

THE CENTRE FOR GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP STUDIES



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International

DIPLOMA IN INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERING
EXPLORE. LEARN. MAKE AN IMPACT.

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Welcome to a World of Opportunities!

At the Centre for Global Citizenship Studies (CGCS), we believe in the transformative power of volunteering. Our Diploma in International Volunteering is designed to give you the skills, knowledge, and experience to make a real difference in the world. Whether you're passionate about saving our oceans, protecting wildlife, or addressing global challenges, we have a specialism that's perfect for you!

Why Choose CGCS?

Our programs are not just about learning—they're about doing. You'll gain hands-on experience in the field, making a tangible difference in communities and environments worldwide.



Global Connections:

Join a community of like-minded individuals from around the world. Build lifelong friendships, share experiences, and work together to create positive change.



Flexible Learning:

Study at your own pace, wherever you are in the world. Our online platform is designed to fit into your life, making it easy to balance your studies with your passions.



Recognized Qualification:

Our diploma is accredited by OfQual in the UK and has international recognition, providing you with a reputable qualification that can support your future academic and career endeavors.



What Our Students Say

Our students come from all over the world, united by a shared passion for making a difference. Here's what some of them have to say about their experience with the Diploma in International Volunteering:



Emily R., USA

"This program took my passion for the ocean to a whole new level. From conducting underwater surveys on coral reefs to working alongside marine biologists, the hands-on experience in the Marine Conservation specialism was incredible. Seeing the direct impact of our work on the local marine ecosystem was the highlight. I gained new skills, great friends, and a deeper understanding of marine conservation."



Marine Conservation



Sofia M., Italy

"The Wildlife Conservation specialism was a dream come true. I spent my placement in a national park, tracking endangered species and helping restore habitats. The course content was thorough, and the fieldwork was both challenging and rewarding. The best part was knowing that my efforts contributed to protecting the wildlife I care about."



Wildlife Conservation



Liam K., UK

"The Global Citizenship specialism opened my eyes to the interconnectedness of global issues like poverty and climate change. Working on projects that made a real difference in local communities was empowering. The program taught me not just about global challenges but also how to be part of the solution. It was a life-changing experience."



Global Citizenship





Introducing Our Specialist Tracks

We know that everyone's passion is unique, so we offer three specialist tracks within our Diploma in International Volunteering. Each specialist track is designed to give you the expertise you need to make a difference in the area that matters most to you.

Marine Conservation



Dive into a World of Adventure!

If the ocean calls to you, then our Marine Conservation specialist track is the perfect fit. You'll explore the depths of marine ecosystems, learn about the threats they face, and get hands-on experience in protecting our planet's most precious resource—its water.

What Will You Learn?

- **Marine Ecosystems:** Explore coral reefs, the Great Barrier Reef, and other marine habitats. Understand the importance of biodiversity and the delicate balance that sustains these ecosystems.
- **Conservation Techniques:** Learn the skills you need to contribute to marine conservation, from conducting scientific surveys to restoring habitats.
- **Resource Management:** Understand the conflicts over marine resources and learn how Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) can help preserve the ocean for future generations.

Learning Outcomes

- Grasp fundamental marine conservation concepts and terminology.
- Develop practical skills for fieldwork, data analysis, and conservation strategy.
- Understand the importance of MPAs and other conservation tools in managing marine resources.
- Build effective communication skills to advocate for marine conservation.

Program Highlight

Imagine diving into the crystal-clear waters of the Great Barrier Reef, conducting research that could help save this natural wonder. With CGCS, that dream can become a reality!

Wildlife Conservation

Roar with Passion for Wildlife!

Are you passionate about protecting the world's incredible wildlife? Our Wildlife Conservation specialist track will take you into the heart of nature, where you'll learn how to protect endangered species and preserve their habitats.

What Will You Learn?

- **Biodiversity and Ecosystems:** Explore the diverse ecosystems that support wildlife, from rainforests to savannas, and understand the roles these environments play in maintaining biodiversity.
- **Wildlife Protection:** Learn about the strategies used to protect endangered species and how to implement them in the field.
- **Community Engagement:** Discover how to work with local communities to promote conservation and address the challenges of human-wildlife conflict.

Learning Outcomes

- Gain a deep understanding of wildlife habitats and the species that depend on them.
- Develop practical skills in habitat restoration, species monitoring, and community education.
- Understand the complexities of wildlife conservation, including the legal and ethical considerations.
- Learn to communicate effectively with diverse stakeholders to promote wildlife conservation.

Program Highlight

Picture yourself tracking lions in the African savanna, working alongside experts to ensure these majestic creatures can thrive in the wild. That's the kind of adventure CGCS offers!

Global Citizenship

Change the World, One Step at a Time!

Do you see yourself as a global citizen, ready to tackle the world's biggest challenges? Our Global Citizenship specialist track equips you with the knowledge and skills to make a difference on a global scale, from combating climate change to promoting human rights.

What Will You Learn?

