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EDUCATION/TEACHING PROJECTS

1. VPV01 - Nghia Tan Primary School (English Teaching)



Nghia Tan Primary School is located in Cau Giay district, Hanoi, which is about 8km from the Old Quarters. There is very little chance for the children and teachers to meet foreigners to practice English and exchange communication skills even though they have received great support of the government in infrastructure.

Main Aims and Activities

The aim of the program is to provide English language speaking environment for children to practice and improve their confidence in using a foreign language in communication.

Nghia Tan Primary School is one of many public primary schools in Hanoi.

There are about 3000 children aging from 6-11 years old who start learning English and French at grade 1 (6 years old). Teachers and children had not had many chances to meet and talk with foreigners until VPV sent its volunteers to help there.

Volunteer Tasks & Role

Volunteers will be expected to help with the following:

- Improving listening/speaking skills for children
- Improving pronunciation for children
- Organizing games and other activities in classrooms
- Assisting local teachers in managing the classes.

Normally volunteers will teach about 20 hours a week. No placements in summer (June – July - August). Volunteers will always work with a local teacher.



Travel to work: about 30 minutes walking.

Volunteer's Skills

Volunteers should like to work with children, maturity and initiative spirit.

-Fluent English

-Age: 18 and over.

-Minimum stay preferred 4 weeks.

-Be open-minded and sociable.

-Be willing to learn more about the country and adapt to different and working style in Vietnam.

Location

Address: No.14 To Hieu street, Cau Giay district, Hanoi. It is approximate 8 kms far away from city center.

Duration

Minimum (weeks) : 2 weeks	Maximum (weeks) : N/A
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Hosting situation

Volunteers will stay in a dormitory with rooms shared with other volunteers. Living conditions will be Vietnamese standard with shared bathroom, shared room with bunk-beds. Mattress, blanket, pillow and mosquito net are provided.

Food will be provided at accommodation. Meals will be mostly local food, which vary from the daily cooking schedule. Volunteers, especially those who are vegetarian may be required to do some cooking by themselves. During working-days food is provided by the host placement.

2. VPV02 - Nghia Tan Primary School (French Teaching)





Nghia Tan Primary School is located in Cau Giay district, Hanoi, which is about 8km from the Old Quarters. There is very little chance for the children and teachers to meet foreigners to practice English and exchange communication skills even though they have received great support of the government in infrastructure.

Main Aims and Activities

The aim of the program is to provide French language speaking environment for children to practice and improve their confidence in using a foreign language in communication.

Nghia Tan Primary School is one of many public primary schools in Hanoi.

There are about 3000 children aging from 6-11 years old who start learning English and French at grade 1 (6 years old). Teachers and children had not had many chances to meet and talk with foreigners until VPV sent its volunteers to help there.

Volunteer Tasks & Role

Volunteers will be expected to help with the following:

- Improving listening/speaking skills for children
- Improving pronunciation for children
- Organizing games and other activities in or outside classrooms
- Assisting local teachers in managing the classes.

Normally volunteers will teach about 20 hours a week. No placements in summer (June – July - August). Volunteers will always work with a local teacher.

Travel to work: about 30 minutes walking.

Volunteer's Skills

Volunteers should like to work with children, maturity and initiative spirit.

-Fluent French

-Age: 18 and over.

-Minimum stay preferred 4 weeks.

-Be open-minded and sociable.

-Be willing to learn more about the country and adapt to different working style in Vietnam.

Location

Address: No.14 To Hieu street, Cau Giay district, Hanoi. It is approximate 8 kms far away from city center.

Duration

Minimum (weeks) : 2 weeks	Maximum (weeks) : N/A
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Hosting situation



Volunteers will stay in a dormitory with rooms shared with other volunteers. Living conditions will be Vietnamese standard with shared bathroom, shared room with bunk-beds. Mattress, blanket, pillow and mosquito net are provided.

Food will be provided at accommodation. Meals will be mostly local food, which vary from the daily cooking schedule. Volunteers, especially those who are vegetarian may be required to do some cooking by themselves. During working-days food is provided by the host placement.

3. VPV03 -Phu Thuong Primary School (English or French Teaching)



Phú Thượng primary school is situated in Tay Ho district of central Hanoi; just close to West Lake. The local area has many cafés and charming shops in the neighborhood. You can have relaxing walks with fresh ice-cream on the warmer afternoons.

Main Aims and Activities

The aim of the program is to provide English and French language speaking environment for children to practice and improve their confidence in using a foreign language in communication.

Phu Thuong Primary School is one of many public primary schools in Hanoi.

There are about 1200 children aging from 6-11 years old who start learning English and French at grade 1 (6 years old). Teachers and children had not had many chances to meet and talk with foreigners until VPV sent its volunteers to help there.

There are 40 teachers, of which two are English teachers and two French teachers. English teachers are in charge of 15 classes and are more crowded, with about 40- 50 students per class, meanwhile there are only 2 French classes with 30 students per class.

Volunteer Tasks & Role

Volunteers will be expected to help with the following:

- Improving listening/speaking skills for children



- Improving pronunciation for children
- Organizing games and other activities in classrooms
- Assisting local teachers in managing the classes

Normally volunteers will teach about 20 hours a week. No placements in summer (June – July - August).
Volunteers will always work with a local teacher.

