



Public Service Management Wales  
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# International Learning Opportunities

Developing Leadership, Developing World, Developing Wales



Sharing skills  
Changing lives

Delivered in association with

**Funded by the Welsh Assembly Government's Wales for Africa Framework**

A savanna landscape at sunset. The sky is a vibrant mix of orange, yellow, and purple, with the sun low on the horizon. Several acacia trees are silhouetted against the bright sky, their dark forms contrasting sharply with the light. The foreground is a flat, grassy plain, also in silhouette. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

Imagine...

A sunset over a savanna landscape with acacia trees. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and purple, with the sun low on the horizon. The foreground shows the silhouettes of several acacia trees against the bright light of the setting sun.

Enhancing your leadership abilities and developing your career.

Embarking on a once in a lifetime opportunity that allows you to travel and work in a new and challenging environment.

Delivering tangible benefits to some of the poorest and most disadvantaged communities in the world.

Making a real, lasting contribution to the Welsh response to the Millennium Development Goals.

**Now's your chance.**

## International Learning Opportunities

Public Service Management Wales (PSMW) is offering International Learning Opportunities as a personal journey to leadership excellence.

Delivered in association with the international development charity Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO), International Learning Opportunities gives you a unique opportunity to work in developing countries, with VSO's overseas partners, on innovative projects that will test and enhance your skills as a manager and a leader.

The programme is open to anyone involved in leading and managing within the Welsh public service.






## The UN Millennium Goals

- Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
- Achieve universal primary education
- Promote gender equality and empower women
- Reduce child mortality
- Improve maternal health
- Combat HIV and AIDS, malaria and other diseases
- Ensure environmental sustainability
- Develop a global partnership for development

## Developing Wales

By challenging your skills, expertise and knowledge in a completely different environment, the programme aims to enable managers like you to spearhead public service improvement for users, citizens and communities across Wales.

In addition, it will develop mutually beneficial links between Wales and the developing world and will promote international understanding and appreciation of cultural and ethnic diversity.



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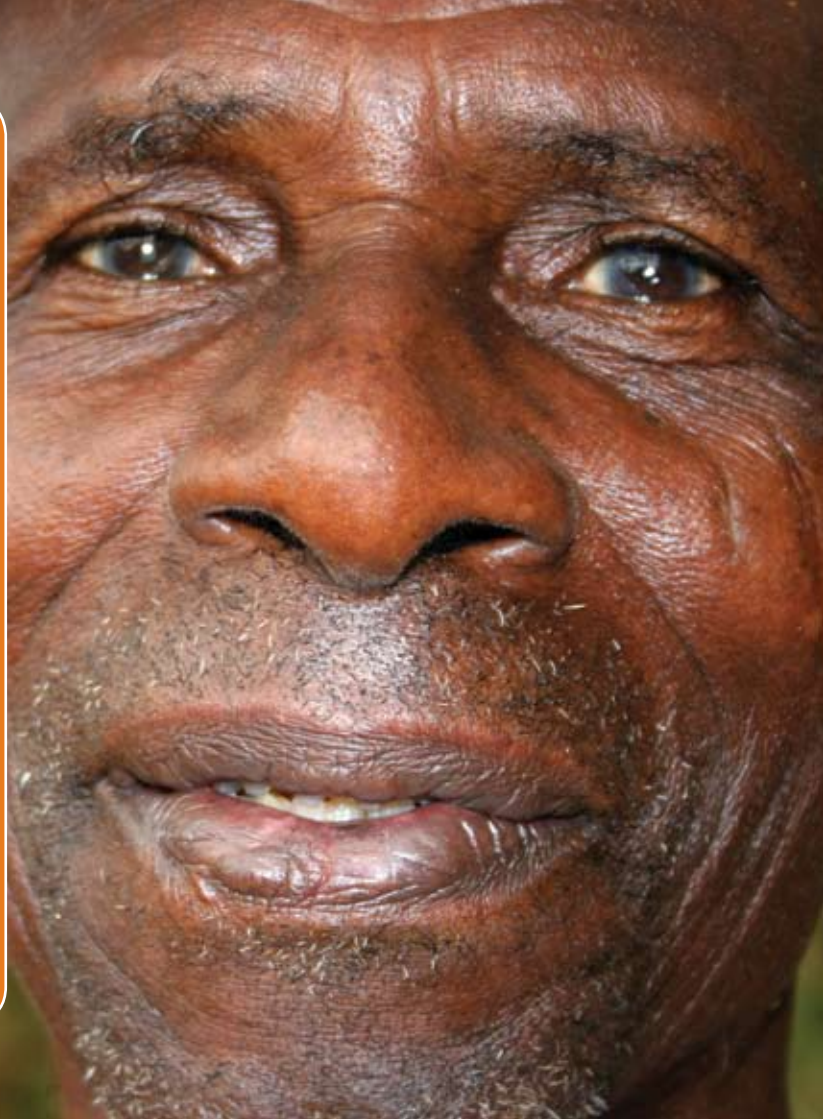
## Case Study

### **Maggie Powell**

Fundraising Adviser in Sierra Leone

**Maggie has over twenty years' experience** working for international development agencies, not-for-profit organisations and in public sector health care, both in the UK and overseas. In April 2005, she worked for three weeks with a group of NGO Youth Service Agencies in Sierra Leone.

During her short-term placement, Maggie initiated important work plans and strategies that will improve the agencies' relationships with future donors. In addition to these tangible improvements, Maggie developed her own ability to adapt her significant professional skills in a less structured and more challenging environment.



## Support

Working in a developing country is both exciting and daunting. Delivering the programme in association with VSO will ensure the necessary support is provided for participants at every stage of the process, including pre- and post-placement training, briefing and de-briefing. All travel arrangements including visas, inoculations, medical equipment and assistance, accommodation and air fares will be provided.

## Cost

International Learning Opportunities is fully funded by the Welsh Assembly Government's Wales for Africa Framework, so it will be free to those taking part. Participants will, however, need to gain support from their organisation, by asking their senior officer to countersign their initial application.

## How to take part

For more details please complete and return the attached card, email [psmw@wales.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:psmw@wales.gsi.gov.uk) or telephone PSMW on 029 2068 1343.

On receipt of your enquiry, we will send you a pack that includes an application form along with detailed guidance notes about the selection process and criteria.

The application pack is also available at [www.wales.gov.uk/psmw](http://www.wales.gov.uk/psmw)



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Public Service Management Wales is part of the Welsh Assembly Government and is committed to building the capacity of managers and leaders in Wales to improve the delivery of public services and help meet the challenge set down in Making the Connections. International Learning Opportunities is one of the placement opportunities available through PSMW's People Exchange Wales programme. [www.wales.gov.uk/psmw](http://www.wales.gov.uk/psmw)



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The Wales for Africa Framework is a Welsh Assembly Government initiative launched in 2006 to encourage Wales to do more in support of international development and disaster relief. A series of projects are being supported, all of which have an element of mutual benefit for Wales and Sub Saharan Africa. These include: Linking between communities and hospitals, extra training and support for Welsh overseas aid groups and funding for the bid to make Wales the world's first Fair Trade Country.

[www.wales.gov.uk/WalesforAfrica](http://www.wales.gov.uk/WalesforAfrica)



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VSO is an international development charity that works through volunteers. VSO's vision is a world without poverty in which people work together to fulfil their potential. By promoting volunteering to fight global poverty and disadvantage, and by bringing people together to share skills, creativity and learning, the organisation believes it is possible to build a fairer world.

[www.vso.org.uk](http://www.vso.org.uk)



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Organisation

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Type of organisation (eg Local Authority, Trust, Voluntary etc)