International Development Opportunities

Where to Start?

CaPS – Non-Profit & International Opportunities
http://www.mcgill.ca/caps/students/explore/industry/nonprofit
Contains a list of resources for those who seek a career in international development or non-profit.

Global Affairs Canada – Development Main Page
Canada's leading agency for international development assistance. This site offers links to organizations offering jobs, volunteer overseas and internship opportunities in international development. For a list of projects: http://www.international.gc.ca/development-developpement/aidtransparency-transparenceaide/browser-banque.aspx?lang=eng

Selected Websites

Action Contre la Faim (ACF International) http://www.actioncontrelafaim.ca/
A global humanitarian organization committed to ending world hunger. Employment opportunities in food security, nutrition and health, logistics, human resources, program coordination, and more.

Africa Development Corps (ADC) http://africadevcorps.org/
Known as Visions in Action. ADC is an international development organization committed to achieving social and economic justice in the developing world through grassroots programs and communities of self-reliant volunteers. Volunteer opportunities in food security, technology, children, community, education, environmental conservation, health, human rights, etc.

African Conservation Experience (ACE) http://www.conservationafrica.net/
ACE organizes and provides enthusiastic people with the opportunity to experience wildlife and conservation in southern Africa.

AFS Intercultural Canada http://www.afscanada.org/
An international non-profit organization dedicated to global understanding and community involvement through quality international programs for youth and for adults. Projects on community service, cultural and family service, education, human rights and more.

Aga Khan Foundation Canada http://www.akfc.ca/
A non-profit international agency that supports social development programs in Asia and Africa. Employment opportunities in international development management, international microfinance and microenterprise, and media.

American Jewish World Service (AJWS) http://ajws.org/
An international development organization motivated by Judaism’s imperative to pursue justice. AJWS provides volunteer opportunities to learn, work, serve and travel in Africa, Asia and the Americas.
American Refugee Committee International (ARC) [http://www.arcrelief.org/]
An international non-profit organization that has provided humanitarian assistance and training to millions of beneficiaries. Volunteer and internship opportunities in international operations, human resources, finance and development/communications.

Amigos de las Américas [http://www.amigoslink.org/]
An international, non-profit organization that provides unparalleled leadership and community service opportunities for young people while concurrently contributing to the well-being of hundreds of communities throughout the Americas. Volunteer opportunities for community development programs in Latin America. Projects on health, environmental, technology, youth community development and more.

ATD Fourth World [http://www.atd-fourthworld.org/]
A non-governmental organization with no religious or political affiliation which engages with individuals and institutions to find solutions to eradicate extreme poverty. Volunteer opportunities in poverty and family, human rights, policy forums, human activity, rights to live on earth and more.

Balkan Sunflowers [http://www.balkansunflowers.org/]
An international grassroots organization that promotes local volunteerism and brings volunteers from around the world to work as neighbors and friends in social reconstruction and renewal. Volunteer opportunities in education, community development and more.

Bronfman Israel Experience Centre [http://www.biec.ca/]
The centre is part of the Montreal Jewish Community, in charge of the development and implementation of Israel Experience programs for Montreal youth. Opportunities to travel to Israel, leadership training programs and more.

CANADEM – Canada’s Civilian Reserve [http://www.canadem.ca/]
A non-profit agency dedicated to advancing international peace and security through the recruitment, screening, promotion and rapid mobilization of Canadian expertise. Employment placement for international development organizations.

Canada World Youth (CWY) [http://canadaworldyouth.org/]
A non-profit organization dedicated to enriching the lives of young people that have a desire to become informed and active global citizens. Volunteer work and community development in a cross-cultural setting.

Canadian Bureau for International Education (CBIE) [http://www.cbie-bcei.ca/]
A national, bilingual, not-for-profit, membership organization dedicated to the promotion of Canada’s international relations through international education. CBIE offers a list projects in international development and links to their websites.

