

# Long Term Volunteering

*Those who say it cannot be done should not interrupt the people doing it.*  
(Chinese proverb)



## Cyrenians

*in Great Britain, hosted by IVS GB*

<b>Theme:</b>	Socially disadvantaged
<b>Location</b>	Edinburgh, Scotland
<b>Duration:</b>	Looking for volunteers from now onward for 2 to 3 months placement. Relevant experience needed.
<b>Application:</b>	Contact IVS for further information and an application form. Applicants must be between 16 - 30 years of age.
<b>Vacancies</b>	2
<b>Languages:</b>	
↔ <b>Project:</b>	English
↔ <b>Local:</b>	English

*If you are interested in taking part in this project, or if you would like to get more information about becoming a long term volunteer, please contact your local SCI organisation. You can search for the contact information here: <http://www.sciint.org/contact-us/local-sci-branch-or-partner>*

### **Project Description:**

Cyrenians has two residential communities. Each community has up to eight residents aged 16-30, who come to live in the communities as a result of being homeless. Volunteers are peer mentors to the community residents. Volunteers and residents live within our community facility. It's hard work and very challenging, but a memorable experience.

**Work:** Volunteers are peer mentors to the community residents and do not substitute the work of paid staff. Volunteers and residents live within our community facility and manage the day-to-day domestic tasks and decisions within the building, which is their home. The process of being involved in decision-making empowers residents and helps to develop their confidence, skills and abilities. We endeavour to create equality between community members (residents and volunteers), but volunteers must note that the young men and women who come to live here come as a result of their need for support. Volunteer support for a resident may include: \* Accompanying a resident to the job centre \* Helping a residents to cook a meal for the whole community \* Acting as a sounding board for a problem or difficult situation \* Offering mature and calm guidance

**Requirements:** Volunteers should be aged 16-30 years. Because the project is working with vulnerable people, there are very specific criteria. Interested volunteers will get the full information upon request.

**Food:** Provided

**Accommodation:** All accommodation and food costs are met by Cyrenians.

**Pocket money:** 30 GBP per week

**Insurance:** VOLUNTEERS MUST HAVE APPROPRIATE HEALTH INSURANCE, ARRANGED EITHER THROUGH THE SCI SENDING ORGANISATION OR INDEPENDENTLY. PROOF IS REQUIRED: WITHOUT THIS VOLUNTEERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Separate travel insurance will be also required.

**Fees:** None

**Visa:** UK Border Control requires that people living outside the EEU obtain a visa. IVS GB will provide sponsorship letter/certificate.

**Others:** EU volunteers only - We are sorry but we cannot accept volunteers requiring a visa at present. As the post involves working with vulnerable young people, volunteers will need to obtain a letter or certificate of approval to confirm that they are fit to work with young people. Acquisition of this form of approval will vary from country to country. Holiday allowance at the three-month stage and contribution towards travel expenses to the community when you first arrive.