International Development, Humanitarian Aid & Emergency Relief Work
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Working in International Development

Individuals involved in international development work alongside people in the developing world in many fields. Roles within these fields are varied, covering finance, administration, counselling, advocacy, legal work etc. Many different organisations are involved in International Development from the UN and the World Bank to small non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in countries all around the world.

It is important to consider whether you would want to be based in the field or working at head office /regional offices. Types of roles to consider include practitioner (offering skills from a profession such as teaching, engineering etc.), working on policy development and programmes administration, advisory roles in the field, or advocating, campaigning and lobbying for a particular cause and seeking financial and practical assistance.

Working in Humanitarian Aid

Humanitarian relief work is being seen in the context of planning for and providing assistance during human-made (violent conflict, hazardous substance spillages, transport accidents) and natural disasters (earthquakes, storms, floods, volcanic eruptions) and emergencies.

Activities in emergency situations include: the provision of food and water, shelter, medical/healthcare services, transport, restoration of infrastructure (including water and power), provision for and if necessary evacuation of survivors. The demand for front-line workers will to some extent be dictated by the type of emergency/disaster and location in the world.

Those working in the field have to be prepared for personal hardship both physical and emotional and may be working under very difficult circumstances including a lack of communications. It can involve working in hostile environments and there may be personal safety and security issues. There is a need for cultural sensitivity and the ability to adapt to
working within the traditions and ways of working of a particular country/region.

Humanitarian and emergency relief work may call for highly specific skills and experience and usually involves short-term assignments.

Some organisations in the sector may be involved in both emergency aid/relief work offering immediate assistance and undertake longer term humanitarian work beyond the initial emergency phase which could be considered to encompass development work.

How do you start your career in this sector?
As a starting point look at the International Aid/ Development Worker job description on the Prospects website www.prospects.ac.uk/international_aid_development_worker_job_description.htm

This area of work is very competitive and it is essential that you have a good mix of qualifications and work experience. In many cases overseas experience is critically important. Broad information about job hunting overseas can be found on our website www.manchester.ac.uk/careers/findjobs/where/overseas

Try to get as much work experience as you can while you are at University, both in this country and overseas. Try to do some work (usually voluntarily) which ties in with the work you want to do in the future – be it water engineering or human rights campaigning.

If you are looking for an NGO in a specific sector or country this is a great worldwide directory www.wango.org/
Ways to Gain Experience

Volunteering is the main way of building valuable experience in the sector. Without any voluntary experience it can be difficult to demonstrate your motivations and rationale for wanting to work in this area. Rather than applied for international work straight away, it is much easier and more realistic to find volunteering experience locally. This enables you to build your skills, develop your interests and motivations for a career in this area, and has the added benefit of supporting the local community where you live. By starting small, and building your volunteering experience overtime, you will build the relevant skills that are transferrable to an international setting.

The University has information on volunteering internationally, for more information on the University’s flagship project Team Uganda, and international trusted partner’s scheme visit www.volunteers.manchester.ac.uk/volunteer-community-engagement/international-volunteering/

Volunteering Hub lists volunteering opportunities advertised through the University www.find-volunteering.manchester.ac.uk/

Manchester Community Central offer many opportunities to work with vulnerable people in Manchester whilst you study, you can find information on a wide range of community organisations that advertise jobs and volunteering opportunities www.manchestercommunitycentral.org/

Internships are offered by many of the larger international non-governmental organisations (INGOs) such as Oxfam, Christian Aid, Save the Children, Plan International but these are dependent on funding and will not be open every year. These are very competitive but can offer a chance to gain valuable experience, sometimes overseas, and to get to
know the sector better. Building up a strong record of volunteering ahead of applying for internships, will support your internship application

**International Citizen Service** enables you to undertake a 10-12 week work placement, working with other volunteers for an international charity and alongside local community partners in one of eight countries

[www.volunteerics.org/](http://www.volunteerics.org/)

**Royal Voluntary Service** offers a wide range of volunteering opportunities in hospitals, at home and in the community

[www.royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk](http://www.royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk)

**VSO (Voluntary Service Overseas)** is an international development charity that supports young professionals with 3 years’ work experience wanting to volunteer overseas

