

St. Vincent and the Grenadines



Programme Start Dates
June, October 2025
February 2026

### YOU CAN HELP WITH:

- 🔽 Sustainable energy production
- 🗹 Help with tree and mangrove planting
- Work on improving food and water security
- Protect coastal vegetation



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## The Structure of The Programme

Period 1 - 3 months studies and training at CICD

**Period 2** - 3 months climate actions with Richmond Vale Academy in St Vincent

**Period 3** - 1 month back in the UK for conclusion and call to action

## Certifications

- Certificate of completion from College for International Co-operation and Development
- Field experience certificate from Richmond Vale Academy, St Vincent and the Grenadines





# **Period One**

# Building Your Foundation for Change (3 Months)

- Develop a Global Mindset: Explore critical global issues, delve into world history, and analyse the root causes of poverty and climate change.
- Prepare for Project Success: Gain in-depth knowledge about your destination country (St. Vincent and the Grenadines) through studies in geography, history, and local culture.
- Become an Ethical Partner: Learn about Richmond Vale Academy, our partner organisation, their mission, values, and ethical practices.
- Sharpen Your Skills: Develop practical skills in project management, using new machines and tools, and finding solutions to practical problems.
- Foster Collaboration: Live and learn alongside other students, teachers, and staff. Contribute to the CICD community by participating in the daily operation of the school.







# **Period Two**

## Hands-on Action and Cultural Immersion (3 Months)

Get ready to make a real difference! This period immerses you in the heart of community development work together with Richmond Vale Academy and the local community. Prepare to be challenged, inspired, and transformed by this life-changing experience.

### Be the Change:

- Contribute to Sustainable Development: Work directly on projects tackling the root causes of poverty, focusing on food security, sustainable agriculture, garbage control, and climate change awareness.
- Diverse Tasks, Lasting Impact: Depending on the time of year and specific needs in the communities, your responsibilities could involve conducting surveys, facilitating workshops, building climate resilience measures such as a biogas plant, or expanding the permaculture vegetable production.
- Embrace a New Culture: Live alongside the local community, experience their traditions, and gain a deeper understanding of their way of life. This cultural immersion will challenge your perspective and enrich your understanding of the human condition.
- Learn from Each Other: Connect with local people and learn from their stories, experiences, and resilience.
- Document Your Journey: Capture your experiences through photos, stories, poems, or even songs. These will become valuable tools for sharing your knowledge and inspiring others upon your return.





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## **Period Three**

# Sharing Your Impact and Inspiring Action (1 Month)

Return to CICD, brimming with stories and experiences. This final month focuses on processing your incredible journey and making products to share it with CICD as well as with the public.

## Leave a Lasting Legacy:

- Capture Your Experiences: Work with your trio to create impactful materials like newsletters, podcasts, videos, blog posts, or multimedia projects. Use them to share your learnings and raise awareness about the issues you tackled.
- Become an Advocate: Embark on a two-week outreach mission. Visit schools, universities, and community organisations to share the message of "Together we can create change." Inspire others to join.
- Connect with Your Network: Reconnect with fellow participants and build lifelong bonds. Together, you are part of a community dedicated to positive change.



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### PROGRAMME COSTS

- Course Fees: £3,140 (includes food, travel costs and accommodation for the 4 months at CICD)
- Enrollment Fee: £500

### FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Richmond Vale Academy, our partner organization, offers a travel grant to cover expenses during the 3-month volunteer period. This includes:

- Travel expenses to the project
- Food and accommodation

#### GAIA SCHOLARSHIP

Does financial limitation hold you back from joining the Poverty Activist Programme? The Gaia Scholarship Programme can bridge the gap!



## Your Path to Making a Difference

#### WHAT IS THE GAIA PROGRAMME?

Gaia offers a unique opportunity to combine theoretical learning with practical experience. While contributing to a worthy cause, you'll gain valuable skills and raise a scholarship towards the course fees.

### HOW IT WORKS

Contribute & Earn: Support the college's clothes & shoes recycling project or other vital areas. This is your opportunity to raise a scholarship to cover a part of the course fees.

- Dedicate 2,5 months in the Gaia team to raise a 50% scholarship.
  Starting date: Depending on the availability and which team you plan to join



Since the start in 1998, more than 1400 students from CICD have contributed greatly to many of the development projects run by our partner Humana People to People.

### A UNIQUE LEARNING EXPERIENCE

At CICD, we believe in learning by doing. Our programme goes beyond traditional classrooms, incorporating practical experiences and a strong sense of community. Imagine tending to our organic garden farm, exploring the beauty of the Walled Garden, or simply enjoying the company of fellow students surrounded by nature.

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