Travel to work: about 1 hour by local buses.

Volunteer's Skills

Volunteers should like to work with children, maturity and initiative spirit.

- Fluent French
- Age: 18 and over.
- Minimum stay preferred 4 weeks.
- Be open-minded and sociable.
- Be willing to learn more about the country and adapt to different working style in Vietnam.

Location

Address: Phu Gia street, Phu Xa village, Phú Thượng ward, Tay Ho district, Hanoi. It is approximate 9 kms far away from city center.

Duration

Minimum (weeks) : 2 weeks	Maximum (weeks) : N/A
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Hosting situation

Volunteers will stay in a dormitory with rooms shared with other volunteers. Living conditions will be Vietnamese standard with shared bathroom, shared room with bunk-beds. Mattress, blanket, pillow and mosquito net are provided.

Food will be provided at accommodation. Meals will be mostly local food, which vary from the daily cooking schedule. Volunteers, especially those who are vegetarian may be required to do some cooking by themselves. During working-days food is provided by the host placement.



4. VPV04 - Pascal secondary school (English teaching)



Pascal school is located in suburban area there is limited access to modern and qualified teaching institutes. It aims at creating and providing a friendly and inspiring learning environment for the students in that disadvantaged area. Thinking of the difficult backgrounds of the majority of the students in the area, the school just applies a similar school fee with public ones, which is based on the living standard of local people. With the modest income, the school's management board is still managing to provide adequate facilities to create favorable conditions for the students to study, focusing on learning English – one of the necessary tools for the students to further develop in the future.

Our top priority for support is public sectors, not private one. But with Pascal school, we understand that, "private school" is their status, but what they have done so far is not private at all – it is for the sake of all the students, especially those from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Convinced by the compassion and dedication of the management board of Pascal school, and after having positive feedback from several volunteers who have gotten the chance to work at the school, VPV decided to cooperate with Pascal school to give them as much support as possible to help the students have a chance to learn and improve their English in different ways.

Main Aims and Activities

The aim of the program is to provide English language speaking environment for students, especially those from difficult background.

Pascal Secondary School is a private school founded in 2010. It is situated in Dong Anh district, surrounded by the country side. The school teaches around 150 students, ranging in age from 11 to 15 years. There are 4 English teachers who follow the governmental English teaching plan. The children do have some knowledge of English, but as it is often the case with Vietnamese students, they have poor pronunciation due to their lack of contact with English speakers.

Volunteer Tasks & Role

Volunteers will be expected to help with the followings:

- Improving listening and speaking skills for students.
- Improving students' competency in communication.



- Teaching students following the school's curriculum.
- Organizing games and other activities in classrooms or outdoor in more flexible classes.

Normally volunteers will teach about 20-30 hours a week. No placements available in summer time (June – July-August).

Travel to work: The manager of the school will pick up the volunteer(s) and drive them to the school everyday. The ride takes up to 40 mintues depending on the traffic.

Volunteer's Skills

Volunteers should like to work with students, maturity and initiative spirit. Volunteers should be able to work independently in the classroom.

-Fluent English

-Age: 18 or over

-Minimum stay preferred 4 weeks.

-Be open-minded and sociable.

-Be willing to learn more about the country and adapt to different and working style in Vietnam.

Location

Address: Ve village, Nam Hong commune, Đông Anh district, Hanoi. It is approximate 23 kms far away from city center.

Duration

Minimum (weeks) : 2 weeks	Maximum (weeks) : N/A
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Hosting situation

Volunteers will stay in a dormitory with rooms shared with other volunteers. Living conditions will be Vietnamese standard with shared bathroom, shared room with bunk-beds. Mattress, blanket, pillow and mosquito net are provided.

Food will be provided at accommodation. Meals will be mostly local food, which vary from the daily cooking schedule. Volunteers, especially those who are vegetarian may be required to do some cooking by themselves.



5. VPV05 - Hanoi High School for Gifted Students (English teaching)



Hanoi high school for gifted students belongs to Hanoi National University, which is located in the western gate of Hanoi Capital. As these students will become the future high qualified professionals of Vietnam, providing them with good English skills will be decisive for the international development of the country.

Main Aims and Activities

The aim of the program is to provide English native language speaking environment for gifted students in a special program to develop their skills before starting university studies.

The school has about 1000 gifted students from a wide region around Hanoi. The students are trained in different majors related in Sciences, IT, Mathematics or English language. These students will become teachers of foreign languages or will work with the foreign languages as a professional tool.

Volunteer Tasks & Role

Volunteers will be expected to help with the followings:

- Improving listening/speaking/reading/writing skills for students
- Improving students' competency in communication
- Teaching independently in the classroom
- Organizing games and other activities in and outside classroom

Normally volunteers will teach about 25 hours a week. No placements available in summer time (June – July).

Travel to work: about 20-25 minutes walking.

Volunteer's Skills

Volunteers should like to work with students and maturity and initiative spirit. Volunteers should be able to work independently in the classroom.

