



Is international volunteering right for you? This document will give you a brief outline about volunteering with Soccer in the Streets next year. Please read this information carefully. You can apply directly My Hub by clicking on the Apply Now button on the website or [click here](#). Application deadline is Sunday 11th November 2018.

Project Information

There is the opportunity for 8 volunteers to get involved with a community coaching programme with Soccer in the Streets (www.soccerstreets.org), a charity based in the city of Atlanta, Georgia, USA. Volunteers will coach soccer and deliver life skills workshops to underprivileged children and young adults based within community centres and refugee districts within the city. Accommodation for volunteers will be provided by the employees and partners of the charity in residential areas of the city, and there will be the opportunity to experience many different social and cultural activities in addition to the volunteer work.



The main element of the volunteering programme is coaching soccer, however, additional responsibilities come in the form of helping to run fundraising events, mentoring and providing educational workshops on a variety of topics to help the participants develop their social, professional and employability skills to assist with their overall career development. The project will also feature educational trips that focus on the history and culture of Atlanta, including the civil rights movement so famously linked to Martin Luther King Jnr, whose memorial and historic site is located in the heart of the city.

The volunteering part of the project will be approximately first two weeks of June with the option some free time afterwards when volunteers can travel around the US. Exact dates will be confirmed before flights are booked.

Your team leader on this project is John Hall, who works as a Senior Coach (professional development & employability) in our Sport & Active lifestyle department.

About the organisation

Soccer in the Streets empower vulnerable underprivileged youth through soccer, character development, mentoring and employability programs. It has pioneered the use of soccer for social change since its launch in 1989. Throughout the 1990's, Soccer in the Street introduced soccer to many urban and underserved communities through soccer clinics, especially during the 1994 and 1998 FIFA World Cups and the 1999 FIFA Women's World Cup. With a focus in Atlanta, Soccer in the Streets has created programming geared towards preparing youth for success on and off the field. Soccer in the Streets receives prominent support from the Coca-Cola Foundation and the FIFA Football for Hope movement, as well as personal donations from fundraisers and charitable individuals and partners to the charity.

About the volunteer role

General responsibilities might include:

- Planning and delivering soccer coaching sessions and other sports activities to a variety of young ages across the city.
- Planning and delivering life skills workshops to provide positive social enhancement and professional development to youth from various ethnic backgrounds.
- Assisting with the planning and delivering of events to promote the profile of the charity, and help with fundraising.
- Providing mentoring and assisting with participants across a variety of planned activities.
- Assisting with cultural day trips across the city to educate the participants and provide positive social engagement and personal development.



Pre-Departure Activities and Commitments

There's quite a lot for volunteers to do before departure. If you are interested in applying, you must make sure that you will have enough time for the project in between your studies and your work.

After your team has been recruited, there will be a compulsory team briefing and you will need to fundraise, some of which will be with your team, and some you will probably do on your own. There will be other compulsory team meetings to help prepare you for the experience. The team meetings will discuss essential health information and lots of other things to help prepare you about what to expect as a volunteer in your chosen project. Although it's not spread evenly, we'd recommend allowing an average of two hours a week from when you find out you get a place to departure. This includes:

- Attending regular team meetings (every 4-6 weeks)
- Keeping in contact with your Team Leader
- Providing key documents to the volunteering team as required (e.g. Passport)
- Completing DBS checks or visa applications
- Ongoing fundraising activities
- Planning project resources and objectives

Key dates

Application deadline	Sunday 11 th November 2018
Selection event (<i>please keep free</i>)	Tuesday 13 th November 2018 Headingley Campus 16:00 – 18:00
First Team Meeting (<i>please keep free</i>)	Tuesday 11 th December 2018 Headingley Campus 16:00 – 18:00
Team Meetings and fundraising	January – May 2019
Saturday 6th April 2019	The Big Abseil event
Saturday 11th May 2019	Yorkshire 3 Peak Challenge

Project	See dates below
Optional travel time	<p>You must decide whether you wish to remain in country for one week following the end of the volunteering project.</p> <p><i>This must be confirmed by the first team meeting in December. If not, an immediate return will be booked and you must cover any additional costs to change your flight.</i></p>

About the project

Project Dates: Early June 2019 (flight dependent)

Travel - Transport is arranged for you to travel as a team from Leeds Beckett University based on immediate return after volunteering. Your project fees include travel between Leeds and the departure airport only, and unfortunately, we cannot make exceptions/alternative arrangements if you require another pick-up and/or drop-off point. If you are travelling independently, you may have to make your own return journey to Leeds.

