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1. INTRODUCTION

A list of known registered charities which regularly engage voluntary workers from overseas is set out below for guidance. *This is not a definitive list* and voluntary workers coming to help other registered charities which meet the criteria may also be allowed entry to the United Kingdom under the concession.

2. CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS REGULARLY ENGAGING VOLUNTARY WORKERS

Amnesty International

ATD - Fourth World (Aide a Toute Detresse)

Camphill Village Trust Ltd (See ISBI on Rudolph Steiner Establishments)

Christian Aid

Leonard Cheshire Foundation (Cheshire Homes)

Church of England Children's Society (The Children's Society)

Community Service Volunteers (See paragraph 2.1 below)

Corrymeela Community (See paragraph 2.2 below)

Cyrenians

Dr Barnardos

Friends of the Earth

GAP Activity projects Ltd

Guide Association

Inter-Action

International Voluntary Service

L'Arche (see paragraph 2.3 below)

Lee Abbey

National Council of YMCA's

Oxfam

Salvation Army

Samaritans Incorporated

Save the Children Fund

Scout Association

Simon Community

Society of Friends (Quakers)

Sue Ryder Foundation

Time for God

Winged Fellowship Trust

2.1. **Community Service Volunteers (CSV)**

CSV is a registered charity which arranges for voluntary workers to come to the United Kingdom to work for various bodies. As a concession to CSV we do not require the organisations that the voluntary workers work to be registered charities, but these voluntary workers *must* meet the rest of the criteria set out in **Section 17, Paragraph 2.1.** (above) to qualify under the concession.

2.2. **Corrymeela Community**

This organisation operates in Northern Ireland to help bridge the divide between the two communities. This work is strongly supported by the Northern Ireland Office.

The community recognise that voluntary workers are restricted to 12 months, but has asked that its "Volunteer Resource couple" should be allowed to stay for up to 2 years. The "Volunteer Resource couple" is a couple experienced in the work of the Community who are needed to provide continuity and supervision for the group of younger voluntary

workers. The "Volunteer resource couple" may be granted a second year on application. This will only apply to the couple and not to all Corrymeela voluntary workers.

2.3. **L'Arche Communities**

L'Arche is an international federation of communities in which handicapped people and those who help them live, work and share their lives together. There are 7 such communities in the United Kingdom which are listed in paragraph 2.7. below.

2.4. **L'Arche voluntary workers**

L'Arche is a registered charity and overseas nationals coming to the United Kingdom to work at a L'Arche community as voluntary assistants should be considered under the concession. Such posts may be of a supervisory nature, such as care managers, house leaders or workshop leaders.

2.5. **Training with L'Arche**

L'Arche voluntary workers seeking admission for longer than 12 months in a position orientated towards vocational training within the organisation are required to obtain a work permit under the Training and Work Experience Scheme. Those admitted as voluntary workers but who wish to remain longer in order to develop their vocation may be allowed to switch to remain as TWES permit holders if Work Permits (UK) approve the training.

2.6. **Full time employment with L'Arche**

Overseas nationals coming to take up posts which essentially involve administrative, clerical or maintenance duties will require work permits under the main scheme, as will those who wish to remain beyond 12 months in positions which require staff who are experienced and fully trained in their vocation. Applications to switch to work permit employment should be referred to INPD, Section 3.

2.7. **L'Arche communities in the United Kingdom**

SECRETARIAT: 10 Briggate
Silsden
KEIGHLEY
West Yorkshire
BD20 9JT

BELFAST: L'Arche Belfast Office
Floor 6
Howard House

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| | 1–3 Brunswick Street BELFAST BT2 7GE |
| BOGNOR REGIS: | Bradbury House 51a Aldwick Road BOGNOR REGIS West Sussex PO21 2NJ |
| BRECON: | Steeple House Steeple Lane BRECON Powys LD3 7DJ |
| EDINBURGH: | 132 Constitution Street Leith EDINBURGH EH6 6AJ |
| INVERNESS: | Braerannoch 13 Drummond Crescent INVERNESS IV2 4QR |
| KENT: | Little Ewell Barfrestone DOVER Kent CT15 7JJ |
| LAMBETH: | 15 Norwood High Street LONDON SE27 9JU |
| LIVERPOOL: | The Ark Lockerby Road LIVERPOOL L7 0HG |
| PRESTON | 3 Moor Park Avenue PRESTON PR1 6AS |

NB. Any cases where it appears that this concession is being abused should be referred to INPD, Section 3.

2.8. Voluntary work with religious organisations

Voluntary workers who are *not* missionaries, ministers of religion or members of a religious order may undertake short-term voluntary work if the religious organisation is a registered charity and provided the work is not purely of a manual, clerical or secretarial nature and their stay will not exceed 12 months.

3. ORGANISATIONS INVOLVING WORK NOT ACCEPTABLE UNDER THE CONCESSION

3.1. General Welfare of the Blind (GWB)

The GWB raise money by doorstep selling which is not permitted under the concession. This organisation has been advised that such work is not acceptable under the concession

3.2. Jacqueline Strike Organisation

This organisation recruits overseas workers for placement with farmers in East Anglia. It is not a registered charity nor are the workers voluntary workers and the organisation is not acceptable under the concession.

3.3. Tomo Communications Limited (TCL)

This is a profit-making immigration advisory bureau to encourage Japanese nationals to come to the United Kingdom for various purposes including voluntary work. TCL is not a registered charity and therefore voluntary workers with TCL can only qualify under the concession if the organisation in which the volunteer has been placed *is* a registered charity. Applications for leave with a non-charitable organisation should be refused.
