

Press Release: BUNAC Reports Upsurge In Young Brits On Work Abroad Programmes

London, 24 January 2013: Figures released by work abroad specialist, BUNAC, suggest that an increasing number of UK students and young people aged between 18 and 35 are choosing to enhance their CVs and gain useful life experiences by taking time out to work and travel around English speaking countries such as the USA and Australia.

With bookings on the summer 2013 Work America programme up by 69% compared to 2012, and those on Work Australia up by 29%, all the signs indicate that more and more young people are looking abroad for ways of improving their job prospects.

Comments Hollie Brooks, Marketing Manager at BUNAC: “Those signing up for our Work Abroad programmes comprise in equal measures university students looking to make good use of their gap year and summer vacations by strengthening their CVs, and young people who are simply finding it tough to get employment in the UK.”

BUNAC’s Work Abroad programmes offer the opportunity to spend a summer in America, a year in Australia or Canada, or up to 23 months in New Zealand.

For as little as £324, participants are given support, guidance and assistance with visas and travel arrangements, access to job opportunities and accommodation listings, as well as invitations to social events and constant support from expert advisers in the UK and in their chosen destination.

Applicants to both Work America and Work Canada can now sign up with a deposit of just £100 rather than having to pay the full programme fee up front, and may then access the job database for the US and take advantage of visa support for Canada.

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Work America

At just £375, Work America is a low-cost four-month option for full-time students in search of a summer job, career-related work experience or casual employment to fund their travels. Previous participants have worked in a range of roles from professional to fun including marketing, legal and music, as well as in theme parks, and on ranches.

Work Canada

The 12-month Work Canada programme for 18 to 30s, with a fee of £339, is also proving extremely popular, as the Canadian High Commission prepares to release a new, annual quota of 5,000 working holiday visas for the UK. Each year BUNAC works closely with Canadian companies looking to employ staff from the UK. Four Seasons Resort, Whistler is offering an exciting opportunity for British and Irish citizens to work in hospitality and tourism in a world-class ski destination.

Work New Zealand

Work New Zealand's new quota of IEP visas, exclusive to BUNAC, is also now available. These Work Exchange Visas allow British and Irish citizens aged between 18 and 35 years to live and work in New Zealand for up to 12 months – so those over 30 who thought they were too old for a gap year can think again! Working Holiday visas for up to 12 or 23 months are also an option for applicants aged between 18 and 30 years. The BUNAC programme costs £324.

Volunteering and Internships

BUNAC also provides numerous ethical, low-cost volunteering abroad and teaching internship programmes across Africa, Asia and the Americas, giving participants the chance to help local communities and make a genuine difference to their lives.

For further information about Work and Volunteer Abroad programmes, visit <http://www.bunac.org.uk> or telephone 020 7251 3472.

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Note to Editors

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