Volunteer support: The project is guided by staff from Soccer in the Streets, thorough risk assessments and careful planning is undertaken to ensure your experience is safe from start to finish. John Hall from Leeds Beckett University will be your team leader and will be there to support you for the duration of the project. Staff at Leeds Beckett will also be on call 24/7 whilst you are volunteering in the USA.

Accommodation: Will be with host families and staff of Soccer in the Streets in residential areas in the city, conveniently located to the organisation headquarters and in close proximity to the communities in which the programmes run.

Food: Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided by the host families, although group meals will also be arranged together for social trips and events.

Cultural activities: Possible trips for the group include the National Centre for Human & Civil Rights; Martin Luther King Jnr's memorial; the College Football Hall of Fame; Centennial Olympic Park; the World of Coca Cola Headquarters; and a major league baseball game.

Free time: After your time volunteering at Soccer in the Streets, volunteers have the option of additional free time travelling in the USA. Volunteers must find their own accommodation and will have to fund this part of their trip themselves.

Fundraising

Fundraising for your host organisation is a requirement to being accepted on the project. In addition to the project fees, you also need to fundraise £100 for the host organisation. Many of our previous volunteers have had great success fundraising, and some have continued raising money after returning because they have been so inspired by the work of the organisation. We'll help you with your fundraising and encourage you to work as a group. Your Team Leader will help encourage you, and try to coordinate group activities to help you all reach your targets. Previous fundraising examples include cake sales, abseils, sponsored walks, charity nights and even approaching companies for donations to raffle. We have lots more suggestions and will cover ideas in one of our team meetings, and provide resources for you to use, plus you can look online for other recommendations.

Beyond raising money for the organisation you are volunteering with, fundraising looks fantastic on your CV! It shows prospective employers that you have are confident, have strong marketing and communication skills, can manage events and many other skills.

Each year, to help volunteers with their fundraising targets we organise some events. This year we will be organising a Yorkshire 3 Peak Challenge and a Big Abseil off Portland Building.

Minimum fundraising target: £100

Project Fees

The project fees are £1100 plus £100 Fundraising. However, all volunteers are eligible for our Global Engagement £250 bursary*, which means:

Total FEES payable £850, plus your FUNDRAISING target of £100 = £950

What IS included in your project fees:

- Transport between Leeds Beckett University and a U.K. airport (*based on immediate return*)
- Return flights to volunteering country
- Transport from destination airport to volunteering site
- DBS and Visa checks (if applicable)
- Accommodation whilst volunteering with host families
- Two meals a day with host families
- Travel insurance (subject to eligibility)
- 24-hour support
- Pre-departure training
- Branded Volunteering 1 x hoodie & 2 x t-shirts
- T-shirts and coaching pack from Soccer in the Streets
- Some cultural activity costs

What IS NOT included:

- Any costs for free-time activities (non-volunteering time)
- Any additional independent travel, food and accommodation costs (e.g. weekend activities, eating elsewhere or sight-seeing costs)
- Personal spending money for free-time (non-volunteering time)
- Vaccinations – Visit www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice for details on essential and recommended vaccinations

FEE Payment Deadline £850 payable

Category	Total Cost (£)
Deposit (<i>non-refundable</i>)	£200
Remaining balance (less deposit) <i>To be paid at least 3 weeks prior to departure</i>	£650

FUNDRAISING Deadline £100 payable

Minimum donation <i>To be paid at least 3 weeks prior to departure</i>	£100
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Where your money goes:

The largest percentage of your costs is for the long-haul flights and accommodation, which often are around 90% of the total fees. We often pay the money for food and accommodation, plus other associated costs directly to the charity host organisation and they do not make any profit from this money. This covers the cost of you being there, to ensure you have a place to sleep and food to eat, but you are not paying to volunteer with the organisation.

You do not pay any Leeds Beckett staff costs as part of your fee. The Team Leader gives their time for free (using their personal annual leave) and, in return, their travel expenses are paid by the University.

This enables us to try to ensure that you have a safe and enjoyable experience, without worrying about transfers, directions and other logistics.



* **Bursary terms**

In exchange for the Global Engagement bursary, we would like you to submit three photos **and** one of the following within one month of your return to the U.K.:

- a) Blog *written whilst volunteering* (300 word minimum)
- b) Testimonial *when you return* (300 words min) describing the impact the experience has had on you
- c) Vlog (1 minute minimum)
- d) Video edit of your volunteering experience (1 minute minimum)

How to apply

Thank you for your interest! To apply for this international volunteering opportunity, please complete the application by clicking on the Apply Now button on the website or [click here](#).

Contact

If you are having any problems please contact volunteering@leedsbeckett.ac.uk / 0113 81 23804

We look forward to hearing from you!