



**Gap Year &  
International  
Volunteering  
Standard  
(GIVS)**

# The GIVS Workshop

## Exploring best practice in international volunteering

This workshop will be of benefit to organisations interested in improving their own practice, and in promoting cross organisational learning on how that may be achieved. Participants will have a chance both to find out more about the Gap Year and International Volunteering Standard (GIVS) and to discuss specific issues that they face in their own practice and hear how others have addressed some of these challenges.

Tourism Concern believe that it is vitally important for volunteer organisations to demonstrate that they have attained a recognised level of responsibility in the way they recruit volunteers, find placements and manage the volunteering process. This was why GIVS was developed, following requests for help both from UK volunteering organisations and from returned volunteers. It is not a commercial venture but is a genuine attempt to help work towards best practice. Your input and support will help establish it as a credible standard, to answer media criticism of the sector, and to appeal to and guide the increasing number of volunteers who are seeking rewarding and worthwhile placements.

Please contact Peter Bishop at [peter@tourismconcern.org.uk](mailto:peter@tourismconcern.org.uk) if you have specific issues or questions that you would like to see addressed at the workshop.

**Date:** Wednesday 12th October 2011

**Place:** London Metropolitan University, 166-220 Holloway Road, London, N7 8DB

**Time:** 10.00 – 4.00

**Cost:** £35 (including lunch)