



*Mary Enright, a Progressio development worker, with a colleague at the library she helped set up for Amoud University in Somaliland*

# Your skills could change the world

Make a **world of difference** by  
becoming a **development worker**

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# Interested? Then work for development with Progressio



## Who we are

**Progressio** is an international development agency working to tackle the root causes of poverty. Our development workers – from agroecologists to urban planners, from business advisers to communications experts, from women's rights activists to HIV and AIDS specialists – work at the grassroots level with local organisations and local people.

We help people in poor countries build sustainable livelihoods. Protect and care for the environment. Face up to the threat of HIV and AIDS. Have a say in the decisions that affect them.

## Where we work

We work in 11 countries with some of the world's poorest people: the Dominican Republic/Haiti, East Timor, Ecuador, El Salvador, Honduras, Malawi, Nicaragua, Peru, Somaliland, Yemen and Zimbabwe.

*Saul Bustillo,  
a community  
leader and  
organic  
farmer in  
Honduras*

## Why work with Progressio?

Former development worker Jane Freeland described her development worker placement as 'one of the most exciting years of my life'. Stephanie Boyd called it 'a joyous, heart-wrenching and profound learning experience that I will carry with me always'.

We offer one to two year placements with monthly living allowance, accommodation and other benefits – and the chance to help change other people's lives, and enrich your own.

## What is a development worker?

A Progressio development worker is an experienced and professionally qualified individual. The key role of our development workers is to transfer their skills and knowledge to our partner organisations to help them achieve real, ongoing practical change for their communities. The success of our development work is measured by people and organisations being able to continue to work effectively after our development worker has finished his or her placement.

# Who works with us?

## Nick Molyneux

'There wouldn't be anything worse than sitting in an armchair at 70 and thinking, "I haven't done anything that matters".' That's why kite surfer Nick Molyneux packed his bags and headed for the impoverished island of East Timor, just north of Australia, where he is working with East Timorese environmental organisation, the Haburas Foundation.



A marine biologist, Nick is working with Haburas to prevent the destruction of the mangrove forests, which are vital not just for the local ecosystem but for the livelihoods of local people, many of whom earn a living from fishing. Nick says: 'I'm passionate about the environment, but more so about how the environment relates to society and improving people's happiness.'

Less than a year into his placement, Nick says he's finding his work 'exciting and rewarding' – and he's also finding time for a little kite surfing...

## Ahmed Ismail

'This has been one of the most inspiring jobs I have ever had. I learned how to work with minimal resources; how to be creative; how to be culturally sensitive; how to approach challenging situations.'



Many development workers talk about their overseas placement as a life-changing experience – a journey to a new place that is also a journey of self-discovery. For Ahmed Ismail, the experience was even more poignant: when he went to Somaliland in East Africa to work as an HIV and AIDS adviser, he was returning to the country of his birth, having emigrated with his family during an earlier period of civil war.

'It was a unique experience,' he says. 'I have contributed my skills and experience, but in return I have learned a great deal – and have discovered how beautiful my country is.'



Development worker *Monica Ortiz* (left) with a colleague at the women's rights organisation *Flor de Piedra* in El Salvador

## Who are you?

- You are an experienced and committed professional who believes in development and social justice, and wants to live and work abroad.
- You'll be looking forward to the challenges that come with living in a different culture. And you'll relish learning new ways of working, as well as sharing your skills with others.
- You'll be enthusiastic about working with everyone, irrespective of ethnic, religious, political, cultural or social background, sexual orientation or other differences.
- You may already be a development worker, looking for a fresh challenge; or you may be a professional thinking of taking your first step into the world of development. Either way, we want to hear from you.

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