**Volunteer opportunities**

Volunteering for the short of medium term while studying medicine is a great opportunity to be of service to the community and learn skills such as leadership, advocacy, activism, social justice and public speaking. You also get to meet people outside medicine and often develop long term associations. While most of these organisations are based in Tasmania and involve local people they often involve global issues- truly acting locally and thinking globally.

**Tasmanian Volunteer Opportunities**

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| **Organisation** | **Function** | **Contact** | **Web** |
| Volunteering Tasmania | Links interested individuals with appropriate volunteering opportunities. See the ‘volunteer connect’ tab on website. | 1800 677 895 | www.volunteeringtas.org |
| Oaktree | Oaktree is young people working to end extreme poverty. Oaktree works in three ways: 1. raises awareness about extreme poverty in Australia because movements need widespread public support, compelling experiences and storytelling helps us educate and inspire. 2. fundraises to work with local organisations that directly tackle poverty overseas. Education is the most powerful tool to help break the poverty cycle for our peers across the Asia-Pacific, so that one day soon, they'll lift their communities out of extreme poverty too. 3. influences policy change by ensuring Australia's leaders take action to end poverty. Just like us, our decision makers are human. We aim to connect them with the diversity of our movement to influence policy change.  Oaktree is Australia's largest youth-run organisation with over 150,000 members | Emilee Freeman | Tasmanian Director | [e.freeman@oaktree.org](mailto:e.freeman@oaktree.org) | <http://www.oaktree.org/> |
| Australian Red Cross | Australian Red Cross has many volunteer opportunites. Please contact the office to see what is available. It is also possible to volunteer with migrant support services if you are interested in cross-cultural experiences. New volunteers are required to complete a police check and volunteer induction before commencement. | Migrant Support Services: Mandy Bevan: [abevan@redcross.org.au](mailto:abevan@redcross.org.au); ph: 6235 6089  General volunteer enquiries: 6231 1250 | www.australianredcross.org.au |
| RESULTS | RESULTS is an international NGO that uses advocacy and campaigning to see the of extreme poverty |  | http://www.results.org.au/ |
| Tasmanian Centre for Global Learning (A fairer World) | The Tasmanian Centre for Global Learning empowers schools and the Tasmanian community to take action for social justice, peace and a sustainable world future. | 4 Battery Square, Battery Point, Tasmania 7004, AUSTRALIA  **Phone:** +61 3 6223 1025 | http://www.afairerworld.org/ |
| Migrant Resource Centre | Possible volunteering opportunities with migrant communities in Tasmania | Ph: 6221 0999 | www.mrchobart.org.au |
| IMPACT | IMPACT is the Australian Medical School Association-endorsed society of the University of Tasmania, aimed at promoting awareness of and activism for issues regarding global health and social justice. | [impact.utas@gmail.com](mailto:impact.utas@gmail.com)  Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/IMPACTuta | http://www.makeanimpact.org.au/ |
| ISSUE | ISSUE’s fundamental aims are to educate, connect and support the future leaders of this globe | info@theissuefoundation.org | <http://www.theissuefoundation.org/> |
| Care for Africa | Based in Launceston |  | <http://www.careforafrica.org.au/> |
| Common Ground | Assisting with support of the homeless | [nick.cooling@utas.edu.au](mailto:nick.cooling@utas.edu.au) | http://www.commongroundtas.com.au/ |
| Menzies | Volunteer program including clinical trials, clerical and fundraising | [Kathy.Thomson@utas.edu.au](mailto:Kathy.Thomson@utas.edu.au) |  |
| Centacare | Possible volunteer opportunities with vulnerable populations and humanitarian entrants to Australia. | Contact: [centacare.hobart@aoh.tas.org.au](mailto:centacare.hobart@aoh.tas.org.au) Attention: Akia  Ph: 6278 1660 | www.centacaretas.org.au |
| Teddy Bear Hospital | Medical students teaching primary school kids about hospitals and the role of doctors | Contact Dr Judi Errey at UTAS  [judi.errey@utas.edu.au](mailto:judi.errey@utas.edu.au) | <http://www.teddybearhospital.org.au/> |
| Visiting International Student Buddy Program | Every year UTAS hosts around 40 visiting medical students for electives or longer term clinical clerkships. Some of these students are from our highly valued  partner universities in Indonesia (UNDANA), Sweden (Lund), Brazil (EMESCAM) and Fiji (FNU) where student exchanges have been occurring for many years.  Buddies are needed to host our visiting students and assist in linking them into teaching activities, and showing them some of the social and cultural aspects of Tasmania. Accommodation is already provided and all clinical placement organisation is done by the school of medicine. If you have been overseas you will know the value of having someone show you around –and understand the local lingo and ‘best places to visit’. | Dr Nick Cooling:  [nick.cooling@utas.edu.au](mailto:nick.cooling@utas.edu.au) |  |

**International Volunteer Opportunities**

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| Volunteer Eco Students Abroad | See website for details | info@vesabroad.org.au | www.vesabroad.org.au |
| Australian Youth Ambassadors for Development | 4-12 month placements for Australians 18-30 years old. See website for volunteer positions offered |  | www.ayad.com.au |
| Issue Foundation | Each year the Issue foundation conducts volunteer activities overseas, usually in Masaka, Uganda. Please contact them for eligibility. |  | http://www.theissuefoundation.org/ |
| New Hope  The Helen Bonner Clinic | Primary Care Clinic in Cambodia | Contact: Dr Ian Ferguson ([ian68.ferguson@gmail.com](mailto:ian68.ferguson@gmail.com)), a British GP who is currently a "volunteer with a view Jodi Bonar is the Nurse Manager - who actually arranges student placements, etc | <http://www.newhopecambodia.com/> |
| Lalapaz Foundation |  | info@villalapazfoundation.org | [http://www.villalapazfoundation.org](http://www.villalapazfoundation.org/) |