- Fluent English
- Age: 20 or over



- University degree preferred.
- Teaching certificates preferred.
- Native speakers preferred.
- Minimum stay preferred 2 weeks.

Location

Address: 136 Xuân Thủy street, Dịch Vọng Hậu ward, Cầu Giấy district, Hanoi. It is approximately 10 kms far away from city center.

Duration

Minimum (weeks) : 4 weeks	Maximum (weeks) : N/A
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Hosting situation

Volunteers will stay in a dormitory with rooms shared with other volunteers. Living conditions will be Vietnamese standard with shared bathroom, shared room with bunk-beds. Mattress, blanket, pillow and mosquito net are provided.

Food will be provided at accommodation. Meals will be mostly local food, which vary from the daily cooking schedule. Volunteers, especially those who are vegetarian may be required to do some cooking by themselves.

6. VPV06 - Nguyễn Tất Thành school (English teaching)

Nguyễn Tất Thành School, established on July 4th 1998, is located in Cầu Giấy district, Hanoi, which is about 8 km away from Old Quarter (city center). It composites secondary school (grade 6-9) and highschool (grade 10-12), There is very little chance for the pupils and teachers to meet foreigners to practice English and exchange communication skills.

At this school, English has recently been paid more attention by the teachers and students. However, local teachers only tend to focus on teaching the students grammar and do not focus on the speaking and communicational skill which they are not very strong at.

Main Aims and Activities

The aim of the program is to provide English language speaking environment for pupils to practice and improve their confidence in using a foreign language in communication. At the same time, with the support of the international volunteers, the local teachers can improve their speaking skills and get to understand more about the culture of the language that they are teaching.

Volunteer Tasks & Role

Upon request of teachers, volunteers run the activities in the class. They are asked to help students develop speaking and listening skills.

Vietnamese schools traditionally favor 'passive learning' – the teacher standing in front and lecturing. This does not help students to gain confidence in speaking. The pronunciation of the English teachers is not excellent so the children have little opportunity to hear English as it is really spoken. Moreover, English levels



of students are very different. Some are very outstanding in terms of pronunciation and performances meanwhile, some are very shy to speak out.

Volunteers can think about games or interactive activities to let all students get involved in the lessons.

Working as a local teacher

Each class is run by an English-speaking Vietnamese teacher who teaches according to the governmental English books. The volunteers will join one lesson of the teacher to know how they teach, after that the volunteers will prepare activities and games to practice pronunciation and communication skills with the students. The teacher will let the volunteers lead the class the whole time, during 45'. The volunteers can prepare the lessons freely, choosing the topics, activities, discussions or games they prefer. They do not have to follow the governmental book.

Assisting a local teacher

Some teachers prefer volunteers support them. In this case, volunteer should assist the teacher while doing exercises, correcting the pronunciation, keeping them in silence or helping the teacher in any activity required.

If the volunteer does not feel confident he/she can start supporting the teacher, with the possibility to teach alone after some weeks.

Working time

Each class has one Vietnamese English-teacher with 25 to 40 students, depending on the class. Each period lasts for 45 minutes.

The volunteer participates in different classes per day, working from Monday to Friday. The general timeframe at school is from 7:50 to 17:20. The lunch break is between 11:15 and 1:05 o'clock. Depending on volunteers' schedule, he/she has different beginning and ending time.

Travel to work: 20 minutes on foot.

Volunteer's Skills

Volunteers should like to work with children and students, maturity and initiative spirit. Volunteers should be able to work independently in the classroom.

- Fluent English
- Age: 18 or over
- Be open-minded and sociable.

Location

Address: 136, Xuan Street, Cau Giay District, Hanoi

Duration

Minimum (weeks) : 2 weeks	Maximum (weeks) : N/A
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Hosting situation



Volunteers will stay in a dormitory with rooms shared with other volunteers. Living conditions will be Vietnamese standard with shared bathroom, shared room with bunk-beds. Mattress, blanket, pillow and mosquito net are provided.

Food will be provided at accommodation. Meals will be mostly local food, which vary from the daily cooking schedule. Volunteers, especially those who are vegetarian may be required to do some cooking by themselves. During working-days food is provided by the host placement or by volunteers themselves.

7. VPV07 - Hanoi Vocational College of High Technology (English teaching)

Hanoi Vocational College is located Tay Mo commune, Tu Liem District, about 15 km from Hanoi city centre. One of the increasing labour market requirements is the English language skills and usually this sector of the population have a very little chance to learn foreign languages or to meet foreigners to practice English and exchange communication skills.

Main Aims and Activities

The aim of the program is to provide English language speaking environment for students and develop English communicative skills for labour export market.

Hanoi Vocational College of High Technology teaches over 1000 students from 18 to 21 years old, according with the Ministry of Labour-Invalids and Social Affairs plan. The main purpose is to provide multi-level vocational services of high quality to meet the labor demands, equipping students with effective and practical professional skills related on computer repairing, computer programming, metal works and accounting, in different levels of professionalism. The College provides as well communicative English skills in order to meet the high demand of the society in the integration process, especially with the labour export market.

