

JOA – Hands Around the World Jersey 2025

- Project** Providing teaching skills in English for students & teachers
- Location** Rwanda
- Dates** July/August dates TBC (school holidays) 2025
- Group size** 12 – 14 volunteers – Teachers or those with experience/skills to teach



Aim and Context of the Project

HANDS AROUND THE WORLD was founded in 1994 by Dr David Steiner, who for many years lived and worked as a GP in Jersey. Dr Steiner became involved with the Jersey Overseas Aid Programme, during which time the plight of many people in developing countries came to be of great personal concern. The Jersey branch of HANDS AROUND THE WORLD (HATW) was established in 2007 by a group of HATW supporters and have been taking volunteers to Bugarama in southwest Rwanda for the past 12 years, helping to improve teaching and learning conditions in local schools.

Project Details

Responsibilities/Activities:

This group will visit Bugarama during the Jersey and Rwandan school holidays.

About the role:

- Volunteers will ideally be serving teachers or those with experience and skills necessary to teach.
- Volunteers and local teachers, in partnership, will teach students who attend GS St Paul Muko School. The marginalised young people that this project centres around have often been displaced, and face challenging circumstances regarding home life and access to education.
- Teaching will be in large classes of determined and enthusiastic learners. Understanding of the need to adapt to limited resources, and ability to alter plans at the last minute are essential.
- Local teachers will benefit from English acquisition through the process of teaching and through specific workshops.
- The visit would also include time in the capital, Kigali, and experiencing ecotourism – an introduction to an element of JOA's Conservation Livelihoods development work - in the Nyungwe National Forest.

Although this is an education opportunity, you will be part of a wider programme of infrastructure improvements, including classroom construction and the improvement of facilities, all of which are supported by JOA, as well as support for individuals to improve their life opportunities.

Accommodation: Volunteers will be staying in a local hotel close to the school in Bugarama, Rwanda.