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Unsustainable energy consumption is taking a toll on the planet’s climate, eco-functions, and present (as well as future) well-being around the world. With so much work to be done, overseas environmental organizations specializing in renewable energy are frequently in need of volunteers to join their team.

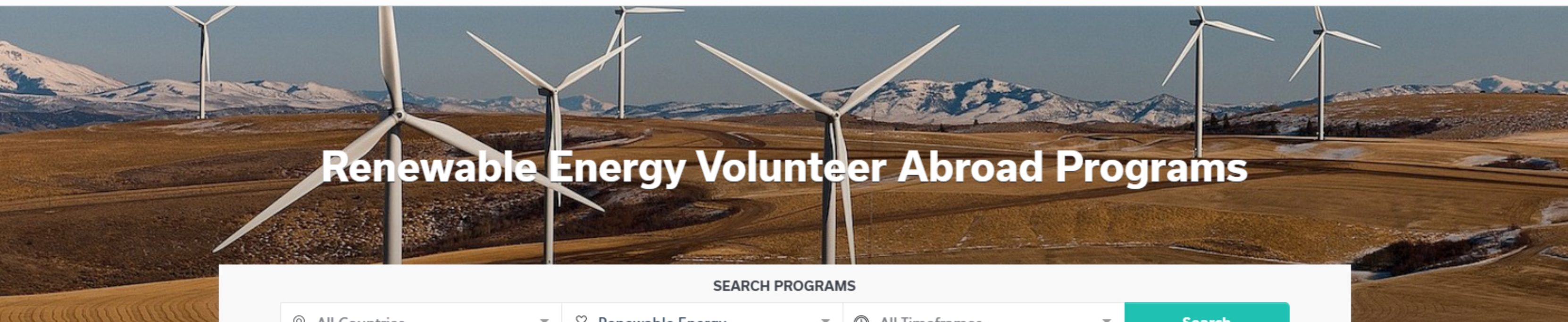
Volunteering in renewable energy gives you the opportunity to gain hands-on experience working with environmentalists and make a direct impact in the field of sustainability. Whether it's working on hydropower systems in landlocked countries, helping spread the adoption of solar energy generators in countries that lack the infrastructure for electricity or helping a company on the cutting edge of a new technology, the opportunities are surprising and nearly endless.

As an added bonus, you’ll find that the overseas destinations popular for renewable energy volunteer programs will offer unique cultural perspectives that will enhance and inform your already expanding worldview.

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Now that you have a better idea of the top locations for volunteering in renewable energy and the various types of programs available, it's time to start working out the finer points. From safety to visas, there's a lot to consider when planning a trip to volunteer overseas in renewable energy.

How to Choose a Renewable Energy Volunteer Abroad Program

With so many types of renewable energy volunteer opportunities and options of destinations, selecting the right program requires a number of considerations. To start, it would be helpful pin down how long you aim to volunteer for and to set a budget. From there, you can take a look at program lengths and fees, weighing these elements alongside the program itself.

Housekeeping stuff aside, the most important decision-making factor is the type of program and the location. If you intend to pursue a career in the field of renewable energy, selecting a program in your desired path will certainly be helpful. So if you have an interest in geothermal power, pack up for Kenya! With the right program, you're going to make an incredible impact on sustainable energy.

Healthy & Safety

One other element to keep in mind when selecting the right renewable energy volunteer program is medical insurance. Most organizations will equip their participants with some type of health coverage for the duration of the program. But if you intend to stay in your destination longer, or venture to nearby countries on weekend excursions, you'll need to look into additional options.

In the field, renewable energy is a relatively safe venture for volunteers. That doesn't mean you can start jumping up and down on a ladder while installing solar panels, so exercise common sense when at work. Always adhere to the instructions of your program supervisors and local officials. As experts in renewable energy and the surrounding area, they'll be able to spot potentially harmful scenarios before you can.

Other Need to Know

Depending on the length of your renewable energy volunteer program and the program destination, you may need to acquire a visa or other type of entry permit. Some countries will allow you to stay up to 90 days without a visa, and others require one for any type of entry, whether it be short or long-term volunteering. After you've honed in on your desired location, exact visa requirements will be easier to pinpoint.

Often with renewable energy volunteer programs, you'll be working directly with local officials to strengthen the community's sustainable energy consumption. As such, knowledge of the local language will be helpful, and well-developed interpersonal skills are valuable for overcoming any cultural communication barriers. And of course, a passion for renewable energy will bond you to fellow participants and the local community, making the program more beneficial for everyone involved.

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