

Teach in Chembakolli

Volunteer Profile

Role title	Volunteer Teacher, Vidyodaya School, Gudalur, India
Role purpose	To primarily teach English to children aged 5 to 14
Key contacts	<p>India B Ramdas, Action for Community Organisation, Rehabilitation and Development (ACCORD), Post Box 20, Gudalur, Nilgiris District, Tamil Nadu</p> <p>UK Janet Convery/Marni Craze, Schools Team, ActionAid UK, 33-39 Bowling Green Lane, London EC1R OBJ</p>
Start date	May/June 2012 (for at least nine months)
Contract status	Full time volunteer
Financial support	Return Bangalore flights, visa, insurance, vaccinations, accommodation and local living allowance
Personal support	<p>Support and advice from ActionAid UK before you depart.</p> <p>ACCORD will meet you on arrival and organise a briefing and further training. Your most regular contact will be with ACCORD and they will act as your primary means of support.</p>

Key tasks	Key elements	% time
Teaching	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Teach a range of subjects to Adivasi (tribal) children aged 5 to 14 for a minimum of nine months from May/June 2012 and 2013. . Create lesson plans and teaching and learning materials, often using local resources. . Promote participatory learning methodologies. . Support colleagues through team teaching. . Play an active role in school and community life; ensuring children enjoy a high quality education. 	70

Resource development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Coordinate Vidyodaya school children’s contributions to the Chembakolli section of ActionAid’s website and share your experiences. (ActionAid’s Chembakolli teaching resources and blog are used by thousands of UK primary schools every year to deliver their geography curriculum.) . Develop resources for ActionAid according to an agreed brief. 	30
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Role related knowledge, skills and experience
<p>Essential</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . A desire to learn, to help others learn and work positively within a team. . Willing to work creatively and adapt to unfamiliar situations. . A flair for solving problems, as unexpected challenges are common in low-resource environments. . Sensitivity to cultural differences and needs of others. <p>Desirable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Experience of teaching English as a foreign language and/or a UK PGCE/equivalent qualification would be an advantage. . Experience of teaching about Chembakolli in UK schools and knowledge of culture and society of the region of Tamil Nadu. . Knowledge of pedagogical methods leading to participatory learning. . Knowledge of the UK national curricula with reference to the global dimension and sustainable development.