

JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER TOURISM AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT CALL FOR PAPERS: Special Issue on Volunteering and Sport Tourism: Dynamics and Diversity

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The concept of volunteering has a long and established history. The study of volunteering and sport is well documented within the western world whilst volunteer tourism is an embryonic but growing field of study. The linking of volunteering and sport tourism is a more recent phenomenon with much of the research focusing around events. However, according to Baum & Lockstone (2007) even this area lacks a holistic approach. The field of volunteering and sport tourism is clearly both dynamic and diverse with a range of opportunities and challenges emerging. For instance, a growing number of volunteer tourism organisations are offering 'sport volunteer projects overseas'; colleges and universities are travelling with volunteer sport students to engage with communities in a sporting context; sport tourism volunteering is occurring at events, with volunteers travelling both domestically and overseas to take part. These burgeoning opportunities however, raise a plethora of questions and issues (see below) and it is evident that the current literature offers few answers. In short little is known about volunteering in a sport tourism context. Consequently, this special edition seeks to provide an opportunity amongst academics and practitioners to explore the relationship between these two phenomena and present ideas that capture the dynamics and diversity of volunteering in sport tourism. Interdisciplinary and international approaches are particularly welcomed.

TOPICS OF INTEREST:

The guest editors invite you to submit research papers which engage in developing the following or similar topics.

- Understanding the volunteer in sport tourism (who is the volunteer in regards to their behaviour, motivation, experience, gender, contribution, impact?)
- Intercultural perspectives on sport tourism and volunteering (one advert states that 'sport is a universal language'; is this true? If so, what effect does it have on adaptation, culture confusion and cultural exchange? If not, what engagement is happening?)
- Supply side (which sectors are involved - private, public or third sector organisations? To what extent are partnerships being formed?)
- Sponsorship, funding and payment (how is volunteering in sport tourism being funded?)
- Impact (social, economic, environmental) (is it sustainable?) upon people and places (host communities, volunteers, cities, townships) (are host communities in western cities less impacted than host communities in developing countries where volunteering in a sport tourism context takes place?)

- Social development aspects (whose development? the volunteers and/or the participants?)
- Legacy of volunteering in sport tourism – tangible and intangible (whose legacy? - the country where the volunteering took place or the country the volunteers return to?) (To what extent do relationships continue after volunteers return home?) (Do episodic volunteers become long-term volunteers?)
- Management of key stakeholders (what are the issues related to the management of volunteers in sport tourism?)

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

- The call is open and competitive
- Space in the special issue will be limited
- Selected papers will be blind reviewed in line with journal policy
- Final papers for the special issue will be decided by the guest editors considering the reviewer comments and the space limitations
- Submission implies that the article constitutes original material that has not previously been published or is under consideration elsewhere
- Manuscripts should not exceed 7,000 words.
- It is expected that Journal of International Volunteer Tourism and Social Development guidelines are adhered to (paper length, style, etc)
<http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/journal.asp?issn=1754-6362&linktype=44>
- Papers, reviews, case studies should be submitted as a word document and sent to in the first instance to amb16@brighton.ac.uk

SUBMISSION DATES:

1,200 word extended abstracts to the guest editor by 31st August 2009

Full papers for review by 1st December 2009

Final Papers by 1st February 2010, for special issue publication in August 2010

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