- **Global Challenges:** Explore the interconnected issues of poverty, inequality, climate change, and human rights, and understand their global impact.
- **Sustainable Development:** Dive into the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and learn how to contribute to their achievement.
- **Cultural Competence:** Develop the skills to communicate and work effectively across cultures, essential for any global citizen.

Learning Outcomes

- Understand the concept of global citizenship and its importance in today's world.
- Gain insight into the SDGs and how they guide global efforts towards sustainable development.
- Develop intercultural competence and communication skills to navigate global challenges.
- Learn how to advocate for change and engage in effective civic action.

Program Highlight

Imagine working on a project that addresses climate change, knowing that your efforts are part of a global movement for a better future. That's the power of the Global Citizenship specialism!



Your Learning Journey Begins Here

Before you dive into the exciting world of your chosen specialist track, you'll start with our shared modules. These are designed to equip you with the core skills and knowledge needed for international volunteering. Let's take a closer look at what you'll be learning:

01 Module One: Preparing for an International Volunteering Placement

Duration: 6 Hours (Before your trip)

- **Cultural Awareness:** This module introduces you to the concept of culture and your responsibilities as a volunteer. You'll learn about the cultural, social, political, and religious factors that can impact your volunteering experience.
- **Volunteer Responsibilities:** Understand the key responsibilities you have as a volunteer, especially in safeguarding and protecting vulnerable groups.
- **Managing Challenges:** Learn how to identify and manage potential challenges in your placement, from cultural differences to workload management.
- **Planning and Reflection:** Develop the skills to plan, deliver, and evaluate activities during your placement, and reflect on your learning.

02 Module Two: Reviewing and Reflecting on Your Selection as an International Volunteer

Duration: 8 Hours (Before your trip)

- **Self-Assessment:** Explore the characteristics and motivations that drive you as an international volunteer. Reflect on your skills and attributes and how they align with your chosen volunteering role.
- **Placement Planning:** Prepare a detailed plan for your volunteering placement, tailored to your specific interests and goals.
- **Presentation Skills:** Learn how to effectively present your ideas and plans, a crucial skill for both your placement and future opportunities.

03 Module Three: Your Speciality (Marine, Wildlife or Global Citizenship)

04 Module Four: Undertaking an International Volunteering Placement

Duration: 26 Hours (During Placement)

- **Real-World Application:** This is where theory meets practice. By participating in locally-led volunteer activities, you'll apply what you've learned to real-world challenges, leading volunteer-led activities and completing a community research project.
- **Personal Development:** Set personal goals and reflect on your progress throughout your placement, ensuring that you make the most of this transformative experience.

05 Module Five: Reflecting on an International Volunteering Placement

Duration: 8 Hours (Post-Placement)

- **Consolidating Learning:** After your placement, you'll reflect on what you've learned and experienced. This module is designed to help you process your journey, understand the global issues you've encountered, and evaluate the impact of your work.
- **Global Perspective:** You'll also explore how your experiences fit into broader global contexts, helping you to think critically about the role of volunteering in addressing global challenges.

Credit Transfer: Making Your Learning Count



Recognizing Your Achievements

At CGCS, we value the hard work you put into your studies and experiences. Our Diploma in International Volunteering is not just a qualification—it can also be a stepping stone to further academic opportunities.

What is Credit Transfer?

- Credit transfer allows you to apply the credits you've earned in this program towards another program at a different institution, helping you advance more quickly in your academic journey.

How It Works

- **Earned Credits:** Our Diploma in International Volunteering is a Level 3 qualification with 41 credits. These credits are recognized in the UK and can be transferred to other institutions, depending on their policies.
- **Global Recognition:** Typically, 41 CGCS credits equate to 20 ECTS credits or 10 US credits, making your qualification valuable across various educational systems.
- **Consult First:** Before enrolling in a new program, consult with the admissions office of your intended institution to understand how your credits can be applied.

Why Transfer Credits?

- **Advance Your Education:** Use your credits to gain advanced standing in a degree program, potentially shortening the time needed to complete your studies.
- **Expand Opportunities:** Credits earned through our diploma can open doors to studying abroad or joining international programs.

Steps to Transfer Your Credits

1. **Complete Your Diploma:** Finish the program and earn your credits.
2. **Get Your Transcript:** Request your transcript from CGCS.
3. **Consult Your New Institution:** Discuss the credit transfer process with your new school.
4. **Submit Your Application:** Provide your transcript and other required documents.

Support

- **We're Here to Help:** If you need assistance with the credit transfer process, our team is ready to guide you.



Join Us on a Journey of Learning and Impact!

The world needs passionate, skilled individuals like you to take action. At CGCS, we're here to help you turn your passion into a force for good. Whether you choose Marine Conservation, Wildlife Conservation, or Global Citizenship, you'll be making a difference that matters.

Are you ready to make a difference? Whether your passion lies in marine conservation, wildlife protection, or global citizenship, CGCS is here to help you turn your dreams into reality.

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