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**Elephant Conservation,
Thailand**

1. Where did you go?

I went to Tha Mai Ruak, Thailand with Wildlife friends foundation, <https://www.wfft.org/>

2. What did you do?

We were **volunteering for 1 week on the elephant sanctuary**. This included making food for the elephants, feeding them, walking them, washing them, and creating enrichments for them (activities / challenges) to keep them busy and stimulated.

3. What was the highlight of your trip?

The highlight was **meeting so many new people and getting to walk an elephant**.

4. What did you learn/gain from working/studying/volunteering overseas?

I learnt a lot about the tourist industry in Asia, also I gained a lot of independence by travelling- we travelled for 5 weeks in total around the week volunteering, and visited Vietnam, Cambodia and South Thailand.

5. In what ways (if any) do you think your experience has boosted your employability?

Overall the trip gave me unique **work experience that evidences hard work and a keen interest in animals and the environment**, also independence and ambition. I think this has boosted my employability.

6. Are there any downsides to working/studying/volunteering?

I can't think of any downsides to volunteering overseas, **it can be quite costly but the university funding massively helped**, also going to somewhere like Thailand / Asia can be done on a lower budget.