Volunteer Tasks & Role

Volunteers will be expected to help with the followings:

- Improving listening and speaking skills for students.
- Improving students' competency in communication.
- Teaching students following the university's curriculum.
- Organizing games and other activities in classrooms or outdoor in more flexible classes.

Normally volunteers will teach about 30 hours a week. No placements available in summer time (June – July-August).

Travel to work: about 1 hour by bus.

Volunteer's Skills

Volunteers should like to work with students, maturity and initiative spirit. Volunteers should be able to work independently in the classroom.

- Fluent English



- Age: 20 or over
- Minimum stay preferred 4 weeks.
- Be open-minded and sociable.

Location

Address: Tay Mo commune, Tu Liem district, Hanoi. It is approximate 16 kms far away from city center.

Duration

Minimum (weeks) : 2 weeks	Maximum (weeks) : N/A
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Hosting situation

Volunteers will stay in a dormitory with rooms shared with other volunteers. Living conditions will be Vietnamese standard with shared bathroom, shared room with bunk-beds. Mattress, blanket, pillow and mosquito net are provided.

Food will be provided at accommodation. Meals will be mostly local food, which vary from the daily cooking schedule. Volunteers, especially those who are vegetarian may be required to do some cooking by themselves.

8. VPV08 - Hanoi University of Natural Resources and Environment (English teaching)



The university is located Cau Dien, Tu Liem District, about 8 km from Hanoi city centre. One of the increasing labour market requirements is the English language skills and usually this sector of the population have a very little chance to learn foreign languages or to meet foreigners to practice English and exchange communication skills.

Main Aims and Activities



The aim of the program is to provide English language speaking environment for students and develop English communicative skills for labour export market.

Hanoi University of Natural Resources and Environment aims at becoming a leading Hanoi-based University in region based in fields of Natural Resources and Environment. The university is located in Cau Dien area in Tu Liem district, which is about 8km far from the city center.

The university provides as well basic communicative English lessons for the students in order to meet the high demand of the society in the integration process, especially with the labour export market.

Volunteer Tasks & Role

Volunteers will be expected to help with the followings:

- Improving listening and speaking skills for students.
- Improving students' competency in communication.
- Teaching students following the university's curriculum.
- Organizing games and other activities in classrooms or outdoor in more flexible classes.

Normally volunteers will teach about 30 hours a week. No placements available in summer time (June – July-August).

Travel to work: about 40 minutes by local buses.

Volunteer's Skills

Volunteers should like to work with students, maturity and initiative spirit. Volunteers should be able to work independently in the classroom.

- Fluent English
- Age: 20 or over
- Minimum stay preferred 4 weeks.
- Be open-minded and sociable.

Location

Address: No 41A, Phu Dien street, Phu Dien ward, Bac Tu Liem district, Hanoi. It is approximate 10 kms far away from city center.

Duration

Minimum (weeks) : 2 weeks	Maximum (weeks) : N/A
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Hosting situation

Volunteers will stay in a dormitory with rooms shared with other volunteers. Living conditions will be Vietnamese standard with shared bathroom, shared room with bunk-beds. Mattress, blanket, pillow and mosquito net are provided.



Food will be provided at accommodation. Meals will be mostly local food, which vary from the daily cooking schedule. Volunteers, especially those who are vegetarian may be required to do some cooking by themselves. During working-days food is provided by the host placement.

9. VPV09 - Hanoi University of Industry (English teaching)



Hanoi University of Industry (HUI) is located to the North West of Hanoi. Its mission is to provide students with education and training on many fields, levels and high quality science. With the hope to create opportunities for students to improve their English skills, the university sets up different curricula for both English-majored and non-English-majored ones.

Main Aims and Activities

The fact is that lots of students can not communicate well in English, even though they have spent 6-7 years learning it at school. Their motivation of learning English might be to pass regular tests or examinations; meanwhile they can barely use it in a real conversation. Recognizing this fact, the university arranges the constant courses named "Conversation Class" to help students on one hand know how to use English naturally, on the other hand be confident on their speaking skill. Each course starts and maintains upon the timetable of international volunteers. The number of classes depends on the quantity of students who register to join. There are around from 15 to 25 students per class.

Volunteer Tasks & Role

Volunteers are expected to be the main teachers in the classes with the support of Vietnamese teaching assistants. The possible tasks of the volunteers may include (upon volunteer's request):

- Prepare lesson plans with teaching assistants
- Teach the students
- Organize and participate in side activities for students



Working time will be from 8.00 am to 4:30 pm but it is changeable, depending on the schedule of specific classes. Volunteers work maximum 30 hours per week including in-class activities, weekly meetings with the team and other outdoor/extra activities.

Travel to work: about 50 minutes by local buses.

Volunteer's Skills

Volunteers should like to work with students, maturity and initiative spirit. Volunteers should be able to work independently in the classroom.

- Fluent English
- Age: 20 or over
- Minimum stay preferred 4 weeks.
- Be open-minded and sociable.

Location

Address: Faculty of foreign languages, Level 3, A2 building, Hanoi University of Industry, Minh Khai commune, Tu Liem district, Ha Noi. It is approximate 12 kms far away from city center.

