CGCS
CENTRE FOR GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP STUDIES

Diploma in International Volunteering - Marine Conservation Wildlife Conservation Global Citizenship

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Welcome

We believe that the next generation of students will need empathetic and real-world experiences related to their studies in order to function in an increasingly challenging and digitally connected world.

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What our students say

"Met amazing people, learned and did amazing things with the marine conservation group in Australia."
Valerie A, United States, volunteered in Australia November 2022

"As someone who is pursuing a career in the scientific-side of marine conservation, getting hands-on experience doing genuine scientific surveys is invaluable. Can't recommend enough."
Tom H, UK, volunteered in Australia October 2022

"I am really enjoying the course and learning a lot so far which is cool!"
Charlie S, Volunteered in Nepal January 2022

"This has been an amazing course. I have had help from my facilitator who was highly available."
George D, Volunteered in Mexico in November 2021

Why study for a Diploma in International Volunteering?

Travel

Go abroad, learn about different cultures and come back a better person for it!

Study

Study online whilst abroad, and utilise the time to not only have an experience, but to grow as you travel.

Learn

Learn the how and the why by utilising academic tools to explain why certain experiences feel different.

Grow

Come back a qualified, confident, experienced and more rounded person - a global citizen.

Why CGCS?

Realising potential

We're dedicated to helping our participants and staff discover what they're capable of achieving. We want to help you turn your passion for positive impact into real change in the world.

Transforming through travel

We want to empower participants to explore the world, experience different cultures, and truly understand the specific issues in the places they visit. We know that this process changes individuals as well as the communities they travel to.

Building meaningful connections

We have learnt that real connections are at the heart of the experience, and when people with different backgrounds and skills come together, anything is possible.

Changing individuals and communities

Our learning programmes give participants tools to enable them to truly contribute in their volunteerships while they learn and grow. All our projects add significant value to the environment, to local people and the organisations they support.and more rounded person - a global citizen.

Academic credit

The Level 3 Diploma in International Volunteering is a 41-credit qualification accredited in the UK. As a general rule, one UK credit equates to 10 hours of work; a 10-credit course unit therefore requires 100 hours of study on average. Note that the number of credits relates to hours of study not number of contact hours (lectures, tutorials, etc.).

At CGCS, a lot of hours are covered within the actual volunteering work experience element.

As a guide for **US students**:

- 20 CGCS credits = 5 US credits
- 41 CGCS credits = 10 US credits

As a guide for **EU students**:

- 20 CGCS credits = 10 ECTS credits
- 41 CGCS credits = 20 ECTS credits

Recognition of credits from another university / institution:

If you are currently enrolled in a university programme and want to use credits awarded to you from another institution at your home university, be sure to first consult with your home university's international office or counselor. Each university will decide whether or not the awarded credits can be used and how many credits they are valued at.

The world's only Diploma in International Volunteering

This online programme is meant to assist you before, during and after your volunteering journey. What's more, once you have completed this course and your volunteership, you will be able to gain academic credit that can assist you in a variety of ways.

This qualification is vocationally based and offers you the opportunity to demonstrate an achievement of practical skills, understanding and knowledge relevant to applying for funding and completing an international volunteering placement. The achievement of the qualification demonstrates the development of skills which will support you to succeed in Higher Education and gain employment opportunities.

Why is this course unique?

This Diploma is for anyone wanting to gain knowledge and skill for volunteering as well as gaining acemedic credit for university application.

Gaining any academic knowledge is always a good thing, but we feel that doing this course as an add-on to your practical volunteer experience will make the whole experience even more enjoyable.

But the major added advantage to doing this course is that it will improve your chances of getting into the university of your choice and the course of your choice.

Course information

Delivery: Online

Length: From 6 weeks to 12 months

Hours: +- 6 hours a week at your own pace

What will I learn?

The purpose and aim of this course is to enable learners to develop the underpinning knowledge and skills required to:

- Understand the cultural, social, political and religious impact of volunteering
- Identify relationship issues due to workplace culture, language, workload and cultural norms
- Understand fundamental ideas of marine conservation
- Develop core knowledge and skills required to perform marine conservation volunteering activities

This course is based on the core occupational requirements for preparing for an International Volunteering Placement with key learning for the role as a volunteer, and understanding personal safety.

