

**Service Civil International—International Voluntary Service USA**  
P.O. Box 1082  
Great Barrington, MA 01230-6082  
(804) 823-1826  
www.sciint.org

Service Civil International (SCI) is a peace organization that coordinates short and long-term voluntary projects for people of all ages and backgrounds who are committed to the promotion of peace and international understanding. Volunteers at a work camp share social and manual work with a local community sponsor. Rarely are specific skills required for these camps. Anyone can participate, regardless of gender, culture, nationality, religion or age. Locations: Europe, Asia, Australia, Africa, Middle East, No. and So. America Period: varies from a couple of weeks to months.

**Student Conservation Association, Inc.**  
4245 North Fairfax Dr., Suite 825  
Arlington, VA 22203  
(703) 524-2441 or (888) 722-9675  
www.thesca.org

Mission: to build the next generation of conservation leaders and inspire lifelong stewardship of the environment and communities by engaging young people in hands-on service to the land. Locations: all 50 states. Age: 15 and up. Internships range from 12 weeks-12 months; team-based programs and special programs open to high school students, college students and college graduates.

**Volunteers for Peace, International Workcamps**  
7 Kilburn St. Suite 316  
Burlington, VT 05401  
www.vfp.org

Volunteers For Peace organizes, promotes and supports voluntary service opportunities in the USA and abroad as an effective means of intercultural education, service learning, and community development. Locations: over 3000 projects in more than 100 countries each year. Age: Teens and older. Period: most projects (about 80%) are short-term (2-3 weeks) between May and September. There are also medium-term projects (1-3 months) and permanent projects offered all year with a minimum service of 2 weeks or 1 month, depending on the project. Fee: \$500 registration fee covers food and accommodations.

**World Learning—Vermont**  
1 Kipling Road, PO Box 676  
Brattleboro, VT 05302-0676  
(800) 257-7751  
www.worldlearning.org

World Learning is a nonprofit organization advancing leadership in more than 60 countries. Goal is to provide participants with skills and knowledge needed to increase international understanding and global development. Programs/projects include: education, participant training, teaching English to speakers of other languages (TESOL), youth leadership, civil society and governance, capacity development and grants management, exchanges, HIV/AIDS, post-conflict transformation, and marginalized groups. Locations: worldwide. Age: high school and up. Fees: vary; some financial aid is available.

**Year Up National Program**  
93 Summer Street, 5th Floor  
Boston, MA 02110  
Toll Free: 855-YEARUP1  
www.yearup.org

Provides urban young adults with the skills, experience, and support that will empower them to reach their potential through professional careers and higher education. Offers a free one-year program that includes: 6 months of professional training in IT, Finance or Customer Service; 6 month internship with a respected company. Provides: up to 24 college credits, weekly educational stipend throughout the program and guidance and support from a staff advisor and professional mentor. Age and other requirements: Must be 18-24 years old to apply, a high school graduate or GED recipient, from low/moderate income, a US citizen, permanent resident or have an employment authorization card, must be available 5 days a week (Monday-Friday) for the year of the program and must be highly motivated to learn new technical and professional skills.

**YouthBuild USA**  
58 Day St.  
Somerville, MA 02144  
(617) 623-9900  
https://youthbuild.org/youthbuild-programs

YouthBuild programs are for low-income young people. Age: 16-24 years old. Period: participants must work full-time for 6 to 24 months toward a GED or HS

diploma while learning job skills by building affordable housing in their communities. Emphasis is placed on leadership development, community service, and the creation of a positive mini-community of adults and youth committed to each other's success. Students may earn AmeriCorps education awards through their homebuilding and other community service. At exit, they are placed in college, jobs, or both. Locations: 264 YouthBuild programs in 46 states, Washington, D.C., and the Virgin. YouthBuild offers programs in the following areas: alternative school, job training and pre-apprenticeship program, community service program, leadership development and civic engagement program, youth development program, long-term mini-community, and a community development program.

