

## WORLD OF OPPORTUNITY: BUNAC HIGHLIGHTS GAP YEAR OPTIONS FOR SCHOOL LEAVERS

**London, 22 July 2014** – D-day is approaching for thousands of students awaiting their A-level results, due out on 5 August in Scotland and on 14 August in the rest of the UK. For those who didn't make the grade, or chose to opt out of university, help is at hand from specialist work and volunteer abroad organisation, [BUNAC](#), which has good availability on its CV-enhancing programmes. And, for the lucky ones who have secured deferred entry to university, there's still time to plan a worthwhile gap year.

Comments Hollie Brooks, Marketing and Sales Manager at BUNAC, "BUNAC is a firm advocate of well-planned and structured gap years and working holidays, but not everyone has the luxury of getting organised months in advance.

"Fortunately, many of our programmes are very flexible and still have good availability. With our support, Work Australia participants can get their visa in less than four weeks, and we've added an extra group flight in September to our monthly departures, to cater for post-A-level demand.

"There is still plenty of space on our new Multi-Project Volunteer programmes. These are absolutely perfect for school leavers, and the level of support provided is guaranteed to reassure even the most nervous of parents!"

**New for 2014**, BUNAC's [Multi-Project Volunteer](#) programmes, available in Borneo, Cambodia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Tanzania and Venezuela, are the perfect mini-gap for school leavers who want to travel and give something back to the local community. These 6 and 10-week programmes are designed to offer a varied and stimulating experience of different types of volunteer work, ranging from community projects to eco-tourism and conservation. They also offer a high level of support for less experienced travellers, including a briefing day in the UK, flight booking service, airport pickup, shared accommodation with all meals, safety and induction course on arrival and 24-hour in-country support.

Prices range from £1,947 for six weeks in Tanzania to £2,182 for Costa Rica for a six-week programme, including a donation to the project communities. The next departures are on 1<sup>st</sup> September.

BUNAC also recommends [Work Australia](#) and [Work New Zealand](#) as ideal gap year experiences for school leavers; both programmes include visa advice, access to jobs databases, optional group flights to meet like-minded travellers, and full support from start to finish, covering arrival orientation, employment, accommodation, banking, tax, social activities and travel. Prices start from £339 and Work Australia participants departing in September or October 2014 currently enjoy **two FREE nights on arrival** at the 4.5 star YHA Blue Mountains.

[Work Canada](#) is another excellent choice and operates along similar lines, with the added benefit of a **guaranteed job** for those who opt for BUNAC's new [Full Placement programme](#). However, all 2014 IEC Work Permits have now been allocated, with the next quota expected to be available at the end of the year. Candidates can sign up with BUNAC from September onwards, to ensure they are in prime position when the new visas are released.

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