[www.vso.org.uk](http://www.vso.org.uk)

**University curricular & extra-curricular opportunities**

**University College of Interdisciplinary Learning (UCIL)** offer a range of undergraduate units which you can select as part of your degree programme and can help you to get an insight into international development fields

[www.college.manchester.ac.uk/](http://www.college.manchester.ac.uk/)

**UCIL also offer a Leadership in Action** course comprising of five separate units to choose from as part of an undergraduate degree and Volunteering with a range of hours resulting in different Bronze, Silver & Gold Manchester Leadership Programme Awards. For more information

[www.college.manchester.ac.uk/mlp/](http://www.college.manchester.ac.uk/mlp/)

**Stellify Award** You must complete an ethical grand challenge in every year of your studies, plus 40 hours of volunteering (nationally or internationally) and then take on two leadership roles based within the University, for full eligibility and criteria visit

[www.stellify.manchester.ac.uk/stellify-activities](http://www.stellify.manchester.ac.uk/stellify-activities)
Further Qualifications and Postgraduate Study

Further qualifications are available at many universities in this country and globally, offering a wide range of courses covering general and specific subjects within International Development. There are a number of UK university programmes on offer including Masters in a range of subjects/disciplines related to the sector. See these websites for listings of postgraduate courses [www.prospects.ac.uk](http://www.prospects.ac.uk), [www.findamasters.com](http://www.findamasters.com) and [www.findaphd.com](http://www.findaphd.com).

The University of Manchester offer a range of courses in this area, for more details visit

The Global Development Institute (GDI) is the largest dedicated development research and teaching institute in Europe. GDI is committed to addressing global poverty and inequality, by uniting the strengths of the Institute for Development Policy and Management and the Brooks World Poverty Institute
[www.gdi.manchester.ac.uk/](http://www.gdi.manchester.ac.uk/)

The Humanitarian and Conflict Response Institute (HCRI) has a range of study and research opportunities in the fields of humanitarianism, conflict responses, global health, international disaster management and peacebuilding
[www.hcri.manchester.ac.uk/](http://www.hcri.manchester.ac.uk/)

Gaining Insight into the Sector

Careerslink, our online database lists events, activities and job opportunities. Log on regularly to check what’s coming up each semester [www.manchester.ac.uk/careerslink](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/careerslink)

Relevant events that will be listed on Careerslink include our Third Sector Club speaker series, which runs across the academic year and invites representatives from the charity sector to talk about career paths, opportunities and advice for breaking in.
We also run the ‘Getting Started in International Development and Humanitarian Aid’ day in Semester 2 each year where experts working in the field talk about their experiences of working in International Development and routes into the sector. There is an opportunity to ask questions and talk to members of the panel.

The HCRI run a careers event once a year for current and prospective students, giving an insight into different career paths. The GDI run a speaker series from professionals in the field designed to develop awareness around key issues.

You could also look at The University of Manchester alumni on LinkedIn and see what jobs past graduates are doing now and contact them to find out more. Also use The Manchester Network to connect with over 3,000 University of Manchester Alumni to start asking questions and getting advice about your next move. www.network.manchester.ac.uk/

**International Aid and Development Charities**

Listed below is a range of the large, established international development charities, that have a global reach and with opportunities to volunteer. Entry into some of these organisations can be very competitive so you may want to consider applying for entry level administrative roles or researching smaller international development charities to start building your experience.

- ActionAid International [www.actionaid.org](http://www.actionaid.org)
- Action Against Hunger [www.actionagainsthunger.org](http://www.actionagainsthunger.org)
- British Red Cross [www.redcross.org.uk](http://www.redcross.org.uk)
- Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (CAFOD) [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk)
- Christian Aid [www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk)
- Concern Worldwide [www.concern.net](http://www.concern.net)
- Islamic Relief [www.islamic-relief.com](http://www.islamic-relief.com)
- Mercy Corps [www.mercycorps.org.uk](http://www.mercycorps.org.uk)
- OXFAM [www.oxfam.org.uk](http://www.oxfam.org.uk)
- Plan [www.plan-uk.org](http://www.plan-uk.org)
- Salvation Army [www.salvationarmy.org.uk/id](http://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/id)
- Save the Children [www.savethechildren.org.uk](http://www.savethechildren.org.uk)
- Tearfund [www.tearfund.org](http://www.tearfund.org)
- Unicef [www.unicef.org.uk](http://www.unicef.org.uk)
- War Child [www.warchild.org.uk](http://www.warchild.org.uk)
- World Jewish Relief [www.wjr.org.uk](http://www.wjr.org.uk)
- World Vision UK [www.worldvision.org.uk](http://www.worldvision.org.uk)

