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**Questions to ask before accepting an overseas role**

**About the Organisation**

* How often will you be in contact with representatives of the organisation when on the placement?
* Will you be offered an induction and adequate training before you start?
* What kind of insurance do they provide? Have you seen the policy to check the cover?
* How many people do they send abroad each year and will you be able to contact them before and during the placement?
* Will there be an English-speaking representative of the organisation on-site?
* Ask for a breakdown of costs. How much money goes on travel, accommodation and administration? Is it good value for money?
* You should ask for the details of your placement in writing

**About where you will be staying**

* Do you have the address of where you will be staying?
* Have you been given a clear idea of the standard of accommodation?
* Is it safe? Are the streets safe after dark? What is the local political situation like?
* Are there any vaccines you need to have before travelling to the country?
* If you are staying with a local family, are they being paid? Is it sufficient? Why are they having you to stay?
* How far are you from the nearest town and how far are you from where you will work?

**About travel**

* What are the travel arrangements? Do you have to organise and pay for these by yourself?
* Will you be travelling by yourself or in a group?
* If you have to return early, can you transfer your ticket?

**Questions to ask specifically for a volunteering role:**

**About the volunteering**

* What hours will you work and how much free time will you have?
* What activities will you do on a day-today basis while volunteering?
* Is there any particular skill required for the project?
* If working with children (or any other vulnerable group), do the organisation carry out criminal record checks on volunteers?
* Can you speak to a volunteer who has recently worked on the same project?

**The Values of the Organisation**

* Who is the organisation benefitting?
* Are the interests of the local population being served? Will your activities be welcomed by the local people? If so, why?