

Stepping Stones' Volunteering Programs



General Program Details

Semesters:

- **Autumn:** mid Sept to mid Jan
- **Spring:** end of Feb to early June
- **Summer:** July and August

We provide volunteers with:

- Specific Training for each volunteer program
- Resources and supplies for each program
- Cost of travel to program site

Volunteers are responsible for:

- Time
- Health and Safety



Volunteers must have a minimum age of 18 years old

(16 - 17 years old can be considered for some programs with parental consent after submitting a statement of interest and attending an interview).

Volunteering Program Overview

English Teaching Programs

1. Shanghai English Teaching (SET)

- **Overview:** Oral English classes for children at schools and community centres in Shanghai and surrounding areas. Some classes also for youth in vocational training. Volunteer teams teach to 10 – 30 students per class at community centres or to 40 – 50 students per class at schools.
- **Time commitment:** Half a day per week for a minimum of 8 weeks during a school semester or a minimum of 4 half-days during the summer.
- For more information go to <https://steppingstoneschina.net/english-teaching-programs/shanghai-english-teaching/>



2. Home Classroom English Teaching

- **Overview:** This program started in February 2020, when the Covid-19 virus outbreak prevented students from attending their regular schools. Volunteers teach English online to children in groups of up to six in their homes. Volunteer coordinators - who are native Chinese speakers - are also needed to liaise with students, parents & volunteer teachers and act as a classroom assistant.
- **Time commitment:** 2 hours per week (including lesson preparation time) and a minimum of 8 weeks. Teaching schedule is flexible based on volunteers' and students' availability. A minimum of 2 half-days a week for volunteer coordinators.
- For more information go to <https://steppingstoneschina.net/teaching-online-home-classroom-program/>

3. Videolink English Teaching

- **Overview:** Online classes for children in schools and community centres in rural areas including Henan, Hunan, Anhui, and Yunnan. Volunteers teach English online to 10-15 children located in a classroom.
- **Time commitment:** 2-3 hours per week (including lesson preparation time) and a minimum of one school term (3-4 months). Teaching schedule is flexible based on volunteers' and students' availability.
- For more information go to <https://steppingstoneschina.net/english-teaching-programs/videolink-program/>



4. English Corners

- **Overview:** Volunteers lead online conversation classes with middle/high school students or local English teachers to create more opportunities for them to learn, practice and improve their English.
- **Time commitment:** Half a day per week or every other week (including preparation time) and a minimum of one school term (3-4 months).
- For more information go to <https://steppingstoneschina.net/videolink-teacher-training-rural-china/#teconline>



5. Rural Individual Volunteering

- **Overview:** Volunteers travel to schools and community centres in rural areas to teach English to rural and left-behind children. Volunteers arrange and pay for visa, insurance, meals, international transport, etc. Stepping Stones bears accommodation and domestic transportation costs.
- **Time commitment:** Volunteers teach 3-4 (40 min) lessons each day for a minimum of 3 weeks
- For more information go to <https://steppingstoneschina.net/english-teaching-programs/rural-individual-volunteering/>



6. Rural Volunteering Tours

- **Overview:** Volunteers teach English and conduct additional activities with the students at schools in rural China. This program is designed for corporate or school groups (grades 9 and above), and paid for by the company or school.
- For more information go to <https://steppingstoneschina.net/english-teaching-programs/rural-volunteering-tours/>



7. Special Educational Needs Program

- **Overview:** Volunteers teach English to autistic children or youth in Shanghai. Each class has 8 students, with several classroom helpers to assist in each classroom. Volunteers need to have at least four years of professional teaching experience
- **Time commitment:** 35-minute English lessons once a week to three classes. Minimum commitment of 8 weeks.
<https://steppingstoneschina.net/teaching-english-to-autistic-children/>



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Other Programs

1. Stepping Up Digital Literacy

- **Overview:** Online and in-person computer/life skills classes for disadvantaged children and youth in China. Volunteers need to be native Chinese-speakers.
- **Time commitment:** Half a day per week for a minimum of one school term (3-4 months) or 4-6 weeks during the summer.
- For more information go to <https://steppingstoneschina.net/stepping-up-computer-program/>



2. Summer Camps

- **Overview:** Full-day camps for children in Shanghai with courses in a variety of subjects, including English, digital literacy, arts and crafts, reading, music, drama, science, dance and environment. Volunteers need to have fluent or native level of Chinese.
- **Time commitment:** One day per week for a minimum of 4 weeks during the summer (July and August).
- For more information go to <https://steppingstoneschina.net/summercamps/>



Other ways to help

- Internships
- Office volunteer
- Website design and maintenance
- Design
- Fundraising
- Translation
- Bilingual Finance assistant
- Social Media
- **Other resources always needed!**
 - Cars & drivers
 - Promotion to international schools

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