**Vacancy Sources**

- **Bond** has a database of jobs in international development that can be filtered by salary but not job level  
  [www.bond.org.uk/jobs-all](http://www.bond.org.uk/jobs-all)
- **Development Aid** advertises internships and full time jobs but you need to be a member to unlock most of the opportunities  
  [www.developmentaid.org](http://www.developmentaid.org)
- **Devnet Jobs** advertises global job opportunities but has more experienced hire roles than entry level positions  
  [www.devnetjobs.org](http://www.devnetjobs.org)
- **Devex** has a database of jobs including voluntary, internships and entry level positions across the globe  
  [www.devex.com](http://www.devex.com)
- **ELDIS** has a list of jobs but there are no advanced search options. Information about different development sectors including country profiles and development resource guides are also listed  
  [www.eldis.org/go/jobs](http://www.eldis.org/go/jobs)
- **Ethical Jobs** is a Careers Service online subscription. Access passwords for this site via CareersLink. Login - go to resources and links in the sidebar -subscriptions and "Access to specialist websites for Students and Alumni"  
  [www.manchester.ac.uk/careerslink](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/careerslink)
- **Idealist** includes jobs, internship and volunteering opportunities as well as careers advice articles  
  [www.idealist.org](http://www.idealist.org)
- **Impact Pool** is a recruitment agency that advertises internships and jobs opportunities across the social impact sector including positions in the UN, Unicef etc. Note: some internships are not paid.  
  [www.impactpool.org/](http://www.impactpool.org/)

- **ReliefWeb** is a useful website for looking for jobs across the globe which can be searched by level of experience. Lots of useful news reports and updates.  
  [www.reliefweb.int](http://www.reliefweb.int)

- **Stopdodo** is a global portal for environmental, sustainability and ethical jobs which can filtered by job entry level  
  [www.stopdodo.com](http://www.stopdodo.com)

- **The Guardian** is a British news site with an international job vacancy board  
  [https://jobs.theguardian.com/](http://https://jobs.theguardian.com/)

- **The Independent** is a British news site with a job vacancy board  
  [https://independentjobs.independent.co.uk/](http://https://independentjobs.independent.co.uk/)

- **Third Sector** for jobs covering the charitable sector across the UK  
  [www.thirdsector.co.uk](http://www.thirdsector.co.uk)

- **WSE** is an international development jobs lists individual charity websites where jobs maybe listed and international development consultancies  
  [www.wse.org.uk/work/job.htm](http://www.wse.org.uk/work/job.htm)
Research Centres/Institutes and Think Tanks

If you are interested in research into development studies or campaigning and lobbying, have a look through these sites and see what are the headline issues.

- **Centre for Global Development** has offices in Washington (USA) and London and they do take on interns which are advertised on the website when available. Its purpose is to reduce global poverty through innovative economic research
  [www.cgdev.org](http://www.cgdev.org)

- **Global Development Institute (GDI)** is based at The University of Manchester and was created from the Brooks World Poverty Institute and the Institute for Development & Policy Management. It is considered a world leading research institute
  [www.gdi.manchester.ac.uk/](http://www.gdi.manchester.ac.uk/)

- **Global Development Network (GDN)** is based in India. It is a network of research and policy institutes. They recruit candidates on a freelance basis, translators, copy writers and professional proof readers
  [www.gdnet.org](http://www.gdnet.org)

- **International Development Research Centre** supports research in developing countries to create lasting change. There are student opportunities occasionally advertised
  [www.idrc.ca](http://www.idrc.ca)

