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# NEW ZEALAND



## CARE FOR CHILDREN WITH CEREBRAL PALSY IN AUCKLAND

Assist caring for and teaching the children to help their development. The school you'll work in offers education and therapy for students who are severely disabled with Cerebral Palsy. Some have physical disabilities, but some have cognitive potential comparable to chronological age. Many have hi-tech assistive communication devices.

You'll work mainly as a Teaching Aid but you'll also observe and assist the various therapists as they work with students and the team of staff to facilitate student learning.

***Thank you for your interest on volunteering in this Project. Below is a description of what you can do and expect. You can volunteer whether you're taking a gap year, on a career break, retired, or on a holiday with a purpose. No matter what your age or experience, we look forward to welcoming you to the team!***

## WHAT DO YOU GET?

### SELF-DEVELOPMENT:

- New skills, more confidence, a greater understanding of a different culture, invaluable personal and professional development.
- The enormous satisfaction of also helping disadvantaged children and knowing that you made a difference to them.
- An entry on your CV or résumé that will put you head and shoulders above most others in the job market.

### SAFETY AND SECURITY

- Your safety is our top priority. We risk-assess all destination countries, projects, accommodation and more to ensure that they are stable and safe.
- We have experienced local staff with 24/7 back-up and support who are there to assist you and look after you, starting with an in-depth induction on your arrival.

### AN ADVENTURE!

- An exciting, never-to-be-forgotten adventure into New Zealand and its diverse cultures! And best of all ... **an unforgettable experience!**

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**Prices:** From **£1,395** for 4 weeks, **£175** for each additional week, excluding flights.

See our [Full Price List Online](#)

**Duration:** From 4 weeks to 6 months, subject to visa requirements.

**Start Dates:** Projects start every Thursday, subject to school term times and sports season (see "Work Content" tab) – you choose your start and finish dates.

**Requirements:** No qualifications or experience required, but you should have lots of patience and enthusiasm to help. Minimum age 18.

**What's Included:**

- ▶ Arranging your Programme,
- ▶ Payment Protection insurance
- ▶ Certificate of Completion
- ▶ Meeting you at the nearest airport
- ▶ 24-hr emergency support.
- ▶ Full pre-departure support and assistance,
- ▶ Accommodation
- ▶ Transfer to the placement site
- ▶ In-country team support and backup

**What Not Included:** Flights, Insurance, Cost of Visas, Food, Transport to and from your project, Return transfer to airport.

## SUMMARY

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

### WORK CONTENT:

The school you'll work with offers education & therapy for students who are severely disabled with Cerebral Palsy. Some have physical disabilities, but some have cognitive potential comparable to chronological age. Many have hi-tech assistive communication devices.

The school has approximately 63 children in 10 classes, a parent and baby group, plus a preschool class. They provide specialised programmes in classrooms with a high teacher-to-pupil ratio and therapy involvement in all classes. Class teams comprise Teacher, Speech Language Therapist, Occupational Therapist, Physiotherapist and Teacher Aides.

You'll be working mainly as a Teaching Aid but also get the opportunity to observe and assist the various therapists as they work with students and the team of staff to facilitate student learning. In the classes much of the day is spent on "caring" activities like:

- Positioning students in standing frame or appropriate seating in readiness for learning activity
- Transferring, lifting and supporting students in accordance with their needs.
- Assisting with meal times
- Changing nappies (optional for volunteers)

You'll also be involved with some or all of the following:

- Assisting with classroom preparation as directed by teacher
- Working in the class with children at allocated time
- Assisting students in accessing curriculum and therapy programmes as directed by teacher or therapists
- Maintaining and cleaning equipment and resources as and when necessary.

The main campus looks after the most severely disabled and there are 2 satellite units which are part of "normal" schools - one primary where the students are aged between 5 and 12 years old and one intermediate with children aged between 12 and 15 years.

You don't need any specific qualifications. This is a very challenging and physical placement as well as being very hands-on so you should be willing to work hard and bring the necessary empathy and patience with you.



This project is ideally suited to those who may be considering a career in Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Music Therapy or Speech & Language Therapy with disabled children and for anyone who just wants to give a helping hand. Working hours are from Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 3pm. This gives you plenty of time to explore beautiful Auckland and surrounding areas.

## PLACEMENT DATES AND WORKING TIMES:

You are likely to work between 8:30 a.m. - 3.00 p.m., Monday - Friday. The programme is only available during the school times, which are as follows for 2015:

- Term 1: 2nd Feb – 2nd April
- Term 2: 20th April – 3rd July
- Term 3: 20th July – 25th Sep
- Term 4: 12th Oct – 15th/18th Dec

## REQUIREMENTS:

Anyone working with children and/or vulnerable adults is required to complete a Criminal Records Check (CRC) as part of their application process. We'll provide you with the necessary papers and take you through the process.