Duration

Minimum (weeks) : 4 weeks	Maximum (weeks) : N/A
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Hosting situation

Volunteers will stay in a dormitory with rooms shared with other volunteers. Living conditions will be Vietnamese standard with shared bathroom, shared room with bunk-beds. Mattress, blanket, pillow and mosquito net are provided.

Food will be provided at accommodation. Meals will be mostly local food, which vary from the daily cooking schedule. Volunteers, especially those who are vegetarian may be required to do some cooking by themselves. During working-days food is provided by the host placement.

10. VPV10 – Hanoi University of Education – Faculty of Chemistry (English teaching)

Hanoi National University of Education (HNUE), founded in 1951, strives constantly to sustain and enhance its quality in teaching, research, public service and educational development. HNUE offers a full range of degree programs at the baccalaureate, master's, doctoral and professional levels and pursues a board agenda of research and creative activities.

HNUE has a wide range of faculties focusing on different fields. Faculty of Chemistry trains students to become future chemists or teachers of Chemistry. The students are between 18 and 22 years old with basic level of English.

Main Aims and Activities



The aim of the program is to provide English language speaking environment for students and develop English communicative skills for labour export market.

The university provides as well basic communicative English lessons for the students in order to meet the high demand of the society in the integration process, especially with the labour export market.

Volunteer Tasks & Role

Volunteers are expected to be the teaching assistants in the classes with the support of Vietnamese Teachers. The possible tasks of the volunteers may include (depending on volunteers' capacity and expectation):

- Preparing lesson plans with Vietnamese teachers of English
- Assisting in English classes with pronunciation, speaking and listening skills...
- Organizing and participating in side activities for students
- Participating in seminar/conference organization with lecturer and students
- Assisting in some researching projects

Working time will be from 8.00 am to 4:30 pm but it is changeable, depending on the schedule of specific classes/faculty. Volunteers work approximately 25- 30 hours per week including in-class activities, weekly meetings with the team and other outdoor/extra activities.

No placements available in summer time (June – July-August).

Travel to work: about 30 minutes walking from the volunteer house.

Volunteer's Skills

Volunteers should like to work with students, maturity and initiative spirit. Volunteers should be able to work independently in the classroom.

- Fluent English
- Age: 18 or over
- Minimum stay preferred 2 weeks.
- Be open-minded and sociable.

Location

Address: 144 Xuan Thuy Street, Cau Giay district, Ha Noi.

Duration

Minimum (weeks) : 2 weeks	Maximum (weeks) : N/A
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Hosting situation

Volunteers will stay in a dormitory with rooms shared with other volunteers. Living conditions will be Vietnamese standard with shared bathroom, shared room with bunk-beds. Mattress, blanket, pillow and mosquito net are provided.



Food will be provided at accommodation. Meals will be mostly local food, which vary from the daily cooking schedule. Volunteers, especially those who are vegetarian may be required to do some cooking by themselves. During working-days, volunteers can go back to the volunteer house for lunch or eat out.

11. VPV11–English teaching and cultural exchange project with S-world

S-World Vietnam is one of the non-profit community organization specializing in the field of culture and education. The organization aims to improve youth skills and English as well as exchange culture and introduce Vietnamese culture to youth and the world.

Main Aims and Activities

S-World Vietnam is running in 4 main following projects:

- Open Exchange – Season: The project helps local youth and students approach new studying way through non-formal education methods to improve English and skills. Moreover, the activities also include cultural exchange and discovery.
- Cultural Visit: We organize Cultural tours to help foreigners and Vietnamese deeply understand Vietnamese culture in cultural places through experiencing activities with local people.
- English book community library – S-book: The first reused and recycled library in Hanoi with free books for youth and bookworm. Additionally, the library organizes some workshops related to youth development and environmental protection.
- Simple Vietnam: Making short video by English to introduce Vietnamese culture and beauty.

Volunteer Tasks & Role

Volunteers play roles as intern and assistant in all different projects. Participants can speak and understand little English; however, they lack of interaction and are shy to speak English. Volunteers help create the environment to urge the local youth to speak English as much as they can through various activities.

Volunteers are expected to introduce, share and show for participants about their culture and lifestyle to help participants discover new things and culture and also organize some activities to give more knowledge and information about their country with support. Participants are lack of communication, presentation, interview skills. The volunteers should work with them, share with them some ideas on how to improve their skills through activities.

Volunteers have the chance to interact with Vietnamese youth and opportunities to learn new ways of teaching and facilitating activities and discover some places near Ha Noi.

Besides, volunteers also need to help with some office work.

Volunteers will mainly work from Monday to Friday, from 9 am to 5 pm. Sometimes, when it's required, volunteers will need to work in the evening or weekend. In this case, volunteers will have the following day off in compensation.

Travel to S-world office: about 10 minutes walking.

Volunteer's Skills



Volunteers should like to work with students, maturity and initiative spirit.

- Fluent English
- Age: 18 or over
- Minimum stay preferred 4 weeks.
- Be open-minded, flexible and willing to learn.

Volunteers should bring a laptop with them.

Location

Address: 22 Pham Than Duat street, Mai Dich ward, Cau Giay district, Hanoi.

