



Join Us



**Sharing skills
Changing lives**

A Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO) is a charity organisation that organises many aid programmes around the world. The programme started in London in 1958 and today it is one of the largest volunteer organisations.

B Volunteers must be between 18 and 75 years old. Long-term volunteers must have at least five years of experience in their field. There are many different types of professionals, from doctors to teachers, who volunteer for VSO.

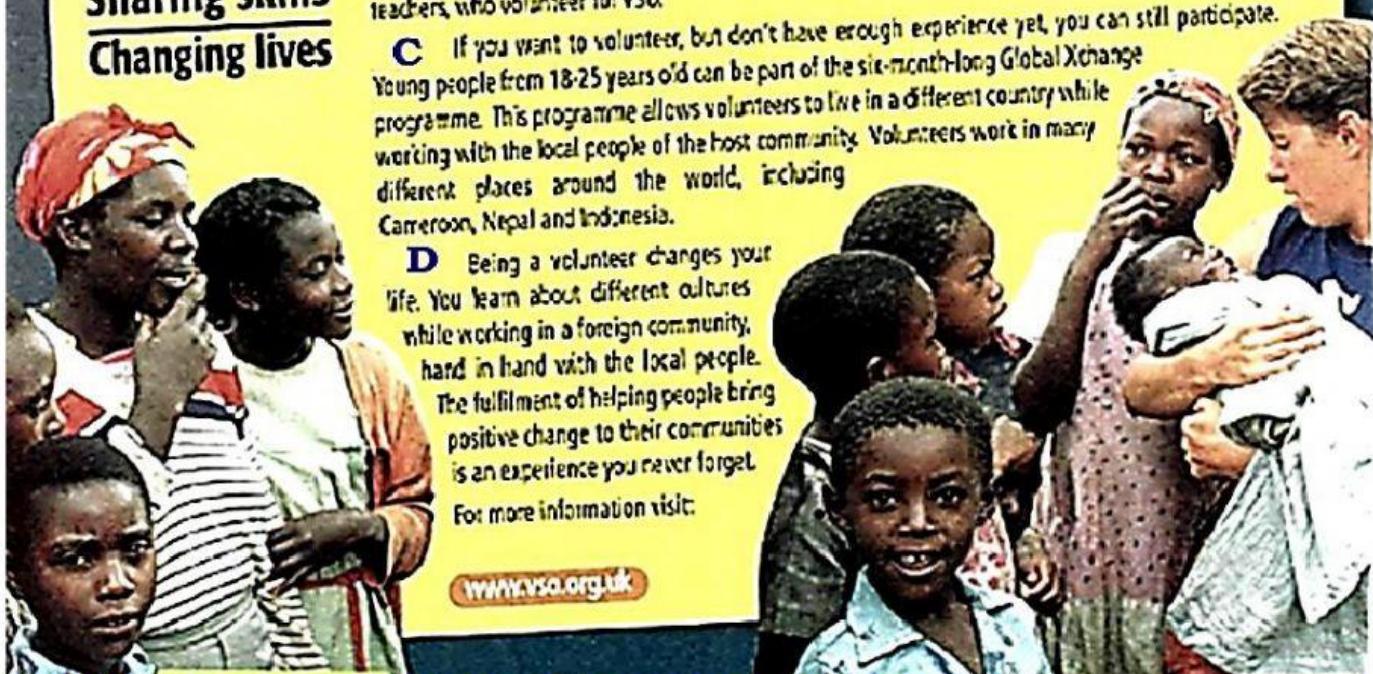
C If you want to volunteer, but don't have enough experience yet, you can still participate. Young people from 18-25 years old can be part of the six-month-long Global Xchange programme. This programme allows volunteers to live in a different country while working with the local people of the host community. Volunteers work in many different places around the world, including Cameroon, Nepal and Indonesia.

D Being a volunteer changes your life. You learn about different cultures while working in a foreign community, hand in hand with the local people.

The fulfilment of helping people bring positive change to their communities is an experience you never forget.

For more information visit:

www.vso.org.uk



1. Match the paragraphs (A-D) with their correct headings (1-5).
One heading does not match.

- MAKING OTHER PLACES BETTER
- HOW TO MAKE DONATIONS
- EVERYONE CAN HELP
- WHAT IT IS
- SKILLED VOLUNTEERS

A	B	C	D

2. Use the words from the line below to complete the sentences.

charity aid programme volunteers experience field participated
opened part allowed host community hand in hand

- We are searching for _____ to help clean up the beach this weekend.
- You can work _____ with the local people to help rebuild houses.
- Jeff and Carol _____ in the tennis match last Friday.
- The _____ organised a concert to raise money to help the homeless.
- Doctors Without Borders accepts volunteers who work in the _____ of medicine.
- My trip to the Amazon was an unforgettable _____.