

The Peace Corps Community in West Virginia

West Virginia Peace Corps Volunteers Through the Years

WEST VIRGINIA VOLUNTEERS SINCE 1961	737	2020: 21	2017: 24
		2019: 27	2016: 22
2025 WEST VIRGINIA VOLUNTEERS	4	2018: 25	1966: 50

5 Things to Know about the Peace Corps Community in West Virginia

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Through its Coverdell Fellowship program, the Peace Corps has an educational partnership with Future Generations University in Franklin. West Virginia University (WVU) has a Peace Corps Prep program, which outlines areas of study intended to make students more competitive applicants for Peace Corps service.

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National Peace Corps Association affiliate groups include the West Virginia Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCVs).

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RPCV Kevin Orner, an assistant professor at West Virginia University, is leading a research group that seeks to improve human and environmental health locally and globally through the safe and sustainable recovery of resources from concentrated waste streams. Kevin was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Panama from 2009–2011.

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El Salvador RPCV Courtney Hereford is a senior research specialist with WVU Health Affairs. She previously served as Executive Director at the Center for Rural and Community Health in Lewisburg.

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West Virginia University graduate Eileen Conoboy served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Mali (1995-97). Since then, she has held numerous staff positions with the Peace Corps, including her current role as the Director of Programming and Training in Ghana.

*Based on data from Peace Corps, National Peace Corps Association, and other news sources.