- **International Centre for Trade & Sustainable Development (ICTSD)**
  The goal of the organisation, which is based in Switzerland, is to advance sustainable development through trade related policymaking. Internships and voluntary opportunities exist within the organisation
  [http://ictsd.net](http://ictsd.net)

- **International Food Policy Research Institute** provides solutions to reduce poverty and end hunger in developing countries. A limited number of internships are advertised throughout the year
  [www.ifpri.org](http://www.ifpri.org)
- INTRAC (International NGO Training & Research Centre) influences policy, strategy and practice related to civil society and provides capacity building and advisory services
  [www.intrac.org](http://www.intrac.org)

- International Institute for Environment & Development (IIED) promotes sustainable development to improve livelihoods and to protect the environment. There are a limited number of internships each year
  [www.iied.org](http://www.iied.org)

- International Institute for Sustainable Development is an independent think tank promoting human development and environmental sustainability
  [www.iisd.org](http://www.iisd.org)

- London International Development Centre is a research centre that is a consortium of seven University of London institutions. Sector related information events are advertised on their website
  [www.lidc.org.uk](http://www.lidc.org.uk)

- Overseas Development Institute (ODI) is a global think tank that covers a wide range of development and humanitarian issues
  [www.odi.org.uk](http://www.odi.org.uk)

- South Centre is an Intergovernmental Organisation of Developing Countries with headquarters in Switzerland
  [www.southcentre.org](http://www.southcentre.org)

- World Press.org is an index of international think tanks and research organisations
  [www.worldpress.org/library/ngo.cfm](http://www.worldpress.org/library/ngo.cfm)
UK Government and International Organisations
This section includes websites of organisations working at government level, nationally and internationally.

- **Department for International Development (DFID)** UK Government Department working to promote sustainable development and eliminate world poverty. DFID have a graduate scheme called The Talent Scheme which usually opens each year for recruitment [www.dfid.gov.uk](http://www.dfid.gov.uk)

- **European Commission** lists key priorities and policies for its member states. The website includes lots of information for developing your knowledge on key issues and strategic responses [http://ec.europa.eu](http://ec.europa.eu)

- **European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations** provide assistance to affected countries and populations following a disaster or humanitarian emergency. There are job opportunities for experienced humanitarian workers to be based in the field and there is a structured EU Aid volunteer programme [http://ec.europa.eu/echo/index_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/echo/index_en.htm)

- **The European Union External Action (EEAS)** is the EU’s diplomatic Service. They offer on average 60 paid traineeships each year. There are two intakes each year and the traineeships last five months. See website for further details [http://eeas.europa.eu](http://eeas.europa.eu)

- **The Commonwealth** is an association of over 50 independent states has a paid two year Young Professional Programme based at the Head Office in London. For more details go to [www.thecommonwealth.org/youngprofessionals](http://www.thecommonwealth.org/youngprofessionals)

- **United Nations (UN)** takes action on the issues confronting humanity, such as peace and security, climate change, sustainable development, human rights, disarmament, terrorism, humanitarian and health emergencies, gender equality, governance, food production, and more [www.un.org](http://www.un.org)
- **UN Careers Portal** gives details on the Young Professionals Programme, the Junior Professional Office programme, the Internship programme and the Volunteer programme alongside other vacancies

- **UN Agencies**, including UNDP and UNICEF, have their own websites and this can be found via the main UN site. The individual sites provide details of recruitment including internships. The Junior Professional Officer (JPO) Programme is administered by the JPO Service Centre for a number of UN agencies including the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
  [www.jposc.org](http://www.jposc.org)

- **United Nations Volunteers (UNV) Programme**
  [www.unvolunteers.org](http://www.unvolunteers.org)

### Human Rights

Working in human rights is about protecting and promoting basic and fundamental rights, and is a broad multi-disciplinary field. The Human Rights Work starting point booklet is available to collect from the Careers Service or to download from [www.manchester.ac.uk/careers/startingpoints](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/careers/startingpoints)

- **Amnesty International** is a campaigning organisation working to protect human rights worldwide. They offer volunteering and campaigning opportunities and Manchester Students’ Union has a society you can join
  [www.amnesty.org.uk](http://www.amnesty.org.uk)

