

The Peace Corps Volunteers Handbook A Personal Field Guide To Making The Most Of Your Peace Corps Experience

Photo-documentary of Peace Corps volunteers serving communities around the world.

So, you want to join the Peace Corps . . . If you are interested in joining the Peace Corps, you probably have questions that run the gamut from "What is the application process like?" to "Is the Peace Corps effective as a development agency?" In this updated second edition, former Peace Corps volunteer Dillon Banerjee shares candid facts and insights about the experience in a practical question-and-answer format. With input from recently returned volunteers who served across the globe, this thorough guide presents valuable information including: • What Peace Corps recruiters look for in your application • Items you should--and shouldn't---pack for your two-year trip • Useful gadgets and technology that help volunteers stay connected from far away • Real answers to personal questions about culture shock, safety, dating, homesickness, and more Whether you're thinking of joining or have already been accepted and are preparing to leave, *The Insider's Guide to the Peace Corps* will help equip you for the unique challenges and rewards of the volunteer experience, regardless of your program area or country assignment. It's essential reading for anyone interested in "the toughest job you'll ever love."

Many people want to join the Peace Corps, and more than 160,000 people have since it was established by President Kennedy in 1961. But many more wonder what the Peace Corps involves and what they need to know before they can volunteer for this life-changing service. This informative book will guide you through the process of not only deciding whether you want to join the Peace Corps, but of showing you everything you will experience and need along the way. Finally, the process of returning to normal life will be hard, but this book will walk you through the procedure for returning home with a full section on how to adjust to your life. Complete with case studies and advice from past volunteers, this book is a valuable resource for potential Peace Corp volunteers. "Had this book been around in 1988 when I first joined the Peace Corps, it would have alleviated a lot of the guess-work. It really gives the reader a true insight into what to expect when deciding whether 'the toughest job you'll ever love' is for them. Pack your bags for great adventure!"-Jennifer Zweigbaum, Returned Peace Corps Volunteer, Mauritania, 1989-1990

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Peace Corps may be "the toughest job you'll ever love" but you don't always have to learn that the hard way. This is the handbook we wish someone would have given us, something no one has provided before: a companion handbook that allows you to learn from the experiences of outstanding Volunteers and catalog your own experience from the very beginning of your service. This is a guide and journal in an easy-to-use and easy-to-write-in handbook designed to be with you before you join, while you serve and after you come back from your Peace Corps experience. Proceeds from

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this handbook go to fund projects led by Peace Corps Volunteers throughout the world.

When the World Calls is the first complete and balanced look at the Peace Corps's first fifty years. Revelatory and candid, journalist Stanley Meisler's engaging narrative exposes Washington infighting, presidential influence, and the Volunteers' unique struggles abroad. He deftly unpacks the complicated history with sharp analysis and memorable anecdotes, taking readers on a global trek starting with the historic first contingent of Volunteers to Ghana on August 30, 1961. In the years since, in spite of setbacks, the ethos of the Peace Corps has endured, largely due to the perseverance of the 200,000 Volunteers themselves, whose shared commitment to effect positive global change has been a constant in one of our most complex—and valued—institutions.

THE PEACE CORPS MAY BE "THE TOUGHEST JOB YOU'LL EVER LOVE," BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO LEARN THAT THE HARD WAY. The Peace Corps Volunteer's Handbook is both your guide and your companion. Learn from the experiences of outstanding former Volunteers, while cataloging your own experiences with the Peace Corps from the very beginning of your service to the end. Designed to be with you each step of the way—from applying to Peace Corps, starting your service, adjusting to your host country, and making your way home again—this handbook combines the best parts of a guidebook with all the creativity of a personal journal. This is the handbook every Peace Corps Volunteer wishes for, something no one has provided before—a chance to set down on paper all the amazing experiences the Peace Corps has to offer, right next to the memories of the Volunteers who came before. What are you waiting for?

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