Project TEN is an international development program that operates volunteer centers in developing areas. We bring together young Jewish adults from all over the world, to a program that combines volunteer work with local communities and service-learning in the fields of international development, culture, identity, and Jewish activism.

**ABOUT GHANA**
The TEN Center in Ghana opened in January 2015. The center is located in the remote town of Winneba, 60 km from Accra, the capital. Volunteers engage in informal education activities to enrich the local children's learning experience. We also have many events with our local partner and with the local community leaders.

**BOOKS & THINGS EDUCATIONAL CENTER**
The Center is a product of collaboration with local organizations which operates in the afternoons and provides experiential, multidisciplinary learning, which is adapted to the various learning capabilities of the children and youth. The activities revolve around the fields of art, social games, thinking games, a mobile library, education for health, and a leadership program for youth in order to develop personal skills and abilities among the children of today that will serve them as adults.

**BOOKS & THINGS ENRICHMENT ROOMS**
Enrichment Rooms operate in the mornings in throughout several schools in the town. Volunteers join the homerooms and hold experiential and empowering activities in a variety of topics during this time. Volunteers also provide knowledge and tools to the local teaching staff.

**EDUCATIONAL-AGRICULTURAL FARM**
The farm is adjacent to the Books & Things Center and is another space for activities in collaboration with the surrounding schools. The activities and experiences on the farm serve the same purpose of imparting knowledge and skills to children and youth. Participants are exposed to initiatives from the agricultural world: Advanced irrigation systems, greenhouse agriculture, composting, recycling and environmental protection.

**WHO WE ARE**
Young people in their twenties from Israel and the Diaspora volunteer at the TEN Ghana Center. Volunteers engage in informal education activities on a daily basis in order to enrich the local children's learning experience.

**WHAT WE DO**
Volunteers begin the morning by working in schools around Winneba, according to our education method and partner with the local teachers. Together they create a meaningful change in a sustainable way. We also do Farming educational sessions and work together with the students in a farm close to the school. Afternoon are for our Books and Things center, this is where we meet the children and youth of the community and experience our educational spaces in Art, science, ODT, Thinking games and more.
Volunteers undergo training before and after arrival at the Center. The training is designed to prepare participants for group life, the volunteering experience, and it enables a connection to the wider global context in which Project TEN operates. The delegation opens with a week of orientation of in-depth familiarity with the Center. During this week, the volunteers meet the local staff, get to deeply know the work, visit volunteering locations and are exposed to the local culture and lifestyle.

During the three months of volunteering, there are regular weekly meetings led by the Center’s Directors and Coordinators and in collaboration with local professionals. The meetings cover various topics such as international development, education and community, Shabbat and holiday activities, Fanti lessons and group time. The purpose of the meetings is to process the volunteering and group life experiences, to provide tools for the professional implementation of Project TEN’s educational and ethical model, to expose the volunteers to the culture and lifestyle of the community in which they live alongside their own identity as Jews, as Israelis and citizens of the world.

*Every second weekend, participants are free to go and travel around the country. The program welcomes religious and secular participants. All activities on Saturdays and Jewish holidays are suitable for traditional observers. However, every participant is free to keep the Shabbat as they see fit.

**Volunteer 2020**
- January Cohort
- May Cohort
- September Cohort
For more details on dates and other centers check out our website!

**Cost**: $1,350

**Includes**: accommodation, three nutritious vegetarian meals a day, clean water, professional staff in the field, basic Wi-Fi and security.

**Not Included**: flights, health insurance, vaccines, visas and free weekends.

**Accommodations**: Volunteers and Directors and Coordinators share a communal house. The volunteers sleep on the top floor of the house in communal rooms (up to 4 roommates per room). The Center maintains a vegetarian kitchen with a rich menu of both local and Israeli cuisine. The living quarters is a spacious home, with a living room that serves as both a communal space and a place for workshops and gatherings, a dining room, a fully equipped kitchen and bathroom. In addition, volunteers can enjoy the yard and wide lawns, from which they can overlook spectacular sunsets.