#### ADDITIONAL USEFUL INTERNET RESOURCES

- Idea List: <http://www.idealists.org/>
- International Volunteer Projects: [www.ciee.org/](http://www.ciee.org/)
- Projects Abroad: <http://www.projects-abroad.org/>
- It's My Life: <http://afsc.org/document/its-my-life>
- Green and Socially Responsible colleges: [www.making-a-difference.com](http://www.making-a-difference.com)

Also, see the extensive section on non-military alternatives on the web site of the National Network Opposing the Militarization of Youth, [www.nnomy.org](http://www.nnomy.org).

**For more information, contact the following local organization:**

Produced by the **Project on Youth and Non-Military Opportunities (Project YANO)**, [www.projectyano.org](http://www.projectyano.org), a non-profit San Diego-area organization that promotes careers in social change and provides youths with information about the realities of military enlistment and war.

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## Adventures Working for Peace and Social Justice



## Youth Alternative Service Directory

Opportunities to:

- Explore the world
- Experience other cultures
- Do challenging work
- Help people in need
- Make a difference by helping to solve the world's problems

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This directory is a list of some work opportunities for young people that are not the usual kinds of jobs. It is not a complete list—it is just a sampling of some interesting programs to consider. But how do you know if this directory is for you?

Are you about to leave high school, or did you recently graduate and are not ready to go directly into college or a 9-to-5 job? Are you looking for travel, adventure and opportunities to see the world with its different cultures? Do you want to help other people or work to solve some of the world's problems? Are you looking for experience that might help you decide what type of work you would like to do in the future? Are you willing to work sometimes for just a small allowance or as a volunteer?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then this directory might be useful to you.

The work offered by these projects is sometimes hard and low-paying, but there are many other rewards: travel; work experience; a challenging job; and the satisfaction that comes from serving others and making a positive contribution to peace and social justice.

**The required age for these programs varies. Only basic information is provided here; you must contact projects directly for more details.**

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**AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC)**  
1201 New York Ave, NW, 9th Floor  
Washington, DC 20525  
(800) 942-2677  
[www.nationalservice.gov/programs/ Americorps](http://www.nationalservice.gov/programs/ Americorps)

A residential program open to all U.S. citizens, nationals, or lawful permanent resident aliens. Period: 10-12 months. Age: 18-24 years old. Members work in teams on projects in an assigned region. Teams are trained in CPR, first aid and other skills. Locations: nationwide. Provided: a living allowance of approximately \$4,000 for 10 months of service, housing, meals, limited medical benefits, up to \$400/month for childcare if eligible; plus a monetary award at the end the program that can be used pay back qualified student loans or pay for future education (\$5645 in 2014, varies from year to year).

**Church of the Brethren: Brethren Volunteer Service**

**1451 Dundee Ave.  
Elgin, IL 60120  
(847) 742-5100 or (800) 323-8039  
[www.brethren.org/bvs/](http://www.brethren.org/bvs/)**

Locations: This program places volunteers in assigned projects in the U.S. and some international locations. Projects include on-going work for justice, for peace, and to serve human needs. Period: full-time for 1-2 years. Provided: room and board, medical insurance, transportation to project, \$100-\$150/month stipend for 1st year of service. Some domestic placements offer AmeriCorps student financial aid awards.

**City Year  
National Recruitment:  
[recruitment@cityyear.org](mailto:recruitment@cityyear.org)  
General Inquires Hotline:  
617.927.2500  
[www.cityyear.org](http://www.cityyear.org)**

City Year believes education has the power to help every child reach his or her potential. City Year corps members make a measurable impact in the lives of the students and communities they serve. Location: 25 U.S. locations and 3 international affiliates. Find locations at [www.cityyear.org](http://www.cityyear.org). Period: 11 months.