Duration

Minimum (weeks) : 4 weeks	Maximum (weeks) : N/A
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Hosting situation

Volunteers will stay in a dormitory with rooms shared with other volunteers. Living conditions will be Vietnamese standard with shared bathroom, shared room with bunk-beds. Mattress, blanket, pillow and mosquito net are provided.

Food will be provided at accommodation. Meals will be mostly local food, which vary from the daily cooking schedule. Volunteers, especially those who are vegetarian may be required to do some cooking by themselves. During working-days, depending on the location of the work, volunteers can go back to volunteer house for lunch or eat out.

12. VPV12 – School support program in Quoc Oai, Hanoi

This project is currently NOT available.

School support program is a project coordinated by VPV and our local partner, New Horizons Center, in Quoc Oai, Hanoi.

Quoc Oai is a small town in the west of Hanoi. It is about 40km from the center of Hanoi. There are not so many foreigners in this area so the children and students here do not have many chances to interact with foreigners.

Main Aims and Activities

The program aims at creating an English speaking environment for local students and teachers at several local schools and at New Horizons Center to jointly improve the quality of English learning and teaching in Quoc Oai.

Volunteer Tasks & Role

* Assist in English teaching at some local schools

Volunteers will help teach English at some local schools, mostly primary schools (with students aging from 6 to 10) and secondary schools (with students aging from 11 to 15).



* Assist in English teaching at New Horizons Center

Volunteers sometimes are asked to help with some English classes at New Horizons Center for students from disadvantaged backgrounds. Volunteers can also join in some other activities (sport or cultural events) organized by New Horizons.

Volunteers travel to work by bicycle or on foot.

Volunteer's Skills

Volunteers should like to work with children and teenagers, maturity and initiative spirit.

- Fluent English
- Age: 18 and over.
- Be open-minded and sociable.
- Be able to work independently in the class.
- Be willing to learn about the country and integrate into local community.

Location

Address: New Horizons Center, Quoc Oai town, Quoc Oai district, Hanoi.

Duration

Minimum (weeks) : 12 weeks	Maximum (weeks) : N/A
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Hosting situation

Depending on the number of volunteers at a time, volunteers will stay collectively in a small volunteer house or with a local family in Quoc Oai. The house is equipped with simple living conditions. Volunteers will sleep on bunk-beds, separated by genders. Hot water is available in winter time and fans are available in summer time.

Food will be arranged by VPV, or volunteers can cook by themselves with provided cooking facilities. Volunteers will need to help with cleaning their own dishes after meals.



13. VPV13 – Education project in Lao Cai



G.E.L. (Globe Education Link) English Centre was opened in 2015 and is located in Lao Cai city in the north of Vietnam about 4 hours from the capital, Hanoi. Lao Cai is a modern city with good facilities such as restaurants, shops and fitness centres. It is serviced by rail and an excellent bus service and is close to the Sapa area, famous for its beautiful scenery, hiking and ethnic minorities.

Main Aims and Activities

GEL was founded as a social enterprise with the objective of providing first class English learning to students of all ages and to contribute to the growth and well being of the community.

It is funded by tuition fees based on the student's financial situation. Some pay full fees, others a reduced fee and some receive tuition at no cost. No one is turned away. GEL also provides scholarships to worthy students.

There are classes offered from kindergarten to adult at the centre and GEL is also contracted to provide lessons at a number of elementary and high schools in and around Lao Cai.

There is also an ongoing program to provide English instruction at no cost at the newly constructed Lao Cai Orphanage.

GEL has provided some free workshops which help English teachers in the whole province to teach better. There are also some training courses for staff who work in Orphanage to help them have better skills in taking care of children there. Some other free workshops on ABCD (asset based community development) for civil servants of different fields in the province are also provided. Free teaching communication for English teachers in Lao Cai city is now attracting more and more learners.

Volunteer Tasks & Role

GEL welcomes volunteer teachers of all levels of experience. The only pre-requisite is a good command of the English language (speaking, reading and writing), a passion to help people and unlimited energy.



Volunteers are encouraged to involve themselves in many other community projects, such as teaching English at government schools (primary, secondary or high schools), workshops and lessons for Vietnamese English teachers, organizing activities and events at local schools, judging English competitions, taking students on field trips, updating and maintaining our website and so on.

The children, parents and schools highly enjoy having international volunteers around. Due to their warm reception, volunteers generally become equally fond of the children and enjoy the program very much.

Schools start at 7 am in the morning and finish at 11.30 am. There is a break for lunch (from 11.30a.m to 13.40) then start again at 1.45pm to 4.30pm. In GEL, volunteers normally work in the afternoons, evenings and weekends so volunteers can have days off on weekly days. These can be negotiable and flexible.

Volunteer's Skills

Volunteers should like to work with children, maturity and initiative spirit.

- Fluent English
- Age: 18 and over.
- Be open-minded and sociable.
- Be able to work independently in the class.
- Be willing to learn about the country and integrate into local community.

Location

Address: 046- Tran Hung Dao Street- Bac Lenh ward- Lao Cai City, Lao Cai, Vietnam. It is about 4 to 5 hour bus ride from Hanoi.

