

SIW International Volunteer Group

MTV- Project in Wales

Dates: Friday 25th January – Monday 19th May

Please complete an application form by **Thursday 22nd November**. If the application is accepted there may be a short telephone interview conducted to check your level of English.

The Organisation:

UNA Exchange is a registered UK charity and receives support from the Welsh Assembly Government as a National Voluntary Youth Organisation. They have been organising international volunteer exchanges of young people since 1973 and exchanged approximately 400 young people between the UK and more than 50 countries worldwide.

The MTV programme is jointly run by UNA Exchange and the Carmarthenshire Countryside and Recreation service.

Project description:

In total five medium term volunteers will support and manage International Volunteer Projects in rural Carmarthenshire over the winter/spring season. Each international volunteer project (IVP) will involve a group of between 8 – 16 volunteers from different places around the world who will work together on a work project over a period of two weeks. This coming season there will be 6 of these projects.

Each project will comprise of two parts. The first is environmental work. Work could include footpath maintenance, putting up stiles and fences, general maintenance work or more specific project work, for example this summer groups have been building an eco garden for a local school and constructing boardwalks and footpaths for a local nature trail.

The second part to the project will be to deliver a programme of global education workshops and community events. The MTV team will work together (with help and training from UNA Exchange) to create a 'global education' session to take around local schools and youth clubs. The MTV team will also be responsible (with the help of UNA Exchange) for the planning of community events. At the end of the projects the MTV team will work together with staff from UNA Exchange and local youth workers to put together a global community day.

The team will further be responsible for motivating the international volunteers for the conservation work and participating alongside them, co-ordinating the free time programme, keeping a record of the budget, organising domestic life and the group accommodation.

Accommodation and local area:

MTVs will live with the international volunteers in the Glanamau Youth resource centre in the small town of Glanamau in Carmarthenshire, Wales. The accommodation will be in dormitories in the youth centre and the youth centre also has its own kitchen, toilets and showers. Also the food will be provided. Additionally there is internet access and a pool table. The town of Glanamau is quite small but there is a pub and a shop close by. There is also a post office in the town. The town of Ammanford is a few minutes away by bus and has more shops, a bank and a big supermarket.

Volunteer profile:

- Must be over 18
- Must be available for the duration of the project
- Must be able to drive (licence valid in the UK)
- Must have good communication and problem solving skills and be able to work well in a diverse team
- Must have excellent spoken English
- Must have some previous voluntary/IVP experience
- All MTVs will have to agree for a criminal record's check to be made

Offered by UNA Exchange:

- £140 per month (€210) per month spending money
- One week of training/preparation will be given at the beginning of the project
- One week holiday (at the end of March)