

THE BHUMI PROJECT

RESPECT, COMPASSION AND SERVICE FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT

VOLUNTEER AND INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES, 2011

The Bhumi Project is an international Hindu response to the environmental challenges facing our planet, including climate change. The project was launched in November 2009 at Windsor Castle in the presence of His Royal Highness Prince Philip and His Excellency Ban Ki-moon, Secretary General of the United Nations.

The project is facilitated by the Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies (OCHS), in partnership with the Alliance of Religions and Conservation (ARC), and backing from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

The Project works with all parts of the international Hindu community. We currently have partners in Africa, America, Europe and India.

In this document we offer a range of volunteering and internship opportunities for those concerned about the future of our planet. We hope you can join us in this important work to ensure the Hindu community contributes positively to the protection of Mother Earth.

For more information on the work of the Bhumi Project, please see:

www.bhumiproject.org



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Marketing & Fund Development - Internship / Volunteer

In order to establish a long-term future for the Bhumi Project, we require a financial foundation to help us grow and share our work with more people. This role entails:

- Identifying avenues of funding for the Project.
- Developing strategic marketing campaigns in order to reach a larger number of Hindu temples and communities.

Bhumi Farms - Internship / Volunteer

Our Bhumi Farms initiative is aimed at developing partnerships with farms that are connected to Hindu communities. By working with such farms, we hope to raise awareness amongst Hindus about the need for local, organic produce. By developing guidelines for growing such produce, we hope to encourage Hindu households to grow their own produce in their gardens. This role entails:

- Establishing partnerships with farms connected to Hindu communities.
- Developing a set of guidelines for organic food production based on the guidelines produced by the UK Soil Association.
- Developing resources to help encourage Hindu homes grow their own produce.

Green Pilgrimages - Internship / Volunteer

Pilgrimage is part of the practice for every Hindu. Whether it be to our local temple or a holy site in India. The journey should be viewed as sacred as the destination. By making every part of our pilgrimage as green as possible, we can increase our bhakti, or devotion, to God. This role entails:

- Researching green pilgrimage practices of other faith groups.
- Identifying pilgrimage practices of Hindus.
- Developing resources to support the initiative.

Health & Environment - Volunteer

This new Bhumi initiative will help encourage people to lead a more healthy lifestyle based on Ayurvedic principles, whilst also being kind to the planet. This role entails:

- Developing the initiative through working with Ayurveda healthcare professionals.
- Developing marketing materials.
- Identifying partners through which the initiative can be shared with the Hindu community.

Student Campaign - Volunteer

Young people are at the heart of the Bhumi Project. Through working and engaging with them, we hope to effect a positive change in the future Hindu leaders of our global community. Working with the student Hindu organisations we wish to develop a student-led environmental campaign that will connect young Hindus in the service to Mother Earth. This role entails:

- Developing a concept for a campaign in conjunction with Hindu students in the UK and America.
- Creating marketing and publicity materials.
- Identifying partners for the campaign in India and Africa.
- Developing and implementing an effective strategy to reach a wide range Hindu students.

International coordinators - Volunteer

Bhumi has established partnerships with Hindu temples, communities, organisations and individuals across the world. We require people based in the UK to act as coordinators for each of these regions. Duties and responsibilities include:

- Working with our partners to implement current Bhumi initiatives
- Identifying new partners
- Developing Bhumi initiatives to address environmental challenges specific to each country.

We require coordinators for the following countries and regions: **Africa, North America, Europe and India.**

Notes

All volunteer and internship positions are non-stipendiary. Volunteer positions are flexible, and we can work with individuals to agree on level of commitment per week. The posts, however, are for at least six months. Internships are based in Oxford and are mainly run over the summer (June - September), but can run at other times of the year if need be.

How to apply

Please send your CV along with which position you are applying for and a short covering note about why you would like position to: gopal@bhumiproject.org.

There are no closing dates; positions will remain open until filled.

Thank you, and we look forward to hearing from you!