Canadian Centre for International Studies and Cooperation (CECI) [http://www.ceci.ca]
CECI is aimed to combat poverty and exclusion. CECI builds the development capacities of disadvantaged communities and supports peace building, human rights, and equity initiatives. Volunteer opportunities in projects related to the promotion of equality, human rights, health, and economic development.

Canadian Crossroads International (CCI) [http://www.cintl.org/]
An international development organization aims to reduce poverty and increase women’s rights around the world. Volunteer opportunities in improving poverty, promoting women’s rights and more.
Canadian Palestinian Educational Exchange (CEPAL) [http://www.cepal.ca/]
CEPAL creates awareness to Canadians about the refugees’ difficult conditions in Lebanon. Volunteer opportunities in teaching English and French languages. Need to pay partial participation fee.

Canadians for Justice and Peace in the Middle East (CJPME) [http://cjpme.nationbuilder.com/]
A non-profit and secular organization bringing together men and women of all backgrounds who labour to see justice and peace take root again in the Middle East. Volunteer and internship opportunities in areas such as research, translation and others.

Cégep de Rivièr-du-Loup [http://www.cegep-rdl.qc.ca/]
A college that offers various programs to prepare individuals to act effectively abroad. Programs: Coopèrant-volontaire (CFCI) and Volet international (international development).

Centro de Intercambio y Solidaridad de El Salvador (CIS) [http://www.cis-elsalvador.org/]
CIS promotes solidarity and cultural exchange across borders between the Salvadoran people and others in the search for development and dignity. Volunteer opportunities in teaching English and more.

Chantiers jeunesse [http://www.cj.qc.ca/]
An organization promotes the development of youth by supporting community development and collaboration with partners in Quebec and abroad. Volunteer opportunities in community, environment and more.

Cross-Cultural Solutions [http://www.crossculturalsolutions.org/]
A non-profit organization that operates volunteer programs around the world in partnership with sustainable community initiatives. Volunteer and internship opportunities in caring, teaching, healthcare, community development and more.

CUSO International [http://www.cusointernational.org/]
One of the largest international development organizations in North America that works with developing world organizations and governments to identify areas of greatest need and develop strategic volunteer positions collaboratively. Long-term and short-term international volunteer opportunities in business, communications, community, education, engineering, health, natural resources, etc.

Development and Peace [http://www.devp.org/]
The official international development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada and the Canadian member of Caritas Internationalis. Supporting partners in the Global South who promote alternatives to unfair social, political and economic structures. Employment opportunities in various areas.

Developing World Connections (DWC) [http://www.developingworldconnections.org/]
DWC is a Canadian non-profit organization that connects volunteers to communities in developing nations to work on sustainable projects that better the lives of some of the world’s most impoverished people.

Doctors Without Borders / Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) [http://www.doctorswithoutborders.org/]
An international medical humanitarian organization working in more than 60 countries to assist people whose survival is threatened by violence, neglect, or catastrophe. Internship, volunteer and employment opportunities in multimedia, marketing, press, human resources, travel support, web, medical research and more.
ECO Canada - Environmental Careers Organization [https://www.eco.ca](https://www.eco.ca)
ECO Canada was established under the federal government’s Sector Council initiative to support Canada’s environment industry. Volunteer, internship and employment opportunities related to environmental issues.

**Frontier** [http://www.frontier.ac.uk/](http://www.frontier.ac.uk/)
A non-governmental organization dedicated to safeguarding biodiversity and ecosystem integrity and building sustainable livelihoods for marginalized communities in the world's poorest countries. Offering opportunities for people taking a gap year, thinking to volunteer abroad or planning an adventure travel experience.

**Frontiers Foundation** [http://frontiersfoundation.ca/](http://frontiersfoundation.ca/)
An aboriginal non-profit organization that promotes the advancement of economically and socially disadvantaged communities. Volunteer opportunities in administration, publishing, fundraising, technology and more.

A non-governmental organization committed to strengthening our global community through voluntary work overseas. Offering exchange programs to high school and college students in community development, teaching English and more.

