

Epic Exchange

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Gap Year

United Kingdom

Once a ruler of half of the world, and steeped in history and culture, the United Kingdom is a must-see for any keen traveller. But why just see it? Why not live it? With our gap year UK program, you have the chance to experience the real Britain!

Program overview



Witness the ridiculous opulence of Buckingham palace, home to the royal family. Enjoy the salt-of-the-earth banter that comes with sharing a warm pint of ale with a West country farmer (home to the famous 'pirate' accent!). Whether your idea of history is the antiquity of Stonehenge or the favourite haunts of The Beatles; whether you'd rather see the white cliffs of Dover, or the charm of the lake district; there's something for everyone in old Britannia. What's more, the rest of Europe is just a hop, step and a jump away!

As many come to realize that there is huge value to be gained from a break between high school and university. It can offer new challenges, opportunities to travel and see the world, experiencing first hand new cultures and give one an added maturity that is both immediate and an enduring benefit.

Through partnership with our UK partner organization we offer the school leaver (undergraduate or recent graduate) the opportunity to work in an overseas school environment as a Gap Assistant at either a primary or high school. In a secure, stable, supportive environment where participants are provided board, lodging and a financial allowance in return for performing a range of tasks and responsibilities at the schools discretion. As an assistant the tasks are not always glamorous!

As a gap assistant, you've got the opportunity to work alongside staff at local schools in England, Scotland and Wales, experiencing life in the British Isles first-hand. And when school's out, you're free to roam not just the country, but the entire continent – all of Europe's major attractions are right there on your doorstep, after all! If you show enough initiative and enthusiasm, you may even get the chance to experience the UK and Europe's charms as an assistant on a school camp!

The program will include meals, accommodation, a weekly allowance, visa assistance, a comprehensive in-country orientation and ongoing support from our committed UK partner organization.

write your story!





The Job

It is important to have an understanding of what the job entails. There are many schools and there are many factors depending on age range, the strengths, the staffing and the needs of the school. The placement is determined by the strengths and interests of the participant.

The following are areas of responsibility in which participants are likely to be involved in:

- Sports coaching - Helping run a team
- Games supervision (general)
- Activities supervision - day and evening
- Outdoor education activities - Camps etc
- Swimming pool supervision - A life saving certificate will be required
- Assistance with classroom, meal, transport and general supervision
- Individual tutoring - Boarding House supervision
- Attending school functions - Assisting as necessary
- Assisting the ground staff - Males only
- Filing, photocopying and general office tasks
- Computer literacy tasks - Inside and outside the classroom
- Involvement in music & drama

Before you sign up, ask yourself these questions:

Are you mature, flexible, open-minded, committed and willing to make adjustments?

Are you able to develop a stable relationship with your host school and fellow workers, students and become part of a working team?

Can you be polite, conscientious, courteous and avoid cultural political and economic value comparisons that might lead to conflict with hosts?

Are you able to work long hours and willing to put in 150% effort each day?

Are you willing to try new experiences, and participate in activities?





In order
to qualify

- Be between the age of 17 and 25 at the time of your arrival into the UK
- Be an Australian, British, Canadian, European, New Zealand, or South African passport holder OR have grandparents who were born in the UK
- Have no pre-existing medical conditions
- Have no criminal record - evidence through a police clearance certificate will be required
- Have completed a minimum of secondary schooling prior to arrival into the UK
- Be fit and health and willing to work hard and open to new ideas and cultures
- Must be available for a 12-month commitment, commencing in the first week of January and concluding a week or so before Christmas in December.

As the saying goes,

“ life is 5% what happens
to you, and 95% how you
react to it ”



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What's included in the program?

Your success here is mostly down to you, and is determined by your attitude.

The program is not a package holiday. Paying and turning up does not guarantee success here. You have to engage fully, get completely involved in everything, be energetic, hard working, willing to learn and try new things, and become good at finding ways to be useful. This will shape the way your experience develops.

- ▶ Step by step assistance throughout the program for securing a Gap Assistant position in the United Kingdom
- ▶ Confirmed placement and contract documentation
- ▶ Pre-departure orientation- Vital information to get you ready for the adventure of a lifetime!
- ▶ Post arrival orientation with respective host partner so you know what is expected of you
- ▶ Back up support throughout full length of program

It won't all be easy, and there may well be some things that you may not like. Be prepared for it to be tough; that is all part of the adventure, and this is what will make it feel all the more worthwhile long after you have returned home.

You don't have to be a superhero to succeed here. Thousands of young people have enjoyed and experienced good and great things in the UK, many probably just like you.

If you accepted on the program then it's because one or more things in your application form told us that you would be capable of succeeding in this environment. Thousands of young people from all walks of life have succeeded here.

Please do not make the mistake of assuming that the great experiences that so many people speak of having had in the UK will come to you easily. You will have to work hard for them and you will have to deal with many new and potentially challenging circumstances along the way, especially at the beginning.

If interested, what next...?

If experiencing United Kingdom firsthand is something you would like to do then get in touch with us and we will enliven the sense of adventure within you!

Remuneration

Applicants can expect to receive around £100 pounds per week as an allowance during the school term, as well as free food and accommodation.

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