- **Advocates for International Development (A4ID)** provide legal advice to those engaged in the fight against global poverty. They run a blog which welcomes student contributions
  [www.a4id.org](http://www.a4id.org)

- **British Institute of Human Rights** provides people with information about human rights and are experts in communicating this through blogs, policy briefings, campaigns and media commentary. They
offer opportunities to help fundraising, events and news
www.bihr.org.uk/

- **Human Rights Lawyers Association** is open to all connected with the law who have an interest in human rights law in the UK. They run annual careers days for those interested in finding out more www.hrla.org.uk/

- **Human Rights Watch** is a non-profit, nongovernmental human rights international organisation focused on reporting, effective use of media and targeted advocacy, often in partnership with local groups. There are internship and volunteering opportunities advertised internationally http://hrw.org

**Emergency Relief**
Emergency aid or relief is the rapid assistance given to communities in immediate distress following crises and emergencies such as natural disasters. Many organisations also follow up the immediate crises and offer long term support to rebuild communities.

- **ACTED** provides aid to populations affected by crisis, using an approach which links emergency, rehabilitation and development to ensure interventions in a situation of crisis are useful and sustainable in the long term www.acted.org

- **CARE International UK** work in 79 developing countries, saving lives in emergencies and finding long term solutions to poverty. Vacancies, event volunteering and opportunities to get involved in fundraising are posted on their website www.careinternational.org.uk

- **Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC)** brings together 14 leading UK aid agencies to raise money at times of humanitarian crisis in poorer countries. Vacancies, volunteering and opportunities to get involved in fundraising are posted on their website www.dec.org.uk
International Rescue Committee UK (IRC – UK) operates in 30 countries, helping communities to survive conflict, rebuild and recover from war and natural disaster. They focus on barriers faced by women and girls. Limited internships are available in international and US based programs 
www.rescue.org

International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) is the world’s largest humanitarian and development network focused on disaster response and recovery, development and promoting social inclusion and peace. Internships are advertised for current students and recent graduates 
www.ifrc.org

Map Action gathers data at the disaster scene creating operational plans for aid agencies, governments and partners. They recruit volunteers once a year 
https://mapaction.org/

Medair is a humanitarian organisation inspired by Christian faith, assisting in crises, helping communities recover and leaving a lasting impact. Volunteering opportunities are offered at various locations, including at the UK office 
www.medair.org/

Shelterbox provides emergency shelter and lifesaving supplies. Opportunities to volunteer in local communities are available 
www.shelterbox.org

UN International Strategy for Disaster Reduction aims to reduce the damage caused by natural hazards like earthquakes, floods, droughts and cyclones through an ethic of prevention 
www.unisdr.org
Conflict Resolution and Peace Building

Peacebuilding is a process that considers how to prevent as well as resolve conflicts, and building sustainable peace for the future. These websites will provide a starting point for you to explore the area.

- **International Crisis Group** is an independent organisation working to prevent wars and shape policies that will build a more peaceful world. They offer internships and volunteering for recent undergraduates and postgraduate students
  [www.crisisgroup.org](http://www.crisisgroup.org)

- **International Alert** focus on solving the root causes of conflict from policy level down to grassroots. They run ‘Conflict Cafes’ and peace talks for people to discuss issues and you can sign up for updates on their website
  [www.international-alert.org](http://www.international-alert.org)

- **Mines Advisory Group (MAG)** is a global humanitarian and advocacy organisation, based in Manchester that finds, removes and destroys landmines, cluster munitions and unexploded bombs from places affected by conflict. Opportunities to volunteer are available
  [www.maginternational.org](http://www.maginternational.org)

- **Saferworld** is an independent international organisation working to prevent violent conflict and build safer lives. Vacancies and internships are advertised
  [www.saferworld.org.uk](http://www.saferworld.org.uk)

- **The UN** has a [Department of Peace Operations](https://peacekeeping.un.org/en/department-of-peace-operations), although vacancies are advertised on the main UN Careers website
Refugees
There are a wide variety of organisations that help assist refugees in many different areas, such as providing practical legal advice, through to developing policy and advocating for change. There are local charities you can contact to help those seeking asylum in the UK.