**Global Citizens Network** [https://www.globalcitizens.org/](https://www.globalcitizens.org/)
This organization promotes the values of peace, justice, tolerance, cross-cultural understanding and global cooperation by providing opportunities for cross-cultural expeditions with indigenous peoples around the world. May require a fee to participate.

**GoEco** [http://www.goeco.org/](http://www.goeco.org/)
GoEco arranges for hundreds of Israeli and international volunteers each year to participate in ecological and humanitarian programs initiated by its' partner organizations around the world. Volunteer opportunities in wildlife conservation, education, community development, teaching and more. May require a payment.

**Habitat for Humanity** [http://www.habitat.ca/](http://www.habitat.ca/)
A non-profit organization that mobilizes volunteers and community partners building affordable housing and promoting homeownership as a means to breaking the cycle of poverty.

**Handicap International** [http://www.handicap-international.ca/](http://www.handicap-international.ca/)
A non-profit humanitarian organization focused on the issue of disability. Internship, volunteer and employment opportunities in providing assistance to disabled and other vulnerable people in Canada and around the world.

The agency enables people in the developed world to connect with people in the poorest communities on earth through compassionate giving and other opportunities to help. Volunteer opportunities in sustainable agriculture, education and literacy, emergency and rehabilitation, microfinance and more.

**HorizonCosmopolite** [http://www.horizoncosmopolite.com/](http://www.horizoncosmopolite.com/)
HorizonCosmopolite offers international education programs in more than 20 countries throughout the world. Internship programs in working with animals, environment and culture, communication, teaching, health and others.

**IAESTE – The International Association for the Exchange of Students for Technical Experience** [http://www.iaeste.org/](http://www.iaeste.org/)
A non-governmental organization in operational relationship with UNESCO, ECOSO, UNIDO and ILO. Aims to be a source of cultural enrichment for trainees and their host communities. Traineeship opportunities in the field of Science, Technology, Engineering, Agriculture, Applied Arts and others.
Institute for Human Studies at George Mason University [http://www.theihs.org/]
The institute supports the achievement of a freer society by discovering and facilitating the development of talented students, scholars, and other intellectuals who share an interest in liberty. Internship programs in journalism, public policy, civil liberties, culture, economics, environment, globalization, history, law, philosophy and more.

International Development Research Centre (IDRC) [http://www.idrc.ca/]
A Canadian Crown corporation in close collaboration with researchers from the developing world in their search for the means to build healthier, more equitable and prosperous societies. Abroad programs in agriculture and environment, information and communication technology, social and economic policy and others.

International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) [http://www.iisd.org/]
IISD is a Canadian-based, policy research institute that has a long history of conducting cutting-edge research into sustainable development. Specializing in policy research, analysis and information exchange. Offering employment opportunities.

International Partnership for Service Learning and Leadership (IPSL) [http://www.ipsl.org/]
IPSL is dedicated to engaging students, educators, and community members in the union of service and learning, so that all may become more civically engaged, inter-culturally literate, internationally aware, and responsive to the needs of others. Volunteer abroad programs in schools, orphanages, health care centers, recreational centers and more.

International Volunteer Programs in Brazil (iko poran) [http://www.ikoporancan.org/]
An association fighting against many forms of social exclusion, from the areas of ecology, education, health, artistic, cultural, scientific to social integration in Brazil. Volunteer opportunities in arts, child development, sports, teaching English, environment, media and design, health education and more.

Institute for International Cooperation and Development (IICD) [http://www.iicd-volunteer.org/]
IICD offers a unique program to people of all ages and to those with a desire to travel the world and do good at the same time. Check out their website for more information of the program.

Jenues et Société [http://www.monde.ca/]
Encourages personal and social engagement, both here in Canada and overseas. The organization offers international internships supervised by local team and collaborating with many small local community organizations who are privileged partners.