*“I absolutely loved my placement in New Zealand! The school was brilliant, the teaching staff were all so friendly and seemed genuinely grateful for the volunteers. ... I would recommend it to anyone.”*

**Jennifer Rigby**

*“I would have never done something like this and got the wonderful experience I did without this program. I made long lasting relationships with some staff members and the children really touched my life...and I have Travellers to thank for that.”*

**Andrea Mangione**

## ACCOMMODATION

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You'll live in a centrally located hostel that is friendly and relaxing, making it ideal for long-term stays. You will be sharing a room with other volunteers. There is a communal kitchen and storage area for cooking meals and plenty of space to relax.

Entertainment at your accommodation includes cheap internet access, TV and free pool table. You are literally a stroll from the Sky Tower, harbor and waterfront. Accommodation is very central and close to the main train station and shopping district. Buses are also only a few minutes away to take you to parts of Auckland and New Zealand or to the many other 'things to do'!

### Food:

Food is not provided on this project, but Auckland has restaurants to suit all tastes - the most popular cuisine is New Zealand lamb which can be ordered at many restaurants around the city and is well worth it. For meals in local restaurants, a trip to Auckland's inner city centre is well worth the effort - it bustles with activity and offers a range of choices of restaurants.



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## HOW YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE:

By joining a Travellers Program you enable us to keep donating money to worthwhile projects around the world; from clothing and feeding school children, building playgrounds or funding vital conservation research - your participation makes these donations possible.

Donations to **Bridge The Gap Foundation**. This Foundation was set up by us to donate directly to particularly worthwhile and necessary projects for children and animals around the world, and partners with other NGO's to raise match-funding for worthy projects.

The price of this project is a reflection of the following costs:

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| ✓ Accommodation                            | ✓ UK administration   |
| ✓ Full pre-departure support               | ✓ Marketing (brochures, website design and maintenance, attending careers fairs, advertising, website listings and presentations) |
| ✓ Meeting you at the airport               | ✓ Project Research/Site Inspection  |
| ✓ Transport to the placement site          | ✓ Staff Training/Equipment  |
| ✓ Local in-country team support and backup | ✓ Donations to worthwhile project   |
| ✓ 24hr emergency helpline                  |   |

***"Thanks at the best three months of my life ... The support I received was extremely helpful ... I really would recommend Travellers to anyone. Keep up the good work." Stuart Savidge***

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Got any questions? Please email us: [info@travellersworldwide.com](mailto:info@travellersworldwide.com)

Once you have applied for a placement, we'll contact you and send you our Welcome Pack. You'll also receive Log-on details and password for our Volunteer Extranet where you'll have access to all the documentation and information which we've put together to facilitate preparations for your adventure! Your Project Co-ordinator for your country will liaise with you throughout the arrangements process, as well as while you're on your placement and on your return home.

The documents you'll have access to also include a Country Factfile, Safety Guide and any manuals that may assist you on your particular programme (for example, Teaching Guide, Sports Manuals, Enrichment Suggestions for Animal Care, etc.). We do all we can to make your stay one that you'll never forget. As with all our destinations, the culture and heritage is different to what you're used to ... which, although one of the most exciting aspects of travelling, should be borne in mind. Self-reliance and independence are highly appreciated in all our destinations and will help you to make the most of this wonderful opportunity! This is a truly awesome, elegant and beautiful country.

### **On Arrival, your Introduction to the Country:**

When you arrive you will be welcomed by your Project Supervisor who will take you to your accommodation and introduce you to everyone. During your first few days you'll be given an induction so that you can learn about the country and its culture, as well as useful information, like how to use the transport system, banks, safety issues, tipping, and lots more.

## THINGS TO DO IN NEW ZEALAND

### LOCATION, EXPLORING AND SIGHTSEEING:

The country can be divided into the North Island, the South Island and Stewart Island, as well as many tiny surrounding islands. The North Island is typically famous for beaches, springs and bush, whilst the South Island boasts mountains, glaciers, alpine forests and farmlands.

#### AUCKLAND

The city centre boasts great shopping, restaurants and pubs or head over to the viaduct for more pubs, nightclubs and multicultural cuisine. You'll get to work via bus, which is close to your accommodation.

**Maori** settlement in Auckland was at least 800 years ago where by different tribes built their fortifications on the various volcanoes in Auckland. When the British arrived in 1840 they claimed Auckland as the capital city of New Zealand until Wellington became the capital 25 years later. The city is modern and vibrant - a fun and friendly with beautiful surrounding islands and harbour. Some of its more famous attractions include the **sky tower**, **Rangitoto Island**, the harbor, the **Hauraki Gulf islands** and the many extinct volcanoes that are in Auckland which provide great views of the city...

**Climate:** New Zealand has a largely temperate climate. While the far north has a subtropical summer, the inland alpine areas can get as cold as -10°C in winter. Most of the country, however, lies close to the coast, which means mild temperatures, moderate rainfall and abundant sunshine.



## HOW TO BOOK

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**We hope you'll join us!**

**Don't hesitate to contact us with any questions.**

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