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Gap Year Missions Training Programme

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Potential Gap Year Person
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City, County
Postcode, Country

Dear

Thank you for your enquiry about a 'Gap Year' with World Horizons for 2007-2008. World Horizons is a pioneering mission movement operating in 'unreached' parts of the world – places where there are no established churches, or very few Christians. On the **World Horizons Gap Year programme**, students get a chance to be world changers, taking the message of God's love to those who have never heard it!

The World Horizons Gap Year programme offers an intensive period of training in mission, team and faith, followed by a six-month overseas placement working alongside existing teams in communities around the world.

Timeline of Training

- **Phase 1:** 14th Sept – 1st Dec.: Introduction to Mission Course
- **Phase 2:** 2nd of Dec - 4th Jan: Month off to see family and friends, and make preparations*
- **Phase 3:** 4th - 11th of Jan: World Horizons UK conference, followed by final group preparation week.
- **Phase 4:** 12th Jan - 6th July: Overseas placement.
- **Phase 5:** 7th July – 11th July: Celebration Week, which includes team and personal debriefing sessions

The Introduction to Mission Course

The Introduction to Mission Course (IMC) is three months of challenging training that prepares you for your overseas placement. This training includes:

- Teaching by experienced staff in areas such as Cross-Cultural Missions, Language Learning, and Bible Study - as well as in practical areas such as Food Hygiene and Travel Safety. (A comprehensive IMC timetable is available upon request)
- An emphasis on personal spiritual growth and mentoring

**We recognise the vital importance of students going on their placements with an appropriate level of pastoral and practical support behind them. We therefore expect this to be a time when the students can feedback to family and church leaders about their plans, in order to ensure the appropriate level of spiritual and emotional backing..*

- An underlying theme of developing a servant's heart, and how to be an effective team member.

The training takes place mainly at our UK base in Llanelli, South Wales but also involves one week in **London** studying world religions and three weeks in **Central Asia** for mission and culture experience and teaching.

The Overseas Placement

For six months you will work alongside one of our teams located throughout the world. Some teams are small, others large - some are in cities, others in rural locations. One thing they all have in common is that they will greatly inspire you and your faith.

Various placements opportunities are outlined on the attached sheet – others are still being developed. Let us know which place you are interested in or which skills you are keen to use, and we will endeavour to link you up with the right one.



Expenses

The initial training and preparation course (IMC) costs £2,000. This is fully inclusive of accommodation, food, teaching and administration, and all costs for the trips to London and Central Asia and also the 'Celebration Week' in July.

Placement costs vary but are typically between £2,000 and £2,500. This is inclusive of flights, internal travel, team costs, food and accommodation.

The Application Process

We welcome applications for our Gap Year programme from people of all ages - single, married, and families, too! If you have not already received an application, just contact us and request a **Gap Year Application Pack**.

Upon receipt of your application, we will apply for references. Providing they are satisfactory, you will then be called for an interview. Please apply as early as you can so that we can process your application and book your place on the programme.

To get more details about World Horizons, or this course, or to arrange to visit the World Horizons UK base before applying, please get in touch. We would love to hear from you!

We live in exciting times, and this training is full of life and adventure.
Ask the Lord if it's for you!

Sincerely,

Miriam Ashley

World Horizons Gap Year Leader

ASIA

India

- Care work in an orphanage
- Teaching assistant at a small Tibetan school
- Literacy work
- Local Outreach: including children's work, mums and toddlers, youth work – clubs, events or sports

Mongolia

- Care work in a children's hospital ward



A Far Eastern Nation

- Set up a sponsorship scheme for orphans
- Small Engineering / metal work business
- Assist with a new data processing business
- Train young people in computer skills / drawing / pottery / art skills
- Local craft business - work alongside nationals
- Care for poor families

A Central Asian Country

- Assistant to a physiotherapist for a community health project for disabled children
- Teach a small class Key Stage 1
- Set up an English library facility
- Teach English as a foreign language
- Work in a local computer centre



AFRICA

A North African Nation

- Work with an adventure tourism company - outdoor pursuits and/or admin
- Hospitality work in a Centre
- Work with a church planting and evangelism team
- Help with accounts / computer in a Centre

A West African Country

- Work with a church planting and evangelism team
- Assist on a community health project

The Saharan Region

- Teach English as a foreign language
- Childcare assistant



THE MIDDLE EAST

A Middle Eastern Nation

- Student Campus ministry - outreach and discipling
- Learn Arabic/ Muslim youth evangelism
- Classroom assistant in a small school for disabled children

EUROPE

UK

- Camps and Youth Outreach - includes training in outdoor pursuits and youth outreach both in the UK and overseas
- Sparkies – develop a new project that links prayer, home groups and mission amongst the poor. Involves creative presentation on the road in Europe
- Hospitality / admin / building / decorating / prayer - at lively British base

Spain

- Hospitality/Outreach - 'San Roque' Centre.
- Childcare assistant
- Admin assistant - 'International Team Office'

France

- Youth outreach / outdoor activities in the Ardeche, southern France - outdoor qualifications advantageous
- Catering / hospitality / building restoration / local outreach at 'The Chateau' near Lille
- Study at a Lille University / vibrant student outreach programme

PLEASE NOTE:

All placements are currently being reviewed and new ones added...updates will be available soon.

All placements are with existing teams and involve sensitive outreach to the local people you will be living and working alongside.

World Horizons teams are at work in 37 countries, on a wide variety of projects.

If you don't see something that catches your heart here, let us know where and what you are interested in, and we will seek to link you up!