



Young people active in the community

BRISTOL (UK) & ILIGAN (Philippines) September 2008 – February 2009

What is Global Xchange?

Global Xchange is an international volunteer exchange programme for young people aged 18 – 25. A team of 18 volunteers work in both communities, here and in the Philippines, for three months each. During this time they work on a range of community development projects – in education, health, cultural relations, fair trade, human rights, etc. – and live with ordinary local people.

What are the aims of the Global Xchange programme?

- “Global Citizenship” is at the heart of it all – simply helping young people to take active, positive roles in their own communities through understanding how some common issues effect people all over the world.
- Six months isn't a long time, but the work volunteers do within Global Xchange should have a lasting impact on the organisations they work with, and the people they live with, both in the UK and overseas.
- Global Xchange should empower and encourage young people from many different backgrounds with new skills, confidence, and inspiration to go on to make positive contributions all over the world in ways that we can't even imagine today.

How will the project work in Bristol?

In September, a team of 18 volunteers - nine from the UK and nine from the Philippines - will travel to the community of Iligan in the southern Philippine region of Mindanao to live and work for three months. The team will then return to **Bristol in December**. A pair of volunteers, one from each country, will live with 'host homes' and work as volunteers with community organisations. They will work in their placements for four days a week. The fifth day will be committed to 'Global Citizenship Days' - exploring ways of really making a practical difference on issues they are learning about in the community, in their placements, and about the wider theme of the exchange - which this year is peace and development. The volunteers will also be organising 'Community Action Days,' where they will help to support or develop events already going on in the community.

What are we looking for in Bristol?

- **Host Homes** for pairs of volunteers – an allowance is provided, and they can share one room.
- **Volunteer Placements** for pairs of volunteers for 10 weeks from December to February 2009.
- **Venues** such as community centres for a variety of events, throughout the three months.
- **Community Events** we can support you to organise and take part in, e.g. local campaigns, clean-ups, awareness-raising, etc. – whatever you need volunteers to help with.
- **Local information, advice, contacts and resources** regarding the challenges and opportunities in your local area.

What do we have to offer you?

- **18 motivated and enthusiastic** volunteers offering hands-on full-time help.
- **International perspectives** and practical skills and ideas from other cultures and communities.
- **Exposure** for your organisation and activities in the local media and beyond.
- **Full orientation** for both homes and organisations.
- **Ongoing support** from two Programme Supervisors throughout the exchange.

We are inviting you to be part of a great partnership working in your local community to create a better understanding in the wider world.

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