

# Long Term Volunteering

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



## Sturts Community Trust

*in Great Britain, hosted by IVS GB*

<b>Theme:</b>	Environment
<b>Location</b>	Dorset, England
<b>Duration:</b>	
<b>Application:</b>	
<b>Vacancies</b>	5
<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:**

We are a Camphill Community that is in the process of transforming but also continues to live as a vocational life-sharing community. A Social Enterprise based around a Biodynamic Farm/Garden and an inclusive Co-Housing Community life-sharing alongside adults with learning difficulties. Our work focuses on caring for our farm and co-producing with those whom we support. We are socially engaged with one another throughout the day including celebrating festivals together. Offering placements to both local and international volunteers in order to foster international understanding.

**Work:** TYPICAL WEEK: 6 days engaging in community life; 1 rest day free afternoon before and free morning after = 48hr break Includes either free morning or evening + 3/4 sleep-in weekly If we need to respond to unexpected gaps we will adjust week so flexibility and goodwill appreciated.

**VOLUNTEER PROFILE:** People who are seeking self-development; interested in ecology; interested in social issues; interested in alternative life-styles; willing to learn; have a good sense of humor; willing to step up and help by being flexible and kind. Must enjoy living alongside persons with Learning difficulties; be a reliable and supportive team member.

**Requirements:** VISA POLICE CHECK AGE 19+

**Food:** Own room in shared accommodation.

**Accommodation:** Household cook and eat together + community shared meals and festive suppers.

**Pocket money:** 55 GBP per week

**Insurance:** If you are from outside the Common Travel Area (CTA) staying for more than 6 months: Health Surcharge is usually GBP400. Sturts will refund the health charge of visa application conditional on satisfactory completion of initial 3 month review.

**Fees:** None

**Visa:** If you are from outside the Common Travel Area (CTA) you will need to pay for your Tier 5 visa - GBP244. IVS will provide a Certificate of Sponsorship/Letter if you are successful following up the interview.

**Others:** You will be asked to fill in an application form and send a photograph. You should also ask two refences to fill in a reference form, then do a telephone/Skype interview.