

Guyana: October 31 to December 5, 2011 (GH11-5C)

Youth Challenge International (YCI) is recruiting a team of six volunteers between the ages of 18 and 30 with diverse skills, experiences and backgrounds for a five-week youth development project in Guyana from October 31 to December 5, 2011.

This exciting opportunity will include a pre-project distance-learning program, followed by an intensive five-week placement in Guyana. While in Guyana, you will work with YCI's partner, Youth Challenge Guyana, to further the reach and relevance of their youth development program.

Key Project Activities May Include:

- Increase awareness of HIV/AIDS, STIs, sexual health and general hygiene of young people age 12-30.
- Mobilize young people and conduct sensitization workshops on health using community resources.
- Conduct HIV/AIDS awareness and information sessions in conjunction with local youth.
- Conduct hygiene awareness and information sessions in conjunction with local youth.
- Increase the numeracy and literacy skills of young people and adults in the local community.
- Provide teaching support to local schools that are understaffed.
- Work with in-school youth design and implement an after-school literacy program.
- In collaboration with local teachers and youth, develop culturally appropriate teaching aids to assist teachers.
- Conduct basic literacy training for out-of-school youth outside of normal working hours.
- Build the capacity of community leaders to develop and implement community interventions.
- Conduct leadership development training modules for in-school youth. Topics may include: effective communication techniques, basic human rights, the democratic process, team-building and planning exercises, and basic organization and mobilization techniques.
- Conduct leadership and management modules for out-of-school youth. Topics may include basic management, vocational training, communication and team building skills.

Recommended Skills and Experiences:

- Experience in facilitation and community mobilization, preferably with youth.
- Educational background or experience in community development, social science, physical education, teaching, nursing, health sciences or gender studies.
- Training, experience or interest in business, NGO management, monitoring and evaluation, and/or international development.
- Previous experience teaching English or literacy.
- Experience or interest leading health discussions; good knowledge of or willingness to learn about HIV/AIDS and other STIs.
- Experience working with at-risk, marginalized and/or indigenous populations an asset.
- Training or understanding of gender issues.
- Proven effectiveness or willingness to work in cross-cultural settings.
- Prior overseas experience an asset.

Fundraising Goal:

YCI's volunteer participants are required to fundraise and/or contribute a minimum of \$3,100 towards YCI's global youth development programs worldwide.

What's Covered by YCI:

- Preparatory support and pre-project distance learning
- In-country training
- Modest local accommodations and food
- In-country work-related travel
- Comprehensive medical and evacuation insurance

What's Not Covered by YCI:

- Airfare and personal expenses
- Travel/medical insurance
- Visa related costs
- Volunteers will be expected obtain the required vaccinations and take anti-malarials at their own expense

Please apply online using YCI's online application form available at <http://www.yci.org/html/volunteer/globally/applynow.asp>

ABOUT YCI

Youth Challenge International is a leading global non-profit youth development organization that promotes youth innovation to drive positive change. We are a registered charity and provide tax receipts to all donations over \$25. Building on over 20 years of experience, YCI's programs are designed to meet the needs of youth affected by poverty through three integrated sectors: Youth Health, Youth Livelihoods and Youth Leadership. We engage youth in creating solutions to the challenges they face. YCI incorporates youth development, volunteerism, partnership, equity and advocacy into all that we do.