

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 sites

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:** Oral English classes for children at schools and community centres in Shanghai. Some classes are 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 12 weeks during a school semester or 4-8 weeks during the summer. For more information go to <https://steppingstones.cn/english-teaching-programs/shanghai-english-teaching/>

2. Stepping Up Digital Literacy (SU)

- **Overview:** Computer classes for children at schools and community centres in Shanghai. Some classes are 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 12 weeks during a school semester or 4-8 weeks during the summer. For more information go to <https://steppingstones.cn/stepping-up-computer-program/>



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3. Social Emotional Learning (SEL)

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

4. Teacher English Corners (Shanghai)

- **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

- **Overview:** Volunteers travel to schools or community centres in rural areas to teach English, SEL, or digital literacy 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://steppingstones.cn/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://steppingstones.cn/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 8 students, with several 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 in three classes. Minimum commitment of 8 weeks.
- **<https://steppingstones.cn/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, SEL, arts and crafts, reading, music, drama, science, dance and environment. Volunteers need to have a 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://steppingstones.cn/summercamps/>**

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1. Home Classroom - English or Digital Literacy

- **Overview:** Volunteers teach online classes to children in groups of up to 10 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. For more information go to <https://steppingstones.cn/teaching-online-home-classroom-program/>

2. Rural School Videolink - English or Digital Literacy

- **Overview:** Online classes for children in schools and community centres in rural areas including Henan, Hunan, Jiangxi, 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://steppingstones.cn/english-teaching-programs/videolink-program/>



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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://steppingstones.cn/videolink-teacher-training-rural-china/#teconline>



Other ways to help

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

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