

# people and places:responsible volunteering

## SUPPORT PLAN FOR WORK OF VOLUNTEERS AT GOOD WORK FOUNDATION 2018-2019

This plan describes ways in which volunteers can help this project to develop their aims and goals.

Comments are based on the work of volunteers during the period up to December 2017, and are derived from questionnaires completed by the projects and reports written by the volunteers. New aims and actions, if any, are shown in green and these have been identified from requests made by the projects or have arisen from the work done by volunteers.

AIMS	ACTIONS
1. To support the staff of Good Work Foundation in their work with school children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Volunteers could help to deliver the Open Learning programme, helping children to develop their skills in English, Maths and Science (biology/ conservation) through the use of various types of digital technology (computers, tablets and interactive whiteboards)</li><li>Volunteers could help children to become more confident in their understanding of and ability to speak English, through conversation with them both in formal and informal settings</li><li>Volunteers could help to familiarise children with spoken English by helping to set up reading circles</li><li>Volunteers could help to create a variety of resources and visual aids to help with the teaching of English and Maths</li><li>Volunteers with skills in one of the creative arts such as drama, music, art could run creative workshops for the children</li></ul>
2. To help support the staff of Good Work Foundation in their work with adult learners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Volunteers could help the facilitators to deliver the English modules in the Bridging Year and work with students to improve their written and spoken English. One volunteer worked regularly with the adult English classes to support their learning.</li></ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Volunteers could work alongside the facilitators to deliver the Digital Modules of Bridging Year programme – that includes ICDL ( computer literacy), Ready to Work Programme and Media classes</li><li>One volunteer worked with the media academy, tutoring students on the use of the Adobe suite products and working with them to create more engagement on social media. Another worked with the coordinator of the conservation programme.</li><li>Volunteers could contribute to the teaching of Life Skills, running sessions on aspects such as interview skills, writing your CV, budgeting and job seeking</li><li>Volunteers could run workshops on topics such as starting your own business, entrepreneurship skills, writing business plans. One volunteer helped a student write a business plan for his coffee shop.</li><li>Volunteers with appropriate experience could assist the Student Support Staff and students with career guidance</li><li>One volunteer started a women's circle which opened up a safe space for women to discuss issues such as abusive relationships, bride price and marriage and the challenges of being an educated woman in South Africa.</li><li>There is also a group mentor programme that is run for the Adult students. Here volunteers can work with both the facilitators as well as within the groups</li></ul>
3. To help to develop the skills and expertise of the staff, both at Good Work Foundation and in the schools and community they support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Volunteers with appropriate experience could help run teacher training workshops for the facilitators and volunteers, to support and expand on the Skype training they receive from a number of International Universities. Two volunteers helped run a training and team building session on Professionalism and Communication, and followed this up with further workshops in a subsequent placement.</li></ul>

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- All volunteers have acted as mentors to facilitators (teachers) they have worked with. In particular one volunteer acted as mentor for a new English facilitator at the new campus, attending many of his lessons and providing him with ideas and tools to better engage his adult learners. Mentoring was also provided for the newly appointed head of conservation.
- Volunteers could help with curriculum development, helping to link the work done digitally at the Learning Centres to the school curriculum to ensure it supports and extends it appropriately. One volunteer helped the Media Coordinator to create the curriculum for a new media course for the adult learning academy.
- Volunteers with experience of marketing could help to support GWF's marketing team. One volunteer successfully helped promote GWF's presence on social media and Facebook.
- One volunteer worked alongside GWF management staff to develop their organisational structure at a time of massive growth for the organisation. She helped review job descriptions and roles and responsibilities and trained a team to run assessment days for the recruitment of students. She also coached the management team on how to structure and run meetings, and designed a training programme for the newly appointed HR manager, who she continued to mentor via Skype after her return home.
- Volunteers with technical skills could help to provide technical support as required
- A volunteer with architectural experience could help the Centres to plan their campuses for growth in the future
- Volunteers with appropriate experience could work with teachers (facilitators) in the schools supported by GWF, helping them to use the strategies taught through digital apps on an everyday basis and with ideas as to how to use digital technology in their classrooms. GWF runs frequent Teacher training workshops and volunteers would be able to be a part of this extension of skills into our neighbouring partner schools.

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- Volunteers with pre-school experience could work with a local pre-school, supporting the learning they receive at the DLC and helping teachers to develop more play-based learning strategies in their classrooms
- Volunteers with expertise in health and social care could help with the work GWF support in the community and more **specifically with our local Hazyview partner which runs a number of Pastoral Care programmes**

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