Duration

Minimum (weeks) : 12 weeks	Maximum (weeks) : N/A
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Hosting situation

The school has rooms for volunteers in the campus. The rooms are equipped with cooking stuff so that volunteers can cook for themselves. Volunteers who prefer to have daily interaction with local people can stay with a local family, usually a teacher or a student's family. In this case, volunteers will eat with the family or they will cook themselves. They travel to work by bicycle or on foot. Volunteers can choose to stay with the family to experience Vietnamese life as long as they expect then they can move in the campus to stay in their own rooms. There are no students or any families on campus, just the guards so it's quiet but it's busy outside the gate.

The GEL centre is housed in a modern building close to down town Lao Cai. Volunteers are provided with air- conditioned rooms in GEL, too if the rooms are still available. Meals are provided and there are cooking and laundry facilities. GEL has bikes and motorbikes so volunteers can take turns to use for their travelling.



14. VPV14 – Education project in Hoa Binh

Hoa Binh is a province in the North of Vietnam, which is about 2 hour bus ride from Hanoi. There are not so many foreigners in this province, so the students here don't have many chances to meet and interact with foreigners. Therefore, VPV sends international volunteers here to help local students improve their English and learn about different cultures.

Main Aims and Activities

Volunteers are usually sent to some local high schools, joining English teaching project to students between 15 and 18 years old. The English levels of the students differ from one school to another, even from one class to another. In classes which are specialized in English, students have a better knowledge of English; in other classes, students have very basic English skills.

Volunteer Tasks & Role

Upon request of teachers, volunteers run the activities in the class. They are asked to help students develop speaking and listening skills.

In many cases, volunteers will work alongside with a local teacher, assisting him/her the teacher with correcting students' pronunciation, keeping them in silence or helping the teacher in any activity required.

Sometimes, when the volunteers are confident enough, the teacher will let the volunteers lead the class the whole lesson (around 45 minutes). The volunteers can prepare the lessons freely, choosing the topics, activities, discussions or games they prefer. They do not have to follow the governmental book.

Travel to work: 5 minute walking.

Volunteer's Skills

Volunteers should like to work with children, maturity and initiative spirit.

- Fluent English
- Age: 18 and over.
- Be open-minded and sociable.
- Be able to work independently in the class.
- Be willing to learn about the country and integrate into local community.

Location

Address: Hoa Binh city, Hoa Binh province, Vietnam.

Duration

Minimum (weeks) : 12 weeks	Maximum (weeks) : N/A
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Hosting situation

Volunteers will stay in teacher/guest rooms in school campus. The rooms are equipped with cooking stuff so that volunteers can cook for themselves.



15. VPV15 – VPV Community classes in summer

Deriving from the fact that Vietnamese students often have a long summer vacation and the need of improving language ability is obvious, the project VPV Community Class was first kicked off since 2011 and now has become an annual voluntary teaching project held by VPV with a good reputation in the Vietnamese youth community.

Main Aims and Activities

This project offers 2 -3 months English/French courses for the Vietnamese young people with the aim to create an English/French speaking environment to foster their language abilities as well as enhance cultural exchange among the young.

There are 2 different types of students: primary students (8-11 years old) and university/college students (18-23) who do not have so many chances to approach foreign language environments (English/French) and most of them have financial difficulties to afford language classes.

The project will adopt student-centered and task-based approaches to learning English, which aim to let participants express their opinions and to encourage more interaction between international volunteers and Vietnamese participants.

Volunteer Tasks & Role

Volunteers are expected to be the facilitators in the classes with Vietnamese volunteers. The possible tasks of the volunteers may include:

Prepare the plan for the interactive activities such as debate, Forum Theater, etc. with Vietnamese volunteers.

Facilitate those activities in groups to encourage the participants to speak up.

Hold and join extra activities such as field trip, watching movies, etc. for the participants.

*Note: Volunteers will receive training about facilitation before starting the project.

The project usually starts from June 10th to August 10th.

Each class lasts for 2 hours and a half. Working time will be from 8.00 am to 5:30 pm but changeable, depending on the schedule for specific classes. Volunteers work maximum 30 hours per week including in-class activities, weekly meetings with the team and other outdoor/extra activities.

Travel to work: Classes take place at a nearby primary school or other locations which are in walking distance.

Volunteer's Skills

Volunteers should like to work with students, maturity and initiative spirit.

- Fluent English
- Age: 18 or over
- Be open-minded, flexible and willing to learn.

Location



Address: classes take place at a nearby primary school or other locations not so far from VPV house.

Duration

Minimum (weeks) : 2 weeks	Maximum (weeks) : N/A
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Hosting situation

Volunteers will stay in a dormitory with rooms shared with other volunteers. Living conditions will be Vietnamese standard with shared bathroom, shared room with bunk-beds. Mattress, blanket, pillow and mosquito net are provided.

Food will be provided at accommodation. Meals will be mostly local food, which vary from the daily cooking schedule. Volunteers, especially those who are vegetarian may be required to do some cooking by themselves. During working-days, depending on the location of the work, volunteers can go back to volunteer house for lunch or eat out.