Katimavik [http://www.katimavik.org/]
Katimavik offers Canadian youth the opportunity to contribute to the sustainable development of communities across Canada through challenging volunteer service programs. Volunteer opportunities in community, teaching children, restoring heritage sites, providing companionship and more.

MATCH International Centre Women’s Fund [http://matchinternational.org/]
A Canadian women’s international organization guided by a feminist vision of sustainable development which recognizes the diverse realities of women and respects their efforts for self-determination. Volunteer opportunities in research, assistance with special events and more.

Nexos Voluntarios (NeVo) [https://nexosvoluntarios.wordpress.com/]
A non-profit organization supported by the Inter-American Development Bank to promote Peruvian development through diverse social projects. Volunteer placement in human rights, public health, business and development, community development, environmental conservation and education.
Offices jeunesse internationaux du Québec (LOJIQ) http://www.lojiq.org/
LOJIQ offers internship and intercultural opportunities for Quebecois. Opportunities in various locations (the America, Asia, France, etc.) in various areas: Architecture and urban design, community, communications and more.

Ontario Council for International Cooperation (OCIC) http://www.ocic.on.ca/
An expanding community of Ontario-based international development and global education organizations and individual associate members working globally for social justice. Internship, volunteer and employment opportunities in various areas related to international development.

Operation Crossroads Africa http://www.operationcrossroadsafrica.org/
America’s premier cross-cultural exchange programs in which young North Americans would work at the grassroots level with young Africans. The programs are designed to promote understanding of Africa and the African Diaspora. Projects: Community construction, health, agriculture, education, women’s development and more. Requires a fee.

Oxfam-Québec http://oxfam.qc.ca/
An organization supports partners and colleagues in developing countries in the design and implementation of sustainable solutions to poverty and injustice. Projects and internship opportunities in literacy and education, water and sanitation, environment, women and economic development, health, food security and more.

Peace Brigades International (PBI) http://www.peacebrigades.org/
An international NGO promotes nonviolence and protected human rights. Volunteer and international job opportunities in peace building, peach education, protective accompaniment and more.

Peace Corps http://www.peacecorps.gov
An independent U.S. government agency that provides volunteers for countries requesting assistance around the world. Volunteer opportunities in education, youth and community development, health, business, information and communication technology, agriculture, environment, food security and more.

Projects Abroad http://www.projects-abroad.org/
A volunteer and internship placement agency. Projects: Teaching, conservation and environment, sports, culture and community, archaeology, building, performing arts and more. May require a fee.

Proyecto Mosaico http://www.promosaico.org/
A German non-profit association that supports sustainable volunteer work and promotion of organizations in Central America. It provides a bridge by helping people from around the world to find volunteer work placements in one of the Partner Organizations in Central America. Volunteer opportunities in education and social work, environment and more.

PSI – Population Services International http://www.psi.org/
A global health organization with programs targeting malaria, child survival, HIV and reproductive health. Internships and employments in a variety of fields: International studies, finance, marketing, research and more.

Quebec-Labrador Foundation http://www.qlf.org/
A non-profit organization fosters long-term leadership development within individuals and communities by supporting community-based conservation initiatives. Internship and volunteer opportunities in marine species, community culture and heritage mapping, festival coordination, bilingual interpretation and more.
Québec Sans Frontières [http://www.mri.gouv.qc.ca/qsf/]
An organization that offers Quebecers international internship opportunities in Africa, Latin America, Caribbean. Programs in environment, education, social services, health, and many other areas.

Robbooker Voluntary Organization (RVO-Ghana) [http://www.robborg.org/]
RVO-Ghanan is dedicated to providing meaningful and affordable volunteer projects across the length and breath of Ghana. Volunteer and internship opportunities in community development, healthcare, orphanage, teaching, HIV education and more.

Rooftops Canada / Abri International [http://www.rooftops.ca/]
An international development program of co-operative and social housing organizations in Canada. It aims to improve housing conditions, build sustainable communities and develop a shared vision of equitable global development. Volunteer, internship and employment opportunities.

