

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

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The Grupo Puntacana Foundation is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to design and implement social and environmentally sustainable initiatives in the eastern region of the Dominican Republic.

The Grupo Puntacana Foundation Volunteer Program was set up to offer members of our local community and visitors the opportunity to put their volunteering aspirations into practice to help local communities and protect the environment, both individually and with their families.



Available Opportunities
Grupo Puntacana Foundation
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Environmental Projects



Social Projects



Reforestation and Landscaping Volunteer

Melliferous plants contribute to local diversity and increase the presence of pollinating agents like bees. Mangroves help protect the coastline against erosion and provide a habitat for a wide variety of water and land-based organisms. The volunteer will support plant nursery maintenance and reforestation.



Objective:

- To support the plant nursery expansion and planting in areas belonging to the Foundation.

Requirements:

- 10 years or older
- (Accompanied by adults)
- Minimum 3 hours a day.
- Minimum 2 weeks
- Individual/Group

Duties:

- Tasks assigned by the Project Coordinator

Level of physical exertion:

- Moderate

Days

Monday to Saturday

Schedule:

9:00 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.
January to December
Except for public holidays.

Acuaponics Volunteer

Aquaponics is a technique that combines conventional aquaculture with hydroponics to cultivate vegetables and fish in an organic system while reducing the water consumption levels involved in conventional farming. The volunteer will support the project coordinator in this project's cleaning, maintenance and harvesting work.



Objective:

- To support cleaning and maintenance of the system.

Requirements:

- 16 years or older
- Minimum 3 hours per day
- Minimum two weeks.

Duties:

- Tasks assigned by the Project Coordinator

Level of physical exertion:

- Moderate

Days:

- Mondays

Schedule:

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
January to December
Except for public holidays

Marine Laboratory Volunteer

The Marine Innovation Center is the only marine research and education center in the Dominican Republic. Its main objectives include developing new techniques as practical solutions for tackling specific environmental problems. The volunteer will support maintenance and cleaning work and basic tasks in the Center.



Objective:

- To contribute to maintenance and data collection for research in the marine laboratory.

Requirements:

- 13 years or older
 - Minimum 2 hours per day.
 - Minimum of 14 days.
 - Individual
- Other requirements may apply in some cases.

Duties:

- Tasks assigned by the Project Coordinator

Level of physical exertion:

- Moderate

Days

Monday to Saturday
(Depending on work schedule)

Schedule

- 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Except public holidays

Health Support Volunteer

Consists of supporting logistical and administrative work at the Oscar de la Renta Pediatric Care Center and the Verón Public Health Clinic, which serve the local area's most disadvantaged inhabitants. It also includes health-related services provision, including talks and training courses.



Objective:

- To contribute to the efficient running of the health centers and to improve service provision

Requirements:

- 15 years or older
- Parental authorization if under 18
- Minimum 4 hours per day (Individual)

Duties:

- Tasks assigned by the Project Coordinator

Level of physical exertion:

- Light

Days

- Mondays to Friday

Schedule:

- 8:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- January to Dec.
- Except public holidays.

Community Medical Mission Volunteer

The Grupo Puntacana Foundation carries out Community Medical Missions on a regular basis in partnership with a range of organizations. These missions take place in vulnerable communities with the aim of providing free medical attention, both general and specialized, delivering medicines, and conducting preventive health programs. The volunteer's role is to support logistics and to interpret for the patients and health professionals.



Objective:

- To help improve health indicators and living conditions in the affected communities

Requirements:

- 15 years or older
- Parental authorization if under 18
- Minimum 6 hours a day
- Individual or Groups
- English speakers.

Duties:

- Tasks assigned by the Project Coordinator

Level of physical exertion:

- Light

Days

- Monday to Sunday

Schedule:

- 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- 1st (16-20 April 2018)
- 2nd (9-13 July 2018)
- 3rd (8-12 Oct. 2018)
- Except public holidays

Educational Support Volunteer

The Ann & Ted Kheel Polytechnic is the only community educational center in the tourist area that follows a secondary school level technical curriculum. The center also has an intensive English language-teaching program and a co-curricular activities program, which complement the students' comprehensive values training to help them enter the labor market.



Objective:

- To support co-curricular activities such as workshops and the Polytechnic's English program.

Requirements:

- Fluency in English and/or teaching skills
- Minimum 2 hours a day
- Individual / groups

Duties:

- Tasks assigned by the Project Coordinator

Level of physical exertion:

- Light

Schedule:

8:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
January to December

Not available:

May 15th - August 30th /
December 1st – January 7th
Easter Week

Sports Clinic Volunteer

Do you have any sports skills you wish to share with young people in the local area? We're offering you the opportunity to improve performance of students from the Ann & Ted Kheel Polytechnic through sports exchanges.



Objective:

- To contribute to general health and wellbeing of young people in vulnerable communities

Requisitos:

- Sports experience for teaching a minimum of two hours per day
- Individual

Duties:

- Tasks assigned by the Project Coordinator

Level of physical exertion:

- Light

Days

- Monday to Friday

Schedule:

- 8:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- January to December
- Not available: May 15th – August 30th / Dec 1st – January 30th
- Easter Week

HOW TO BECOME A Grupo Puntacana Foundation VOLUNTEER

- Send an Email to fgpc@puntacana.com
- Résumé/CV
- Volunteer Application Form

Step 1

- Commit to a schedule
- Sign the release form
- Provide contact information

Step 2

- Meet your direct supervisor
- Start working

Step 3

Información adicional | Additional Information

Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. Does the Foundation provide transport, accommodation and food for volunteers?** The Foundation doesn't offer transport or accommodation as part of its voluntary programs. Food is only offered in special cases, when the nature of the voluntary work requires it. The social projects provide transport for some types of voluntary work, subject to prior coordination with those concerned.
- 2. Will I receive any kind of payment for supporting the Grupo Puntacana Foundation's programs?** No, this is voluntary work that is not remunerated by the Foundation. The Foundation only offers limited paid internships for some specific programs, based on a competitive application process.
- 3. Can I contribute as a volunteer even though I'm still a minor?** Sure! The Foundation welcomes help with its social and environmental programs from enthusiastic young people. You will need to complete a release form signed by a parent or guardian.
- 4. Do I need any specific qualifications/training to become a volunteer?** You don't need any specific qualifications, just the motivation to help and give your very best. For some projects like coral restoration and other social programs, any special requirements will be specified.

Frequently Asked Questions

5. **Is there a minimum time commitment?** Yes. We ask volunteers to commit to between two weeks and one month's service. We will only make exceptions in certain cases for people with a particular level of experience/expertise, depending on each particular program. We expect a minimum commitment of four hours a day and two times a week. For social projects the minimum is one week and at least four hours a day.
6. **What is the volunteering schedule?** Usually from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. In the case of other programs, the schedules will be published as necessary.
7. **Does the Grupo Puntacana Foundation offer any kind of certification for volunteering my time?** Yes. The Foundation can provide letters certifying the number of hours worked or participation certificates for the programs that merit it.
8. **How do I sign up?** To register, email fgpc@puntacana.com attaching a copy of your résumé and the application form. If you apply for volunteering opportunities we will contact you as soon as possible.