

Application procedure & form for VSI AFRICA / ASIA / LATIN AMERICA (AALA) Programme 2008



- **Completing the form:**
- Complete it clearly and fully in **Type or Black ink**
- Attach a recent passport photograph
- Application forms **must** be returned to the VSI office
- Please provide us with as many details as possible on the application form. This will enable us to get a better understanding of your interest and expectations.
- Include more details on an extra sheet if necessary
- Please include referee details for a **reference** of your voluntary work experience
- In order to apply for the AALA Programme you must be a paid up member of VSI for 2008
- New members please include your membership fee with your application.

VSI Membership Fees for 2008:

Wage Earners **€ 27.00**
Non Wage Earners **€ 14.00**

VSI Programme Fee 2008:

A fee of €140 applies to all 2008 participants.

This fee is to cover:

- VSI Administration
- SCI International Co-Ordination.
- Contribution to African/Asian/Latin American Volunteers in Ireland

N.B.

The VSI Programme Fee should only be sent in **after** your selection has been confirmed.
For more information please do not hesitate to contact the V.S.I. office.

VSI's AALA Programme is comprised of four parts all of which are integral to the AALA programme:

- Preparation programme
- Volunteer Projects
- Evaluation Workshop on return
- Completing Evaluation form

Participation at each stage is essential.

Preparation Programme 2008:

Preparation Workshops:

All participants are required to take part in workshops 1 + 2.

1. World Development Workshop : Sat/Sun 10-11 May Greystones. Co. Wicklow
2. Development Issues Workshop: Sat. 26 May Dublin

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Please attach passport photo here

PLEASE USE CAPITAL LETTERS OR TYPE WHEN FILLING IN THIS APPLICATION FORM

<i>Sending Branch</i>	<i>Country choices according to preference</i>	<i>Name of the project and dates</i>
VSI, 30 Mountjoy Sq. Dublin 1, Ireland.	1.	
	2.	
	3.	

1. Personal details

<i>Family Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>		
<i>Nationality</i>	<i>Sex</i>	<i>Date of Birth</i>	<i>Passport number</i>

2. Address

<i>Current Address</i>	<i>Telephone</i>	<i>Email (block caps please)</i>
<i>Dates at this address: From:</i> <i>To:</i>		
<i>Permanent Address</i>	<i>Telephone</i>	<i>Email (block caps please)</i>

3. Emergency Contact

<i>Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	
<i>Address</i>	<i>Telephone</i>	<i>Email (block caps please)</i>

4. Languages

<i>Mother tongue:</i>	<i>Below: mark with X level of fluency of other languages</i>		
<i>Other languages</i>	<i>Fluent</i>	<i>Medium</i>	<i>Basic</i>

Motivation and Experience

5. Have you previously participated in voluntary activities? Attach an extra sheet if necessary

- Please refer to dates, length of service, country, type of work, employer, or organization. Include any VSI or SCI projects
- Give details of your involvement with development education or campaigning organisations (anti-racist, pacifist, Human rights, environmental, etc.)

6. Studies/Work/Hobbies - Outline what courses you have studied or are studying and/or your current employment and other skills you have. (e.g. first aid)

7. Have you ever travelled or lived abroad? (Please describe)

8. What is your motivation for participating in this programme? (Please use an extra sheet if necessary)

- Please include what contribution you expect or hope to make on your return home from the experience that you have gained.

9. Do you have any significant health problems? *Volunteers have a personal responsibility to ensure that they are in good health, fit for travel and have received all vaccinations appropriate for their destination AALA location.*

VSI/SCI expects the volunteer to participate in the whole programme, preparation and evaluation included. We expect you to write an extended evaluation of your experience with the exchange programme on your return.

I have read and understood the information given to me, and the information that I have given is true and correct.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

References

10. References - General

Please get two referees (employer; volunteer co-ordinator; lecturer etc., no relatives) to complete the Referee Form (Page 5/6); include their contact details below: send the completed forms to the VSI office

1. Name _____ Occupation _____

Address _____

Telephone No. _____ Email _____

2. Name _____ Occupation _____

Address _____

Telephone No. _____ Email _____

NOTE:

If your project involves working directly with children, young people or vulnerable adults, VSI requires a special declaration form completed and signed by the participant, accompanied by a Garda Clearance Certificate (this may take 6-8 weeks). More details from the VSI office

6. Do you know of any reason why the applicant may be unsuitable for voluntary work in Africa, Asia and Latin America?

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel: _____ **Fax:** _____

Email: _____

Office Use only:

Checked:

In writing:

By whom:

By telephone:

Date: