

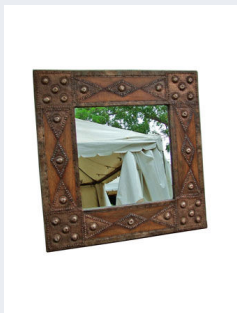


Additional Placement Information

Wild Gecko Handicrafts - Blacksmiths

"If anyone has been looking for an ethical and professional NGO in Ghana, then I can personally recommend Ikando and its leadership."

Ralph Stone – November 2006.



Got more questions?

Request a call back. Email call@ikando.org including your name and telephone number and we will call you back.



"Thanks so much for all your support during my stay, you went beyond the call of duty. It was an amazing experience."

Lorna Williams

Wild Gecko Handicrafts has for some years now been in the business of improving and developing local Artisan Skills towards adapting and developing traditional products and technologies to meet new demands of local and export markets for innovative and high-quality products.

Their products, comprising primarily handcrafted furniture and personal and household decorations and accessories, have been exported to numerous countries including the USA, UK, Ireland, Germany, The Netherlands, Italy, Israel, Jamaica, Australia, Malaysia and continentally to Nigeria, Côte d'Ivoire, Benin and Burkina Faso. The range includes such items as jewellery, textiles and clothing, furniture, frames, stationery, sculptures and carvings made from materials such as brass, horn, glass, aluminium, wood and grass.

The bulk of their products are manufactured locally at our workshops at Okponglo or elsewhere in and around Accra and the rest of Ghana, although they also showcase products specially sourced from currently about 15 other African countries including South Africa, Swaziland, Zimbabwe, Kenya, Cameroon, Niger, Madagascar, Mauritania, Morocco and Ethiopia.

The volunteer

Skilled blacksmiths and welders are required to train staff in new techniques and maybe along the way pick up some African skills. In particular guidance is needed with product development, from the sketch to the end-product.

You will have to have patience and be a real team player and good communicator. The ideal candidate will have at least 5yrs work experience



Accommodation Details

You will be staying at the Ikando accommodation in the centre of Accra. Our main house is large and spacious, with a big surrounding garden in the centre of town. Our office is located at the back of the garden in what used to be the staff quarters. The house has a spacious communal living area, dining area and kitchen. Upstairs there is a large balcony where volunteers sit out in the evening, a study area and bedrooms with two bathrooms. All of the upstairs bedrooms have access to balconies.

Our second Accra is located a stone's throw away from the main accommodation and office. It has a large terrace and roof top to sit out and enjoy the warm evenings. It has two large bedrooms, two en-suite bathrooms and a large kitchen and living area.



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How to Apply

Please fill in the application form you have been sent and email it together with an up-to-date resume (CV) to: info@ikando.org. Don't forget to let us know which subject you would like to teach!

We will email you within 48 hours of receiving your completed application form and resume.



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Extra Details

Project Duration	Min Duration 4 weeks - Max Duration 52 weeks (can be extended in-country)
Dates	You can volunteer at any time from Feb to June and Sep to Dec.
Pricing	£ 655 for 4 weeks, £87 per week thereafter. For pricing in a different currency please check out www.oanda.com .
Deposit	£ 150 (included in total price)
Location	Accra
Airport to fly into	Accra Airport (ACC) - (also known as Kotoka International Airport)
In-country Budget	From \$50 on a tight budget to \$150 p/week if you wish to explore Ghana.

What's included in the project fees?

- Accommodation & fully furnished kitchen
- Welcome pack
- Airport pick-up
- 24/7 Emergency support.
- Introduction to life in Ghana.

What's not included?

- Flights & Visa
- Food
- Vaccinations (please speak to your local GP)
- Insurance (required)

We work hard to include as much information as possible online. Please check out the following links on www.ikando.org for further information regarding:

- Health & Safety: www.ikando.org/healthandsafety.html
- Accommodation: www.ikando.org/accommodation.html
- Organizing your flights: www.ikando.org/flights.html
- Organizing your visa: www.ikando.org/visa.html
- In-country Food: www.ikando.org/food.html
- Airport-Pick up: www.ikando.org/airport.html

If you have any further questions on this placement, please do not hesitate to contact us.