

# 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

## Offline Programs

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## 1. Shanghai English Teaching (SET)

**Overview:** Teach oral English classes for children at schools and community centres in Shanghai. Some classes also for youth in vocational training. Volunteer teams teach to 8 – 20 students per class at community centres or to 30 – 50 students per class at schools.

**Time commitment:** Half a day per week for a minimum of 12 weeks during a school semester or 4-8 weeks during the summer. For more information go to <https://steppingstoneschina.net/english-teaching-programs/shanghai-english-teaching/>

## 2. Stepping Up Digital Literacy (SU)

**Overview:** Teach computer classes for children at schools and community centres in Shanghai. Some classes also for youth in vocational training. Volunteer teams teach to 8 – 20 students per class at community centres or to 30 – 50 students per class at schools.

**Time commitment:** Half a day per week for a minimum of 12 weeks during a school semester or 4-8 weeks during the summer. For more information go to <https://steppingstoneschina.net/stepping-up-computer-program/>





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## 3. Social Emotional Learning (SEL)

**Overview:** Teach SEL classes for children at schools and community centres in Shanghai and surrounding areas. 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 12 weeks during a school semester or 4-8 weeks during the summer.

## 4. Shanghai English Corners (SEC)

**Overview:** Volunteers lead conversation classes with local English teachers to create more opportunities for them to learn, practice and improve their English.

**Time commitment:** Half a day per week and a minimum of one school term (3-4 months). For more information go to <https://www.steppingstones.cn/teacher-training/>



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## 5. Rural Individual Volunteering (RIV)

**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 (RVT)

**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/>



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## 7. Special Educational Needs Program

**Overview:** Volunteers teach English to autistic children or youth in Shanghai. Each class has 6-10 students, with several classroom helpers to assist in each classroom. Volunteers need to have some professional teaching experience.

**Time commitment:** 35-minute English lessons once a week to three classes. Minimum commitment of 8 weeks. For more information go to <https://steppingstoneschina.net/teaching-english-to-autistic-children/>



## 8. 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 3 weeks during the summer (July and August). For more information go to <https://steppingstoneschina.net/summercamps/>

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## 1. Home Classroom

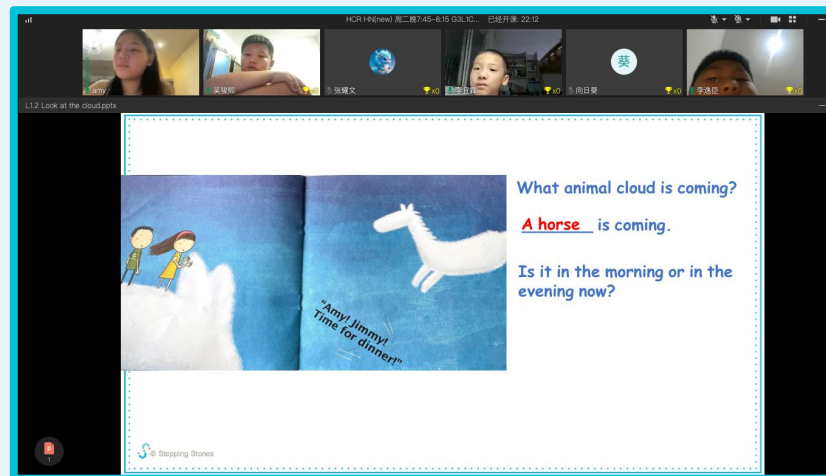
**Overview:** Volunteers teach online classes to children in groups of up to six in their homes. Volunteer coordinators - who are native Chinese speakers - are also needed to liaise with students, parents & volunteer teachers and act as a classroom assistant.

**Time commitment:** 2 hours per week (including lesson preparation time) and a minimum of 12 weeks. Summer is 6-8 weeks. For more information go to <https://steppingstoneschina.net/teaching-online-home-classroom-program/>

## 2. Rural School Videolink

**Overview:** Online classes for children in schools and community centres in rural areas including Henan, Hunan, Anhui, and Yunnan. Volunteers teach online classes to 10-50 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). For more information go to <https://steppingstoneschina.net/english-teaching-programs/videolink-program/>



# Online Programs

## 3. Online 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/#teonline>



# Other ways to help

- Internships
- Office volunteer
- Website design and maintenance
- Design
- Fundraising
- Translation
- Bilingual Finance assistant
- Social Media
- Photography/Videography

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