**Communities for a Better Environment (CBE)  
Offices in Oakland and  
Huntington Park, Calif.  
[www.cbecal.org](http://www.cbecal.org)**

The mission of CBE is to build people's power in California's communities of color and low-income communities to achieve environmental health and justice. CBE offers volunteer and internship opportunities that include researching corporate polluters, developing flyers, fact sheets and other materials, and writing for legal cases.

**ATD Fourth World  
PO Box 1787  
Gallup, NM 87305  
(301) 336-9489 or (301) 832-1640  
[www.4thworldmovement.org](http://www.4thworldmovement.org)**



Fourth World is a network of people in poverty and those from other backgrounds who work in partnership toward overcoming the exclusion and injustice of persistent poverty. Locations: New York, Washington, DC, Southwestern Virginia, and New Orleans. Age: 19 and older for internships. Period: internship are for 3 months, full-time. Provided: living stipend (\$200/month) and housing provided. Interns pay food and personal expenses. Motivated applicants contact ATD Fourth World with any concerns regarding the financial aspects of the internship program. Volunteer Corps Members: Can apply after the internship. Provided: first year stipend is \$540/month; \$720/month thereafter.

**Habitat for Humanity  
International  
121 Habitat St.  
Americus, GA 31709  
800-HABITAT  
(800-422-4828)  
[www.habitat.org](http://www.habitat.org)**

Locations: 1500 local affiliates. Age: 16+; younger ages for some activities. Period: from one day to many months at affiliates. Purpose: Habitat for Humanity believes that every human should have a decent, safe and affordable place to live. Volunteers build and repair houses all over the world. Partner families purchase these houses through no-profit,

no-interest mortgage loans or innovative financing methods.

**Job Corps (National Office)  
200 Constitution Ave., NW, Ste. N4463  
Washington, DC 20210  
(800) 733-JOBS (800-733-5627)  
[www.jobcorps.gov/home.aspx](http://www.jobcorps.gov/home.aspx)**

Job Corps is a no-cost program administered by the U.S. Dept. of Labor that helps young people improve the quality of their lives through vocational and academic training. Age: 16-24. Job Corps employs a holistic career development training approach that integrates the teaching of academic, vocational,

employability skills and social competencies through a combination of classroom, practical and learning experiences to prepare youths for stable, long-term, high-paying jobs.

**Koinonia Partners  
1324 Georgia 49  
Americus, GA 31719  
(877) 738-1741 or (229) 924-0391  
[www.koinoniapartners.org](http://www.koinoniapartners.org)**

The Koinonia Community Intern program offers people a chance to go through orientation together, have spiritual and work mentors, and participate in the life of the community. Program includes exploration of the Christian faith. Location: Americus, GA. Period: 3-4 months. Provides: food and lodging (which may be a room shared with another intern) and, if needed, a stipend of up to \$15 per week.

**Public Allies (National Office)  
735 N. Water St. Ste. 550  
Milwaukee, WI 53202  
(414) 273-0533  
[www.publicallies.org](http://www.publicallies.org)**

Public Allies is a national movement grounded in the conviction that everyone leads. Each year they choose people of widely diverse backgrounds to join their signature AmeriCorps program. Participants must have at least a high school diploma or GED, and be a U.S. citizen or have permanent residency. Locations: 21 locations in the U.S. Age: 17 or older. If selected, you are placed in a full-time paid apprenticeship with a local nonprofit organization. Period: 10 months. Provided: monthly stipend of \$1,300-\$1,800, health care, child care, student loan deferment, and an education award (see AmeriCorps for more on this).

**U.S. Public Interest Research Groups (Main Office)  
44 Winter St., 4th Fl.  
Boston, MA 02108  
(617) 747-4370  
[www.uspirg.org](http://www.uspirg.org) and <http://jobs.uspirg.org>**

U.S. PIRG is a consumer group that stands up to powerful interests whenever they threaten our health and safety, our financial security, or our right to fully participate in our democratic society. Locations: 47 states. National Campaign jobs available, including summer positions, experienced skill level positions and entry-level positions.