Skillshare International [http://www.skillshare.org/]
An international volunteering and development organization that works to reduce poverty, injustice, inequality and to further economic and social development in partnership with people and communities throughout the world. Volunteer opportunities in health, education, environment, economic empowerment, sports and more.

The Yellow Door [http://www.yellowdoor.org/]
A community organization offers volunteer opportunities to its constituents. It is also known as the YMCA of McGill. The organization has always espoused precepts of social justice, freedom of expression, spirituality and personal growth. Volunteer opportunities in various areas.

UNICEF promotes the equal rights of children, and to support their full participation in the political, social and economic development of their communities. Offering employment opportunities.

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) [http://www.undp.org/]
UNDP is the UN’s global development network, advocating for change and connecting countries to knowledge, experience and resources to help people build a better life. UNDP provides young development professionals opportunities to serve as development practitioners in UNDP.

United Nations Online Volunteering [http://www.onlinevolunteering.org/]
United Nations online volunteer service offers opportunities to support the activities of development organizations over the Internet including grassroots organizations, international NGOs, local governments, educational institutions and other United Nations agencies in addressing development challenges.

United Nations Volunteers (UNV) [http://www.unv.org/]
UNV contributes to peace and development through volunteerism worldwide. Volunteer opportunities in agriculture, children, civil society, culture and sports, education, emergency relief, gender issues, human rights, marginalized groups, peace and conflict resolutions and more.

UVolunteer [http://go.uvolunteer.org/]
UVolunteer offers working holidays, adventures and cultural exchange programs. Volunteer, teaching and internship opportunities in Cost Rica, Ghana and Thailand. May require a fee.
Volunteer Canada [http://www.volunteer.ca/]
The national voice for volunteerism in Canada. Volunteer opportunities in marketing, public relations, research, funding, administration and more. The site has an interactive map of volunteer centers in Canada.

Volunteers For Peace [http://www.vfp.org/]
A non-profit organization aims to work toward a more peaceful world through the promotion of International Voluntary Service (IVS) projects. Provides long-term and short-term placement in international volunteer projects.

Volunteers for International Partnership (VIP) [http://www.partnershipvolunteers.org/]
VIP offers volunteer opportunities for individuals or groups to do international community service in health, social services, environment and education. VIP charges a fee for participation.

Volunteer Forever [http://www.volunteerforever.com/]
Specialized in help volunteers find and fund volunteer-abroad trip. The organization offers programme reviews and travel articles to help volunteers discover and select the right overseas placement.

Volunteer in Belarus [http://volunteerinbelarus.org/]
Volunteer opportunities in a post-communist society in Eastern Europe – Belarus. Volunteers may combine meaningful volunteer activity and adventurous travel on the organization’s health-related programs, or volunteer at orphanages, schools, hospitals, camps, wildlife sanctuaries, cultural, and sporting events.

WorldTeach [http://www.worldteach.org/]
WorldTeach provides volunteer teachers to meet local needs and promote responsible global citizenship. Volunteer placement around the globe. Teaching opportunities a variety of subjects such as math, science, HIV awareness, and more.

World University Service of Canada (WUSC) [http://www.wusc.ca/]
A network of individuals and post-secondary institutions who believe that all peoples are entitled to the knowledge and skills necessary to contribute to a more equitable world. Volunteer, internship and employment opportunities in Canada and overseas.

World Vision Canada [http://www.worldvision.ca/]
A Christian relief, development and advocacy organization dedicated to working with children, families and communities to overcome poverty and injustice. Volunteer opportunities in reducing child poverty and injustice, improving food resources and more.

Youth Challenge International [http://www.yci.org]
A global youth development organization that promotes youth to drive positive change in local development issues across the world. Provides projects in community development, health education, environmental work and more.

World Volunteer Web is in partnership with United Nations Volunteer (UNV) to support the volunteer community by serving as a global clearinghouse for information and resources linked to volunteerism. The “Web Links” section contains a list of organizations promoting and offering volunteer opportunities.