



*We, Presentation Brothers, faithful to the spirit and charism of our Founder, Blessed Edmund Ignatius Rice, trusting to God's providence and relying on the protection of Our Lady, declare our mission to be Christian formation, primarily of youth and in particular of the poor and disadvantaged. We desire to unite with people of good will to transform the world by fidelity to Gospel values and by a serious commitment to the ministry of justice and peace.*

## Length of placement

Placements on the Presentation Volunteer Programme are ten months in length. Placement begins in July and ends in August the following year.



## Training

### Pre Departure

Participation in a short course provided by the Presentation Brothers is required, as is attendance at a week-long induction course in Dublin.

### Orientation

The placement begins with a two-week orientation programme in the overseas community.



## Practical Information

### Travel, Insurance & Visa

The cost of flights to and from the placement, as well as, health and accident insurance is covered by the funding grant the Presentation Brothers organise before the Volunteers departure. Assistance will be given with visa applications where necessary.

### Living Allowance & Accommodation

Volunteers are given a monthly allowance. This is used to pay for accommodation, food and living expenses. Volunteers are assisted in finding suitable accommodation.

### Medical Check & Vaccination

An offer of a place on the programme is made subject to a satisfactory medical report. Volunteers are required to obtain all necessary vaccination where applicable. A medical check-up is required on return to Ireland.

## Returning Volunteers

We have developed a de-briefing and evaluation process for volunteers on their return home.



# Presentation Volunteers Programme



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The Presentation Volunteer Programme provides volunteering opportunities to experienced professionals, committed to Christian Values, who want to work with local communities in the developing world.

Our aim is to provide our volunteers with the opportunity to share their skills with local communities while enriching their personal and spiritual lives.

We hope that our volunteers develop positive, professional working relationships that are based on solidarity and mutual respect.

## We are looking for

We are looking for qualified and experienced Primary and Second level teachers. We try our best to create a placement that best suits the needs of the host community and the skills you have to offer.

## Successful applicants...

- Are sympathetic and compassionate towards disadvantaged young people.
- Are committed to the empowerment of young people.
- Work well in a team.
- Have a sense of humour and are adaptable.
- Are over 21 years of age.
- Are committed to Christian values and principles.
- Commit to volunteering for the duration of the placement.
- Appreciate the strengths and values of the host country.
- Are willing to learn from the experience.

*Since 2000 over 30 volunteers have enjoyed working with local communities in West Africa and West Indies. Some loved it so much that they have stayed for three years!*



"Our adventure began in July 2008 when we were accepted on the volunteer programme, and were told that we would be going to the beautiful Caribbean island of Saint Lucia! We have been working in C.A.R.E. which provides vocational training for teenagers, many of whom are marginalised or at risk for various reasons. While Brian has been working as an I.T. instructor and administrator, I have been working with young people with learning difficulties and special needs to improve their Literacy and Numeracy skills. We are both really enjoying our work here in the West Indies: from the warm welcome from our local colleagues to the satisfaction in seeing students make progress: it has been a challenging but rewarding experience! Saint Lucia is a fantastic place to spend a year, with its beaches, beautiful weather and rich culture: at the end of our year we are sure to come home with memories to last a lifetime!"

*Kate and Brian Dilworth*

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"I'm starting my third year in Ghana this September and Sarah will be starting her second year. Our time in Ghana has been one of the most amazing experiences of our lives. Working with the Presentation Brothers as volunteers has become a way of life for us. We have made new friends from all over Ghana and both of us have met many people in the same line of work from all over Europe and the US. The people in Ghana are very friendly and we were quickly and smoothly integrated into the local community, with visits from new friends and lots of occasions to socialise with many different groups of people. Our time in Ghana has taught us a lot about life and about ourselves. Watching these amazing people live their lives with dignity and grace is an inspiration. Neither of us will ever forget our time here and we both highly recommend the experience!"

*Mary Coughlan and Sarah Greene*

