateful! Every penny goes to the work of Honour Village. Only Khmer staff are paid a salary, and all Trustees and non-Khmer volunteers fund themselves and pay their own expenses.



Please read our website, including the Volunteers' Handbook, also our Facebook page, and then apply on line to Dan Taylor, UK Trustee, through our contact page. Dan will be in touch with you, provide you with the application form and guide you through the application process (this does not apply to volunteers coming via partner NGOs such as CVF).

Volunteers arrive each morning from Monday to Friday from 8.00am. They travel to us from town by motodop (as a passenger on a motorcycle), in a tuk-tuk, or on bicycle, which is often provided by the guesthouse for a small charge. We are happy to help with accommodation enquiries.

As a short-term volunteer, you will be asked to assist existing teachers in class who have undergone training, help in the playroom and library or help with one to one tutoring. HVC teaches to a curriculum based on student's ability. After Kindergarten, run by Khmer teachers, students progress to Family and Friends, English Time 1 to 4 and Up and Away/ Senior English. There are also a number of Fast Track classes for new students/ staff etc.

If you have any skills in areas such as sports, music or arts and crafts, these will be most welcome, if not just bring yourself and be willing and flexible and we will benefit from your time here.

We do have cooks and security/ maintenance staff but no cleaners so volunteers all participate in maintaining HVC by keeping classrooms clean and safe, decorating and picking litter etc.

English lessons (one hour long) begin at 8 and end at 11am in time for lunch from 11am. After lunch, available for 1.50\$, or bring your own, there is time for lesson preparation and for initiating play with village or resident children who have finished resting. Afternoon classes run from 1pm to 4pm. On Fridays there is a teachers' meeting from 4 pm to 5pm for feed-back and planning. There may also be mid-week meetings for teaching tips, reviews etc.

Volunteers are supported by our Mentors (Sean and Sylvia) and regular meetings are held to discuss volunteering and HVC roles and issues.

Volunteers will never be asked to provide any "child care". It is vital that children are cared for by those with whom they have a bond, if not, when volunteers leave at the end of their stay, this could cause

long-term harm to vulnerable children who learn that those they come to love always leave them. So long as the core Khmer staff are in place, children manage the volunteers' coming and going quite happily. We have explained to them that, if we never feel sad at having to say goodbye, then it means that we never had the joy of saying hello and welcome either!

On arrival, you will be asked to read and sign our Child Protection policy, provide copies of your passport, Police check, travel insurance and a passport size photograph (some of this can be done at HVC).

I hope that you will want to come and teach or volunteer at Honour Village. We are a happy project and we value our volunteers very highly. The more of yourself you give, the more satisfaction you will find in the experience. We hope to hear from you!

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