

EARTHWISE VALLEY

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RESIDENTIAL VOLUNTEER QUESTIONNAIRE

Filling in this application will take a little bit of time; please consider it a direct investment in your future. You will be living at the Valley for a considerable time, experiencing and learning a great deal, and investing a great deal of energy. This application is your best chance to clarify your expectations. Please use separate sheets of paper if you need more room for your answers. Refer to the website to clarify details, and after this email us your questions.

When folks live and work together they become a 'family' quickly – reality kicks in fast!
Please answer with care and honesty – Thank you.

Personal Details

Full Name:		Age:	
Nationality:		Date of Birth:	
Country of Origin		Gender:	

Address:	
Postcode:	
Country:	
Tel nums:	
Email:	

Passport Number:		Country of Issue:		Expiry Date:	
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Your Programme

1. How long would you like to volunteer at Earthwise Valley?
(Please note: minimum 3 weeks, maximum 12 months)

Ideal duration	Minimum duration	Maximum duration
weeks/months*	weeks/months*	weeks/months*

2. When would you like to arrive at Earthwise Valley? (* Please delete as appropriate)
(Format DD/MM/YY)

Ideal Start Date	Earliest Start Date:	Latest Start Date:
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3. When would you like to leave Earthwise Valley?
(Format DD/MM/YY)

Ideal Finish Date	Earliest Finish Date	Latest Finish Date
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4. How did you hear about Earthwise Valley?
(If via the internet please specify which website or directory)

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5. I am able to donate NZ\$ _____ per week of my stay.
(Fully weekly contribution \$NZ 595 for more information see <http://www.earthwisevalley.org/contribution.php>)

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6. Are you planning to come to the Valley with another person? If so, who?

a. Would you only come if they were also accepted? **Y/N**

Emergency Contact Details

Name:	
Address:	
Postcode:	
Country:	
Tel no:	
Email:	
Relationship to you	

General Health Information

Doctors Name:	
Address:	
Postcode:	
Country:	
Tel no:	

1. Are you in good general health? **Y/N***
2. Do you smoke? **Y/N**
3. Do you drink alcohol? **Y/N**
4. Do you use recreational drugs? **Y/N**
5. Are you: **Meat Eating/Vegan/Vegetarian/Other***
6. Do you have any allergies? **Y/N** If so, please explain

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7. Do you have any disabilities that may impact on your programme? **Y/N** If so, please explain

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8. Do you have medical conditions that may require special management or knowledge by any persons supervising or working with you? **Y/N** If so, please explain

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Your Current Situation

Please tell us about your current situation

(e.g. taking a year out; recently graduated; taking a career break; travelling)

Your Expectations

On a separate piece of paper, please answer the following questions (500 words or less *)

1. What do you hope to gain from your time in Earthwise Valley?
2. Why do you believe that the Valley is the right place for you at this time in your life?
3. How have your past experiences prepared you for our Residential Volunteer Programme?

* Note – you can write this as 3 answers, or one **short** essay – it's not a test !

Your Recreation Interests

Which of the following activities are you interested in? (Please tick all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Cycling	<input type="checkbox"/>	Day-walking	<input type="checkbox"/>	Multi-day hikes
<input type="checkbox"/>	Camping	<input type="checkbox"/>	Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/>	Horse-riding
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rock climbing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sea-kayaking	<input type="checkbox"/>	Snorkelling
<input type="checkbox"/>	Scuba-diving	<input type="checkbox"/>	Skiing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Surfing
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tennis	<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow boarding	<input type="checkbox"/>	Weights/aerobics
<input type="checkbox"/>	Basketball	<input type="checkbox"/>	Football (soccer)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Badminton
<input type="checkbox"/>	Watching films	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ultimate Frisbee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Writing
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yoga	<input type="checkbox"/>	Reading	<input type="checkbox"/>	Meditation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cookery	<input type="checkbox"/>	Art	<input type="checkbox"/>	Playing music

Your Skills & Experience

Gardening & Sustainable Production

Good, healthy food is central to our philosophy, goals, and daily life. We seek to grow as much of our food as possible, and use our gardens as education centres – come learn how to grow! Please list any and all gardening experience, including knowledge of Permaculture, biodynamic, bio-intensive, organic standards, orchards, composting, herb and wildflower gardening, pest control. Also state your interest in taking on hands-on approach to learning to grow good food.

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Other Skills and Interests:

Our sustainability work is only one part of a large range of activities that take place at the Valley. We are looking for folks who have a wide range of interests – from chopping wood to digging a composting toilet, to cooking loaves of bread in a cob oven, to rebuilding our computer network and designing a new web page. Please take some time to outline your strengths and interests in the following skill areas:

Conservation
Green Building
General Work Skills

Administration
Computers
Art & Beauty

Conservation

Earthwise aims to create a channel through which people can make a contribution (or "koha") to our natural environment and receive many benefits in return. Use the space below to tell us about your skills and experience in conservation. This may include weed control, track/trail creation, knowledge of flora/fauna, plant propagation, plant nursery work, tree planting, pest animal trapping, map and compass skills.

General Work Skills

Please list projects completed, tool and material knowledge, and your interests for learning more. For example: *"I've worked hanging sheetrock and laying tile for a summer, and held a landscaping job for 2 years. I'm familiar with most power tools, including chainsaws and routers. I'm interested in learning more about sustainable building."* Please do include experience with driving 4wd vehicles and trailer use.

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Green Building

For folks who have a construction background, please list particular jobs held (general/finish carpentry, drafting, framing, roofing, plumbing, electrical, etc.). Also note any experience or interest in sustainable building (particularly earth bricks/adobe, alternative power systems and green design)

Administration

Management at the Valley includes volunteer coordination, developing projects, charitable fundraising, and accounting. Please list all your "desk job" skills. Include fundraising experience, writing and editing, sales, graphic design, and marketing.

Computers

Yes, even in the remote beauty of Earthwise Valley, computers are a necessary evil. We use our small network of PCs for a variety of functions, from outreach (email, website development, etc.), to accounting, storing photos, word processing, GIS, and database management. Please list any and all computer skills you have, including names and versions of programs (ie. Photoshop, Dreamweaver). Include experience in building/rebuilding PCs and server/network management.

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Art & Beauty

Health is not just about food and exercise, but also about being exposed to music, art and beauty. Please list any artistic interests/skills that you have, particularly instruments you play, and if you like to sing! (we won't force you, we promise)

Thank you for your time!

Please email, fax or post your completed questionnaire, so we can consider you for the volunteer programme:

Remember to include **two recent photos**, at least one of them showing a close-up of your face. (We appreciate the great landscapes of some of the photos we receive, but that won't help us to recognise you when we first meet you).

Email: volunteer@earthwisevalley.org

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