Call for ISCP members to volunteer as clinical tutors in Uganda and India in Summer 2017.

The UCD School of Public Health, Physiotherapy and Sports Science (SPHPSS) in association with UCD Volunteers Overseas (UCDVO) are delighted to be in a position to offer 4 part funded clinical tutor roles for their Stage 3 BSc and Stage 2 MSc student volunteer elective placements to India and Uganda during the summer of 2018. Based on the success of the elective placements to the Ferrando Speech and Hearing Centre in Meghalaya in North East India, Asha Jyothi Centre for Children with Disabilities in South India, C.O.U Kisiizi Hospital in South West Uganda and Nurture Africa Health centre in Nansana, Uganda, all of the placements have been developed further and will continue for 2018.

The physiotherapy clinical tutor role will require applicants to be in a position to give up 4 weeks of their time in the summer of 2018 and attend some team building and other training events with UCDVO through the months leading up to this placement. The criteria for Physiotherapy Clinical tutors and the details for the locations you can apply to travel to with a UCDVO group are outlined below (for more information please see the following link): http://www.ucdvo.org/volunteerprogramme/leadershiproles/

Physiotherapy Clinical Tutors criteria:
- Member of the Irish Society of Chartered Physiotherapists
- Minimum 3 years clinical experience or relevant experience in a developing country context
- Good organisational skills
- Highly motivated, patient, dynamic, enthusiastic and enjoys working with students
- Ideally have some experience volunteering or working in a developing country context (this is desirable but not essential)
- Be in a position to commit to 4 to 5 weeks working overseas and to commit to pre-departure training and debriefing workshops as well as completing assessment forms, project reports and evaluations
**Funding:**
The UCD School of Public Health, Physiotherapy and Sports Science will cover travel and accommodation costs for the placement period. Tutors may also fundraise to support the wider community development projects being carried out by the volunteer team.

**Applications:**
Please apply online via webpage below:
http://www.ucdvo.org/volunteerprogramme/leadershiproles/. Applications are open from September 25th until October 9th 2017.

**The North East India Placement/Project (Approximate dates June – July 2018):**
The Ferrando Speech and Hearing Centre, Meghalaya, North East India is a school which caters for 150 plus students with hearing impairments and disabilities. The project is based on collaboration with local physiotherapists and The Salesian Sisters to further develop the rural outreach physiotherapy service and early intervention service on site and in the surrounding areas. The physiotherapy team will work predominantly with children with disabilities. This is the fourth year of this project, there is potential to develop existing services and this is an excellent placement site for undergraduate and Masters students in physiotherapy to gain overseas experience. The physiotherapy clinical placement team is one aspect of this UCDVO project.

Physiotherapists/tutors that choose to travel to North East India will be part of a bigger UCDVO team of 12 that travels to North East India to undertake development initiatives and partnerships there.

**The South India Placement/Project (Approximate dates June – July 2018):**
UCD physiotherapy students will travel to Vijayawada in South India to complete their elective clinical placement in 2018. The partner organisations are Asha Jyothi Rehabilitation Centre. Over the course of the busy placement students see patients with a number of different conditions including cerebral palsy, leprosy, polio, erbs palsy and developmental delay. In previous years, students fundraised as part of the UCD Volunteers Overseas programme and their funding allowed the physiotherapy team to refurbish one of the physiotherapy centres, purchase wheelchairs and arrange splinting for children in the centres. Community physiotherapy visits also took place in the local areas where education workshops were conducted for families who were unable to bring their children to the local centres.

Tutors will supervise and lead the students ensuring that they achieve their full potential, maximise learning outcomes and develop physiotherapy centres and community outreach projects further. This project is also linked with a wider UCDVO student volunteer team and will allow the physiotherapy tutor to gain experience supervising development initiatives/partnerships at another campus.

**The Uganda Kisiizi MDT Placement/Project (June-July 2018):**
UCDVO is again offering a unique MDT placement to Uganda with Physiotherapy, Medical and Nursing students now travelling to complete their elective placements at Kisiizi Hospital in south west Uganda.

Previous physiotherapy students have carried out their dissertations, a rehabilitation camp for children with disabilities, community based rehabilitation, psychiatric and immunisation outreach and development projects at the hospital, local primary school and local orphanages. It is hoped that all of the above will continue to grow and develop further for the 2017 MDT placement project. In addition to the elective placement supervision, the physiotherapy tutor would
be required to assist local staff in coordinating the rehabilitation camp for 2 weeks and providing a physiotherapy service for the 6 wards at the hospital and the rehabilitation Centre.

The Uganda Nurture Africa Nansana MDT Placement Project (Dates June-July 2018):
This is a unique MDT project/Placement experience working together with the registered Irish charity Nurture Africa (http://www.nurtureafrica.ie/) at their Health Centre in the urban Nansana area of Kampala, Uganda.
The project involves a rehabilitation camp for children with disabilities and their caregivers from the surrounding community. The physiotherapy component also encompasses education sessions, provision of aids and assistive devices, home visits and community-based outreach programmes. The role will require the physiotherapy tutor to supervise physiotherapy students for the duration of their placements.
The tutor will also assist with leading and managing the UCDVO MDT student team which will consist of medical and nursing students who will also be working and volunteering at the health centre with Nurture Africa and the local staff and volunteer coordinators.

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