

What's the cost of the program?

A \$3,800 tuition fee covers room and board for 6 months at Richmond Vale Academy. You are responsible for travel costs to and from RVA. Limited scholarships are available to help cover tuition for those who qualify.

What conditions do I have to meet to join?

- Be over 18 years old
- Availability for 6 months
- Able to travel internationally
- Be an open-minded and proactive person

What are the program starting dates?

- March,
- August
- November

Ready to get started?

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CLIMATE ACTIVIST PROGRAM



Join a life-changing
6 MONTHS VOLUNTEER ABROAD PROGRAM:

Climate Activist Program

At Richmond Vale Academy, we believe everyone has the power to change the world. During our 6-month climate activist program, volunteers from around the globe come together to counteract climate change and create sustainable living in the Caribbean.

This program will both inspire and challenge you to leave a lasting impact in St Vincent and the Grenadines. Together with your team, you will study in dept about Global Warming and Climate Change, Sustainability and protecting the environment. You will make memories with new friends who are equally as passionate about social change as you are.

6 Months "To Make Difference"

WHAT OUR VOLUNTEERS ARE SAYING

1st Month

Understanding Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability

The team immerses in study and research activities to learn about Global Warming and Climate Change, Sustainability and Ecological Farming. We learn and discuss possible solutions for a food, water and energy secure future and how we can better protect the environment.



2nd Month

Practical Projects and studies learning from RVA's Campus Climate Center

In this month we learn by DOING: Preparing and implementing projects on campus which can include expanding the vegetable and livestock production, increase the nursery capacity and rainwater harvesting while learning more about ecological farming and community mobilization. This experience builds skills that you will then apply in the communities!



3rd and 4th Month

Taking it to the Communities

The team moves into a rural Caribbean community and carry out activities for a more sustainable future, ranging from teaching in schools, planting trees, supporting families to grow more healthy food, promote ecological farming or carry out beach, river and community clean up. The evenings are to immerse in the village cultural life.



5th and 6th Month

Further Studies, Actions and Telling your story

Here the team consolidates their experience, and engage in deeper reflections as a team, while also implementing self-designed projects with people in the communities or at the RVA Climate Center. A focus on how to creatively tell the story about how to protect the environment and create a more sustainable future. A final celebration of the experience is held with evaluations and hosting an open day with the people they have worked with during the program.



Acadia, USA 22 years old

The skills I obtained through RVA helped me to become qualified and get accepted as a Peace Corps Volunteer in the Agriculture Extension Program in Ghana. Those skills include permaculture garden design, immersing myself into a new culture, working with locals, teamwork, and taking a step back from my life to try and understand and accept new surroundings and people. I believe these skills are pertinent for any kind of future job one may apply for.

Rebecca, UK 22 years old

I have just started a program in Renewable Energy. Richmond Vale gave me a global perspective of many environmental issues, which helped both with my application and the work I'm now doing. It also taught me to work with people from all around the world and to unite over common goals.

Sebastián, Colombia 25 years old

Along the program, I immersed more and more into sustainable agriculture. With my experience in the Caribbean, I pursued a PDC in France and was able to achieve a job position with the local government in my hometown, where we promoted organic farming and recovering degraded soil.

Vivian, Uruguay 43 years old

During the program, I learned to listen, observe, debate, and practiced tolerance. The greatest challenge of all was getting out of ourselves and our egoism to try to do something common with people from completely different points of view, culture, language, etc. I got to know people who just gave the best of themselves at all times!