- **Asylum Aid** is a charity assisting refugees in the UK through providing legal advice and representation, as well as policy and campaigns work. Volunteer opportunities are sometimes available [www.asylumaid.org.uk/](http://www.asylumaid.org.uk/)

- **European Council on Refugees and Exiles (ECRE)** is an umbrella organisation of over 100 NGOs across 41 countries covering legal support and litigation, legal and policy research, advocacy and communication [www.ecre.org](http://www.ecre.org)

- **Refugee Action** is a charity offering support and advice for refugees and asylum seekers. Various projects and volunteering opportunities occur through their Greater Manchester office and other cities across the UK [www.refugee-action.org.uk/](http://www.refugee-action.org.uk/)

- **Refugee Council** is a charity offering support and advice for refugees and asylum seekers. Volunteer opportunities are advertised across the UK [www.refugeecouncil.org.uk](http://www.refugeecouncil.org.uk)

- **United Nations Refugees Agency (UNHCR)** is dedicated to building a better future for refugees. Internships are available for recent graduates or current students with two years of undergraduate studies in a relevant field [www.unhcr.org/uk/](http://www.unhcr.org/uk/)
Development Economics and Finance

Development economics focuses on understanding and promoting the development of low-income countries through economic growth and structural change. A strong foundation in economics is required before you specialise in development economics.

Most of the organisations listed in this section offer internships and some offer the Young Professionals Program (YPP) which is an entry-level recruitment program. Some of these opportunities are open to undergraduates and graduates, but the majority are only open to those who are undertaking or have completed Master courses and PhD’s. They all have varying eligibility requirements, often including a number of years of work experience in a relevant field.

Intergovernmental and Regional Organisations

- **European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)** helps businesses and economies thrive through investment [www.ebrd.com](http://www.ebrd.com)
- **Organisation for Economic Cooperation & Development (OECD)** promotes policies that will improve the economic and social well-being of people around the world [www.oecd.org](http://www.oecd.org)
- **International Finance Corporation** (part of the World Bank Group) is the largest global development institution focused on the private sector [www.ifc.org](http://www.ifc.org)
- **International Monetary Fund’s** (IMF) primary purpose is to ensure the stability of the international monetary system [www.imf.org](http://www.imf.org)
- **UN Economic & Social Council** (ECOSOC) is the central platform for fostering debate and innovative thinking in the three dimensions of sustainable development – economic, social and environmental [www.un.org/en/ecosoc](http://www.un.org/en/ecosoc)
Multilateral Development Banks
A multilateral development bank (MDB) is an institution, created by a group of countries, which provides financing and professional advising for the purpose of development.

- African Development Bank Group [www.afdb.org](http://www.afdb.org)
- Asian Development Bank [www.adb.org](http://www.adb.org)
- European Investment Bank [www.eib.org](http://www.eib.org)
- Inter-American Development Bank [www.iadb.org](http://www.iadb.org)
- The Islamic Development Bank Group [www.isdb.org](http://www.isdb.org)

Other useful links
- **World Economic Forum** is useful for news, reports and events [www.weforum.org](http://www.weforum.org)
- **The Microfinance Gateway** is a resource for career development opportunities, including internships, in microfinance and financial inclusion [www.microfinancegateway.org](http://www.microfinancegateway.org)
- **Career in Economics Development** is a useful blog covering insights into starting your career [www.danrooger.com/teaching.html](http://www.danrooger.com/teaching.html)

Communications, Media, and Technology
This specialism focuses on the use of communication and technology to address development issues. Gaining experience and in some cases undertaking further study, in media broadly, before specialising in development is a typical route into this area.

