

# International volunteering

## Supporting students with volunteering overseas

This resource is designed to help you to support students who wish to undertake an international volunteering project. You can read the NUS policy and briefing on gap years and consider where you should start should you wish to offer international volunteering opportunities.

### Introduction

Students' unions sometimes offer opportunities for students to undertake international volunteering projects. Staff working in volunteering are also often asked to advise students who wish to volunteer abroad. It is sometimes difficult for students' union staff and officers to identify good international volunteering opportunities as there are some ethical considerations involved with this type of project.

### Resources

NUS have produced advice on gap years that contains relevant information on international student volunteering.

- NUS [Briefing on Gap Years](#) offers contextual information, practical questions to ask, case studies, and further resources.
- Society and Citizenship Zone [policy on Gap Years](#) (page 27)

We recommend that you read both the briefing and the policy.

### Contact

If you need any further information about international volunteering and gap years, there are many people at NUS to help you.

- [Dom Anderson](#) is NUS Vice President Society & Citizenship. Dom is the political lead around ethics and social justice.
- [Rosie Hunnam](#) or [Fiona Ellison](#) can support with volunteering queries
- [WiSCV](#) – Workers in Student Community Volunteering is a network of staff and officers working to support student volunteering.