



International Volunteer Information

A Rocha Aotearoa New Zealand has a limited number of volunteer opportunities for international applicants. To date, most of our international volunteers have come through a funded project, an opportunity through their work, or as a component of their studies. However, we welcome anyone with the skills and desire to contribute to our work. Below are some guidelines and information for those seeking to volunteer with us.

AGE:

The minimum age for overseas applicants is 20.

VISA:

A Rocha Aotearoa New Zealand do not have the resources to help with visa applications so you will need to be able to obtain the necessary visa without assistance. New Zealand immigration policy allows overseas visitors to NZ on a visitor visa to do volunteer work while in New Zealand, provided the person receives no gain or reward. Therefore, our volunteering opportunities require that volunteers are self-supporting (that is, with funding to provide for their own accommodation and personal costs). They also need to have skills that can be useful in our projects.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Volunteer opportunities are available at Te Whakaoranga O Karioi, also known as the [Karioi Project](#), a community restoration project based in Whāingaroa Raglan. Since 2009 the Karioi Project has been connecting people to nature, and inspiring them to become involved through a landscape-scale restoration project including predator control, seabird monitoring, and environmental education.

Beyond the mountain to the sea, the Karioi Project links two maunga, two harbours, a nationally significant wetland and associated streams to protect biodiversity on more than 23,000 ha.

With thousands of hours of volunteer input and massive support from our community - landowners and backyard trappers, the Karioi Project has managed predators on Karioi for over a decade. Now, seabirds, wetland and forest birds are returning to breeding status in the area.

Alongside our biodiversity programme, we run outdoor education programmes for young people in living classrooms, both after school and through our in-school Manaaki Ao programme in partnership with Raglan Area School. These programmes aim to grow the next generation of kaitiaki, providing a pathway to careers in conservation and has created employment for numerous graduates working for the Karioi Project.

Our goal is to connect people to nature and inspire them to care for it, thereby creating a more resilient community and environment.

COST:

An estimated cost to support yourself while volunteering: \$250-300 budget dorm accommodation per week; \$100-200 food per week; \$100-200 transport and other costs. Approximate budget: NZD\$450-700 per week.

Depending on the time of year and length of stay, the Karioi Project may have boarding-style accommodation available on-site and food-catering options.

SKILLS REQUIRED:

We love to have people with skills in conservation, environmental education, communication, gardening, DIY/maintenance, administration, house-keeping. As part of your application, please send us your CV/resume/portfolio outlining your skills which could be useful in our projects and hubs.

CHARACTER REQUIRED:

The Karioi Project is composed of a small team of staff and contractors plus many volunteers doing multiple jobs, so we're looking for enthusiastic and flexible people who are teachable, keen to participate in a range of tasks and who are capable of both working individually and with others in a team environment. We value diversity but prospective volunteers must be sympathetic to the [core commitments](#) that shape A Rocha's life and work.

LENGTH OF TIME:

A minimum of 2 weeks and up to 6 months.

INSURANCE:

Volunteers are encouraged to have their own personal travel insurance as A Rocha Aotearoa New Zealand does not accept responsibility for any accident, loss or damage to personal items of volunteers.

In summary, are you able to:

- Apply for your own visa to visit New Zealand?
- Self-fund yourself to cover accommodation and food for your entire stay in New Zealand?
- Have skills that will assist the work of A Rocha Aotearoa New Zealand?
- Are you enthusiastic, flexible, hard-working, motivated, teachable, and a team-player?
- Sympathetic to A Rocha's core commitments?

We look forward to hearing from you if you think you meet all the above criteria.

If you have any further questions, please contact us at: new.zealand@arocha.org