- **BBC Media Action** aims to transform lives through media around the world. It is an independent charity which is involved in creating programmes, running training and mentoring for other journalists and making change through policy, legislation and regulations. You can look for work experience and jobs here [www.bbc.co.uk/mediaaction](http://www.bbc.co.uk/mediaaction)
- **Centre for Development Informatics** is a University of Manchester multidisciplinary centre researching the role of information and communication technologies (ICTs) in socio-economic development. They offer taught master’s study and postgraduate research [www.cdi.manchester.ac.uk/](http://www.cdi.manchester.ac.uk/)

**Technology related**

You may come across the term ICT4D in your research, which stands for Information and Communication Technologies for Development. This refers to the application of ICT toward social, economic, and political development

- **Computer Aid International** is a non-for-profit social enterprise that empowers communities through technology [www.computeraid.org](http://www.computeraid.org)
- **GIS Corps** has opportunities for qualified GIS professionals to volunteer for short term projects [http://giscorps.org](http://giscorps.org)
- **infoDev** is a World Bank Group programme which promotes entrepreneurship and innovation. This includes innovation and resources to support climate technology, agribusiness and digital startups in development countries [www.infodev.org](http://www.infodev.org)
- **Practical Action** aim to provide people living in or vulnerable to poverty access to technology to improve their lives [www.practicalaction.org](http://www.practicalaction.org)
- **Tech Trust** offers tips, advice and guidance on technology for the charity sector. They work with 32,000 charities across the UK [https://tech-trust.org/](https://tech-trust.org/)
Environment and Conservation

These websites tackle different issues relating to conservation and the environment offering information and discussion. The Earth Science and Environmental starting point booklet is available to collect from the Careers Service or to download from

www.manchester.ac.uk/careers/startingpoints

- **Conservation International** focuses on a range of topics including ecosystems, biodiversity and human wellbeing. There is a job vacancies page with global opportunities
  
  www.conservation.org

- **CropLife International** works to support and advance sustainable agriculture. Good for information on this issue
  
  www.croplife.org

- **Environmental Data Services (ENDS)** includes links to the ENDS Directory of Consultants and ENDS Jobsearch. There is a lot of sector specific information published here and the opportunity to search the database for environmental consultancies alongside a broad jobs portal
  
  www.ends.co.uk

- **International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)** is an environmental network of both government and charitable organisations. Global vacancies are advertised from internships through to experienced hires
  
  http://cms.iucn.org

- **Rainforest Alliance** conserves forests and supports sustainable livelihoods through a range of partners from business, to farmers to consumers. There are job opportunities globally but focusses on experienced hire positions
  
  www.rainforest-alliance.org

- **World Wildlife Fund (WWF)** covers all aspects of the environment. They advertise a structured 3-6 month volunteer/internship experience in a variety of locations worldwide, alongside a range of global job opportunities
  
  www.panda.org
Medicine, Health, Disability and Well-being

If your speciality is medical these websites will provide you with a rich source of information and ideas from organisations which will inspire you.

- **ADD International (Action on Disability and Development)** work in Africa and Asia to support disability activists access tools and resources. Research reports are available to download [www.add.org.uk](http://www.add.org.uk)
- **Bill & Melissa Gates Foundation** help to address poverty, disease and educational inequality. Organisation has a global reach but job opportunities are US based [www.gatesfoundation.org](http://www.gatesfoundation.org)
- **Direct Relief International** is an organisation providing medical assistance [www.directrelief.org](http://www.directrelief.org)
- **EMERGENCY UK** is a charity supporting health care projects in conflict/post conflict areas [www.emergencyuk.org](http://www.emergencyuk.org)
- **Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN)** tackles human suffering caused by malnutrition. There is a careers page which advertises vacancies and gives information on career development and working life in GAIN [www.gainhealth.org](http://www.gainhealth.org)
- **HelpAge International** is a global network of organisations promoting the rights of older people [www.helpage.org](http://www.helpage.org)
- **Healthright International** leverages global resources to address local health challenges. Broadly, the organisation deploys healthcare professionals (doctors, psychologists, social workers) to areas of need. Intern positions have been advertised to work in the head office in New York [www.healthright.org](http://www.healthright.org)
- **International HIV/AIDS Alliance** supports community groups in countries most affected by HIV/AIDS. The head office is in Brighton and has a range of support office functions and vacancies [www.aidsalliance.org](http://www.aidsalliance.org)

- **International Medical Corps (IMC)** provides training and delivers emergency healthcare and related services to those affected by conflict, disaster and disease. They advertise head office roles in the US, international opportunities and have a volunteer programme [https://internationalmedicalcorps.org/](https://internationalmedicalcorps.org/)

