

# RURAL FUTURES VOLUNTEERING & INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS

The Rural Futures Internship Program is a dynamic engagement of volunteers, interns and overall youth from across the globe by imparting them with rich indigenous traditional knowledge to understand and sustainable practice of the various ecological services provided by nature through the various verticals and flagship programs of the Balipara Foundation.

The idea behind creating this volunteering module is to create an open space learning platform for youth across the globe, which acts as a potential classroom to disseminate and amalgamate knowledge on the need to sustainably use natural capital, enhancing rural economies through the Rural Futures framework, and furthering the Naturenomics™ vision of ecology is economy.

Apart from access to the Balipara Foundation team and projects, the Rural Futures volunteering platform creates an opportunity to work with organizational partners such as Mahila Shakti Kendra, Impulse NGO Network amongst others. Through these interactions the interns and volunteers gain an insight into the unique challenges the Eastern Himalayan region faces in the face of changing social and environmental dynamics.

Through the Rural Futures Volunteering/ Internship platform, Balipara Foundation developed an integrated learning module for its volunteers/interns, that comprises to a series of curricular activities in lines to the projects, scientific research and global discussions, the organization is currently initiating or aims to achieve in the near future.



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