

Use your business skills to help an African business fly



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OPPORTUNITY / IN THE UK

Two out of three UK workers want to take a short sabbatical to see the world and give something back. Many want to help by using the skills that they have built up over several years to make a real impact.

OPPORTUNITY / IN KENYA

One in two people in Kenya live on less than a dollar a day. Helping small businesses to grow and to provide jobs by improving their commercial skills is the most effective way to lift people out of poverty quickly and sustainably.

How can we match up these two demands?

Forget what you've heard about 'adult gap years' where you spend time in Africa painting a school. You leave knowing that the job could have been done better by a local who needed the money. Unlike a school-leaver on a traditional gap year, you have a set of skills that can make a real difference – so use them!

You don't need to be a doctor or a teacher to be able to make a genuinely useful and rewarding contribution overseas. If you have at least five years of experience in business, we will organise an assignment that makes the most of what you can offer.

In return for your skills, enthusiasm and commitment, we will offer you the most challenging and rewarding experience of your life, providing mentoring advice and support to entrepreneurs in Kenya.



Our business mentoring assignments are unique.



We don't want you to have to teach classroom theory. Skills Venture is about practical advice, delivered one-to-one. We allow you to bring your own experience and skills to bear, working through problems with clients and coming up with joint solutions.

Neither do we pair you with a single organisation. Working with a range of Kenyan clients allows for a more enriching experience that has a lasting impact on both sides.

We are the only organisation to offer this kind of service.



Support is available from our Kenyan team at all times.

We want you to adapt to your new environment quickly. Our team of bright young Kenyan facilitators makes this possible. Their local knowledge and small business expertise allows them to offer unparalleled advice and support, whenever it is needed.

Our facilitators ensure that you are fully inducted on arrival, so that you have a solid grounding in Kenyan cultural, political, economic and environmental issues and an understanding of the issues affecting small businesses.

Culture, law, systems, logistics, contacts, advice, all on tap.

Our residential campus is at the core of our service.

We believe that making an effective impact rapidly is the priority. So we do everything we can to make this happen.

It's hard to contribute quickly in a new country when you have to look after yourself. We accommodate you on a stunning but simple rural campus, which provides for all of your needs and can host mentoring sessions. We also have homestay options available.

A relaxing place to live and work, private living quarters, good food, transport links, connectivity and security.



Want to find out more?

Design your own trip on our website at www.skillsventure.com. Choose your accommodation, decide which extras you want and how long you want to stay, and we will give you a personalised quote. You will also receive a case study that is relevant to your background. Assignments can last for anything from five days to six months, and you can choose to take a holiday in Kenya before, during or after it.

We'll see you there!





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