UC DAVIS STUDY ABROAD SUMMER INTERNSHIPS

IRELAND - GALWAY & LIMERICK

Options are subject to change based on community needs and availability.

Summer Youth Camps
For our Summer programs in Galway, students collaborate with one or more host organizations and focus upon structured projects. While working at the Summer Youth Camps, service-learning participants gain hands-on skills and serve a community based need by helping facilitate activities ranging from art, drama, music, dance etc.

Family Support Center for Children with Special Needs *Limited availability during Summer
The mission of the organization is to support the families of children with special needs and long term illness who spend extended periods of time in medical facilities. The aim is to enhance the well-being of the family unit through fun and recreational activities including music, art and play therapy as well as guardian(s) support mechanisms. Additionally, the center provides space and activities for siblings of special needs children to come together and share their experiences in a safe, fun and educational setting.

Family Support Center
This organization offers a wide range of services to children and teenagers in disadvantaged areas in the city of Galway. They help to promote and encourage self-improvement and general well-being. They run a homework club throughout the school term, which offers children practical assistance with homework, and aims to inspire young people to develop their self-confidence and see the value in education. The center also runs an activity group which aims to promote social inclusion through arts and crafts, sport, drama, and cooking projects, which aids young people to develop their social skills and gain confidence in their abilities. Activities undertaken by the club include; youth exchanges, day trips, mid-term and summer camps, yoga and meditation, cookery classes, grinds (tutoring), as well as workshops on building healthy relationship and improving I.T skills.

Special Needs Partnership
Assist with a non-profit organization that works to provide support for individuals and families affected by a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Set up by a concerned parent group in 2011 to address a need for service provision, information, advocacy and support for families living with ASD, the Special Needs Partnership has since been providing social clubs, respite camps, skills building workshops and family fun days and activities for individuals on the spectrum, siblings and whole families. Participants may support and supervise children of various ages diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder with and without additional needs (e.g Intellectual Disability) in a range of clubs and activities. These might include Lego Club, Movie Production Club, and Play Groups, as well as after school activities, special holiday clubs, and weekend social clubs. Potential opportunities to help supervise additional special interest clubs may arise.

Equine Therapy Center
This voluntary organization provides services like therapeutic horsemanship, equine-facilitated coaching, and EAGALA model equine-assisted personal development and psychotherapy. The services provided utilize horses as a catalyst for change, and are tailored according to the specific goals hoped to be achieved by the individual or group. Organization requires a minimum 8-week commitment.

Center for Homeless Services
The mission of this organization is to provide relevant services to people experiencing homelessness or at risk of experiencing homelessness. They do this by providing housing, homelessness prevention services, and health and well being services. Centers are located all around the city of Galway. The centers provides a safe, clean space for residents as well as advocate and liaison services with outside agencies. Areas of volunteering include, event planning, retail store assistance, housing support, befriending, and skill sharing. This placement requires Garda Vetting through the center.

Youth Service Center
This Youth Service Center provides youth work, education, training & employability projects for young people. They supports a number of diverse youth work projects including international youth work. The organization enhances the civic, educational, personal & social development of young people with programs focusing on a broad range of topics from leaderships skills, animal welfare, and web safety to creative arts, music, and sports. A participant in this role may be involved with in group study sessions, arts, teaching, and a limited amount of administrative work.

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