

Social Volunteer Project



Youth And Child Care Centre

Reference no.:	SV 01
Programme location:	Approx. 15- 20 minutes outside of Cape Town
Project requirements:	<p>This programme is open for anyone who has lots of patience and experiences with childcare and social working. Commitment to child and youth care and is able to offer a service to children and youths who are at risk.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Basic English- Experience in social work/ child care- Medical & travel insurance- At least 8 weeks length of stay <p>The project dates are dependant on the school terms 2010.</p>
Project length:	8 weeks – 6 months
Age restriction:	At least 21 years
Project fee:	2009/2010 Euro 450
OPTIONAL	
3-days orientation in Cape Town: Euro 269	<p>Start on the Wednesday before the project begins! Meet and Greet Airport pickup to accommodation Accommodation (3 nights) Township Tour Wineland Tour Cape Peninsula Cycle Tour</p>

Cape Town City Tour

Programme description

Established in 1986 as a children's shelter for abused and abandoned children from the community of Hout Bay, the shelter, is 20 years later one of the leading Child and Youth Care programmes in South Africa.

All services rendered by the shelter are contextualised within community needs, the profession of Child and Youth Care and broader socio-economic influences current within South Africa.

The project is at its core a grassroots organisation, offering a 24-hour, seven-day service to vulnerable families and children. The effectiveness of these services lies in the commitment and skill to be found within the staff and volunteers.

Four integrative programmes are run, all nationally accredited, under the Family Preservation Model.

Services impact directly on over 400 residents annually and indirectly to several thousand. Every interaction with children and families has as a goal the development of capacity within the individual. Thus a fundamental belief is the inherent potential evident in every individual.

Critical to the vision is its contribution to the broader field of Child and Youth Care. As such, the shelter contribute onto National Leadership Forums, training of Child and Youth Care Workers and as a National Learning Site to the Child and Youth Care field.

A seven member Management Committee governs the project. 30 staff are employed in the organisation, with further support of 16 community volunteers.

Different programs of the project:

Family Support

This programme provides support to families and children in crisis. Crises caused through domestic violence, illness, environmental disaster and extreme poverty. The aim of the intervention is to prevent the removal of the child from the family or community. This only takes place if the safety of the child is assured. This programme provides physical support, e.g. food parcels, clothing, shelter as well as counselling and skills development.

Life Centre

The Life Centre targets young people who no longer attend school and who are frequently demonstrating antisocial behaviour such as substance abuse and crime. These young people often experience a lack of purpose in their lives. The Life Centre has the specific aim of developing the self worth and capacity in each young person. The various components of the Life Centre include: Life skills training (12 weeks- adolescent developmental programme), vocational skills training, outdoor experiential programmes, mentoring and family support.

Residential Care

For twenty children, boys and girls between the ages of 3 and 18. These children are found in need of care by the children's court. The children have faced degrees of poverty, neglect,

abuse and abandonment. The residential programme provides them with a secure and developmentally supportive environment. Within this programme the child or youth's emotional, physical, intellectual and social needs are met, at all times in a manner that represents the norm of his/her community of origin. This is practiced to prevent alienation of the child from his/her roots.

Reunification

Reunifies children and youth in our residential programme with their family, extended family or community of origin. Children and families enter into the reunification programme only after a thorough risk assessment has been undertaken to ensure the child's safety. This is in accordance with National Social Development policy. On average 10 children from our residential facility are successfully reunited with family and/or community every year. The project in partnership with W. Cape Social Development offers reunification services as required in the Hout Bay environ. This programme also provides support and supervision to 50 families in Hout Bay in support of the Department of Social Services Reunification programme.

Volunteer tasks and involvement

- Dependant on your experiences and length of stay

Accommodation

You will stay in a shared student apartment/house in Cape Town.
These costs are not included in the placement fee.

Your arrival

On arrival in Cape Town, Kickstart will welcome you at the airport and transfer you to your accommodation.

If you booked the orientation days with us, you will be booked into a backpacker for three nights and experience Cape Town's most popular and famous spots like Table Mountain, the Winelands and Cape Point.

You also get to explore Cape Town via a City Tour and experience a township.

Your Cape Town orientation will start the Wednesday before the day care project begins.

So make sure that you allow for the extra time when you book your flight to Cape Town!

On Monday we will bring you to your project to introduce you to the staff members!

Programme fee includes:

Placement at the school

Airport transfer to accommodation and welcome package

Assistance with finding accommodation and transport options
Welcome and information package (includes important information, vouchers, Cape Town map...)
Personal contact in Cape Town and network with other international students
24/7 Support from Kickstart
Discounted trips, activities in South Africa
If booked orientation days: 3 nights in backpacker, activities in Cape Town

Programme fee excludes:

Flights to Cape Town and back
Visa costs of 60Euro for a 90days visa (visa extension costs R425)
3 days introduction in Cape Town
Student accommodation in Cape Town
Meals
Transport to and from project
Personal insurance (medical and travel) cover
Personal expenses