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KOLKATA RESIDENTIAL

“Be the change that you wish to see in the world.”— Gandhi

What is the HOPE Kolkata Residential?

The Hope Foundation Kolkata Residential is a dedicated trip for Gold Duke of Edinburgh’s Award participants. Young people can now complete their Gold DofE with HOPE in Kolkata, which allows young people to play an active role in supporting our work across our education and protection projects in a safe and supervised way.

This opportunity is for anyone looking for a unique experience as part of their DofE programme, enabling young people to support those less fortunate in a challenging environment while being part of a dedicated team.

How long is the trip for?

Participants will spend a week as a group living in HOPE accommodation, working at a number of projects across the city and having organised activities and group time in the evenings.

Gold DofE Residential trips require participants to be away from home for a minimum of five days four nights. Our week-long trip allows a day for acclimatising and orientation before five days of volunteering activities at education centres and child protection homes with a final day for supervised sightseeing around the city.

What kind of role will I have on HOPE’s projects?

This is a week of volunteering across HOPE Child Protection and Education projects. You will be required to collaborate between yourself, your fellow DofE participants and the local team in Kolkata.





What kind of skills are you looking for in participants?

Based on the voluntary nature of the Kolkata Residential, there are a variety of skills that can make a successful volunteer. Delivering education through teaching, sports, drama, arts are among the skills that would be welcomed at the protection homes and education centres.

The skills you bring as an individual and collectively as a group will shape your time here. As you will be working with young children, there will be a focus on delivering relevant education and/or extra-curricular activities.

Please talk to the HOPE UK team and your group about the skills you have. You and your group will need to prepare sufficient classroom sessions or activities that can be followed by the children and be educational for them.

What are the costs involved in a placement?

Participants are required to pay their own travel costs (flights, visas, vaccinations and insurance). We also ask participants to fundraise towards HOPE's projects ahead of departure to help contribute to the sustainability of our projects and programmes in Kolkata.

This forms part of the broader advocacy work we encourage, while also helping hone participants' organisational and management skills. For our Kolkata Residential, the required fundraising target is £1,000 per participant.

What does HOPE provide to participants?

HOPE provides all participants with accommodation and a volunteer role in Kolkata.

Preparation support includes a pre-travel information guide (including travel health), fundraising support, a survival guide to life in Kolkata and ongoing supervision and support network while in India through the assigned DoFE AAP Manager and local staff.

How do I apply for a place on the HOPE Kolkata Residential?

If you would like to apply for the HOPE Kolkata Residential, please get in touch with us. Places are subject to an informal interview, fundraising, submission of paperwork/visa, with time also needed for flight booking and any vaccinations.

Applicants should apply at least 3-6 months in advance of the scheduled Residential departure dates to allow time for all of the above.



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