*This course offers the opportunity to learn key concepts and ideas in marine conservation, marine ecosystems and habitats not usually available outside of a unversity education programme.

Course outline

Orientation Module

Duration

This module should take you 4 hours to complete. Please only move onto module 1 when you feel you are comfortable with the Virtual Learning Environment (VLE).

Module objectives

This module offers you the opportunity to

- Explore the CGCS VLE, programme structure and activity types including the chat and engage function
- Explore the assessment methods and expectations by means of a mock assignment

Module One - Preparing for an International Volunteering Placement

Module goal

The goal of the module is to introduce you to the notion of culture and for you to understand your responsibilities as a volunteer.

Module topics

1.1 Culture in the country of the international volunteering placement
1.2 The responsibility of the volunteer
1.3 Placement challenges
1.4 Planning, delivering, and evaluating activities
1.5 Reflecting on learning

Module Two - Reviewing and Reflecting on your Selection as an International Volunteer

Module goal

The goal of the module is to discuss the characteristics needed to be a successful volunteer. The module also helps you review and reflect on your volunteering placement.

Module topics

2.1 The characteristics and motivations of an international volunteer
2.2 The skills and attributes relevant to an international volunteering placement
2.3 Your international volunteering placement plan
2.4 Putting your preparation into practice

Module Three - Special Interest Study to Support an International Volunteering Placement in Marine Conservation

Module goal

The goal of the module is to develop your core knowledge in Marine Conservation in preparation for your practical placement.

Module topics

3.1 Understand fundamental ideas of marine conservation
3.2 Develop core knowledge and skills required to perform marine conservation volunteering activities
3.3 Examine marine habitats
3.4 Apply critical thinking to concepts of marine conservation strategy.

Module Three - Special Interest Study to Support an International Volunteering Placement in Wildlife Conservation

Module goal

The goal of the module is to develop your core knowledge in Wildlife Conservation in preparation for your practical placement.

Module topics

Understand fundamental ideas of wildlife conservation
3.2 Develop core knowledge and skills required to perform wildlife conservation volunteering activities
3.3 Examine wildlife habitats
3.4 Apply critical thinking to concepts of wildlife conservation strategy.

Module Three - Special Interest Study to Support an International Volunteering Placement in Global Citizenship

Module goal

The goal of the module is to provide learners with the knowledge and skills to engage effectively with the complex and interconnected global challenges facing the world. Learners will explore a range of global issues and understand their role in promoting sustainable and equitable development around the world.

Module topics

3.1 Define and explain the concept of global citizenship and its significance in contemporary society.
3.2 Identify the key characteristics and values of global citizenship.
3.3 Recognise the importance of global citizenship in contemporary society.
3.4 Analyse the different dimensions of global citizenship.

Module Four - Undertaking an International Volunteering Placement

Module goal

This is the module you complete while you are on your placement. The goal of the module is help you identify and successfully complete volunteer activities.

Module topics

4.1 Your volunteering placement area
4.2 Your personal volunteering plan
4.3 Volunteer-led activities

Module Five - Reflecting on an International Volunteering Placement

Module goal

This module is to be completed when you return from your overseas placement. The goal of the module is to reflect on what you learnt and experienced during your overseas adventure.

Module topics

5.1 Reflect on a volunteering placement
5.2 Global issues you may encounter
5.3 Evaluate a volunteering placement

Certificate

On completion of the programme, you will be issued with a certificate from The Centre for Global Citizenship Studies and the National Open College Network (UK) in:

Diploma in International Volunteering - **Marine Conservation**

Diploma in International Volunteering - **Wildlife Conservation**

Diploma in International Volunteering - **Global Citizenship**

Requirements

Access to a computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone
- Stable internet connection
- Grade 12 or equivalent
- Fluent in English (A level)
- Some relevant work experience
- Basic computer and internet skills

“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.”

- Mahatma Gandhi