- **International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF)** is based in London and delivers sexual and reproductive healthcare services around the world as well as fighting for sexual rights. There are a limited number of internships available through the year with this organisation [www.ippf.org](http://www.ippf.org)

- **LEPRA Health in Action** is a specialist charity working to beat leprosy, based in Colchester. There are opportunities to volunteer and paid jobs at the head office [www.leprahealthinaction.org](http://www.leprahealthinaction.org)

- **Malaria Consortium** offer a wide range of services from community delivery to digital health strategies to research and capacity building [www.malariaconsortium.org](http://www.malariaconsortium.org)

- **Management Sciences for Health** help to build strong and resilient health systems. Internships opportunities get advertised on their website when available [www.msh.org](http://www.msh.org)

- **Médecins Sans Frontières - MSF (Doctors without Borders)** provides medical aid with projects in over 70 countries [www.doctorswithoutborders.org](http://www.doctorswithoutborders.org)

- **Sightsavers** is an international charity working to eliminate avoidable blindness and promote the rights of people with disabilities in over 30 countries [www.sightsavers.org](http://www.sightsavers.org)

- **World Health Organisation (WHO)** works with 194 member states and is committed to achieving better health for everyone. It offers a
structured internship programme but it is unpaid  
www.who.int

- **Womankind Worldwide** is helping women in developing countries to address their rights  
  www.womankind.org.uk

### Infrastructure and Shelter

Use these websites to find out how you can use your engineering, planning and technical expertise to work alongside people in the developing world.

- **Engineers Without Borders** runs initiatives in the UK and around the world to inspire people to become engineers and make positive contributions and global citizens  
  www.ewb-uk.org

- **Private Sector** firms, such as Deloitte, Mott MacDonald  
  www.mottmac.com/careers/international-development and WYG  
  https://www.wyg.com/ operate in international development

- **RedR** runs training for engineers and other professionals wishing to work on humanitarian programmes  
  www.redr.org.uk

- **Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI)** runs the **International Development Network (IDN)** which is a free networking and information resource for people with an interest in planning and international development. It is open to all whether you are an RTPI member or not  
  www.rtpi.org.uk

- **The Institution of Civil Engineers** sometimes runs events and conferences on working in International Development. Watch a recorded webinar of their latest event here  
  www.ice.org.uk/eventarchive/engineers-for-international-development-conference
Trade
These websites will provide information about organisations who tackle development issues through the promotion of fair and ethical trading.

- **Consumers International** is a membership organisation for consumer groups around the world. They work to drive change in the global marketplace and ensure consumers are treated safely, fairly and honestly. Jobs advertised on their website [www.consumersinternational.org](http://www.consumersinternational.org)

- **Ethical Trading Initiative** influences business to act responsibly. Members are forward-thinking companies, trade unions and NGOs. Together they tackle the complex challenges of today’s global supply chains, improving the lives of workers worldwide [www.ethicaltrade.org](http://www.ethicaltrade.org)

- **Fairtrade Foundation** works to ensure all producers can enjoy secure and sustainable livelihoods, by promoting fairer trading conditions and empowering farmers and workers [www.fairtrade.org.uk](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk)

- **Fairtrade International** is a global organisation working to secure a better deal for farmers and workers. They have a section on vacancies and internships, the latest news [www.fairtrade.net](http://www.fairtrade.net)

- **International Trade Centre** is the joint agency of the World Trade Organisation and the United Nations and is dedicated to supporting the internationalisation of Small to Medium Enterprises (SMEs). Jobs are advertised on their website [www.intracen.org](http://www.intracen.org)

- **Traidcraft** is based in Tyne and Wear (North East England) and is committed to fighting poverty through trade. Their work ranges from buying and selling fair trade produce, to development work, policy and campaigns [www.traidcraft.co.uk](http://www.traidcraft.co.uk)

- **World Fair Trade Organisation** is a global community of Fair Trade Enterprises. Junior roles and internships advertised on their website [www.wfto.com](http://www.wfto.com)
World Trade Organisation is the only global international organisation dealing with the rules of trade between nations. Lots of information about the core functions of different job roles and the requirements needed

www.wto.org

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