SOCIAL WELFARE PROJECTS

16. VPV16 - Hope Center



Hope Center is located in Ba Dinh district, near city center. This is a very crowded place with many shops. It takes around 30 minutes to get there from VPV office by bus.

Main Aims and Activities

The aim of the program is to jointly bring care, love and happiness to the children through volunteers' activities.

The Hope Centre is a non-profit, non-government day care organization based in Hanoi for the care of mentally impaired children. This centre was founded in 1997 by Vietnamese enthusiastic teachers, and then in 2002, it was expanded with the support from an American NGO.

Number of staff: 11 teachers. All of them graduated from Hanoi National University of Education or have background in special education. Ms. Nga, the director, is not also a teacher but also a doctor of Pediatrics.

Number of children: about 70 disabled children divided into 4 classes.

The centre's mission is to provide opportunities for children with mental impairment to receive an education, and to feel included with their local community. In particular, the centre provides assistance for those children suffering from developmental disabilities including Down's Syndrome, Autism and Cerebral Palsy. As well as early grade academic learning, the education programs include physical education and therapy, yoga, painting and poetry.

Volunteer Tasks & Role

Here are some possible tasks that you can do there:

- Caring for disabled children
- Assisting teachers in classrooms
- Assisting the teachers and children during lunch time
- Calling for charity or Subscription (depends on volunteers)



Working hours:

A usual working day could be from 9 am to 4 pm with a lunch break from 11 am to 2 pm.

Travel to work: 40 minutes by bus.

Volunteer's Skills

Volunteers should like to work with handicapped children as well as have maturity and initiative spirit.

Preference: Volunteers with background or experience in medical work or special education. However, volunteers without experience or background will still be able to join in different work as children are very excited with foreigners.

Besides, volunteers should be very patient and in the mean time, creative and active in that working environment.

- Age: 18 or over
- Minimum stay preferred 4 weeks.
- Be open-minded and sociable.
- Be willing to learn about different culture and adapt to different working style.

Location

Address: 82/189 alley, lane 290, Kim Ma street, Ba Dinh district, Ha Noi. It is approximate 5 kms far away from city center.

Duration

Minimum (weeks) : 4 weeks	Maximum (weeks) : N/A
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Hosting situation

Volunteers will stay in a dormitory with rooms shared with other volunteers. Living conditions will be Vietnamese standard with shared bathroom, shared room with bunk-beds. Mattress, blanket, pillow and mosquito net are provided.

Food will be provided at accommodation. Meals will be mostly local food, which vary from the daily cooking schedule.

During working days, volunteers may either have lunch outside or eat with the staff at Hope Centre. They have to inform the cook at the centre one day in advance if they want to eat there. Volunteers can also come back to eat at the volunteer house.

17. VPV17 - Vietnam Friendship Village

Friendship Village is about 8 km far from the VPV headquarters and 15km from Hanoi center. Since bus connection from VPV house to the village is not very convenient, the common transportation to work is bicycle. Other ways to work will be discussed upon volunteers' arrival.



Main Aims and Activities

The aim of the program is to jointly bring care, love and happiness to the children through volunteers' activities.

The Vietnam Friendship Village opened in 1998 and was established to treat and care war veterans and children who are suffering from the effects of Agent Orange, a herbicide and defoliant used by the U.S. Armed forces in its herbicidal warfare program during the Vietnam War. There are currently around 120 children and 40 veterans living in the 11 houses that comprise the Village.

Established by George Mizo, an American Veteran of the Vietnam War, in collaboration with American, German and Vietnamese governments, the Village aims to provide rehabilitation through medical care and physiotherapy, as well as basic education and vocational training for children.

In 2004, an organic gardening project was started at the Village with the aim of increasing awareness of the consequences of war, and to demonstrate strategies for healthy living among those still suffering its effects. The garden now provides around 60% of the vegetables eaten at the Village. It is hoped that in the future the garden can provide all the fruit and vegetables needs for the Village, and eventually grow enough to sell and raise further funds for this much needed community center.

The aim of Friendship Village is to give every effected child the chance and opportunity to lead normal, happy and fulfilled lives. Clearly, given the circumstances this is no easy task, and although, thanks to the dedicated work of those at Friendship Village, tremendous advances have already been made, there still remains much work to be done.

Volunteer Tasks & Role

Here are some possible tasks that you can do there:

- Caring for and playing with disabled children
- Assisting teachers in special education classes
- Assiting the teachers and children during lunch time
- Gardening



- Calling for charity or Subscription (depends on volunteers)

Working hours:

There is no fixed timetable for the volunteers, their working times depend on the tasks they choose for themselves. A usual working day could be from 9 am to 4 pm with a lunch break from 11 am to 2 pm.

Travel to work: 1 hour by bus.

Volunteer's Skills

Volunteers should like to work with handicapped children and maturity and initiative spirit.

Preference: Volunteers with background or experience in medical/ social work or special education. However, volunteers without experience or background will still be able to join in different work as children are very excited with foreigners.

Besides, volunteers should be patient, creative and active in that working environment.

- Age: 18 or over
- Minimum stay preferred 4 weeks, maximum stay 3 months.
- Be open-minded and sociable.
- Be willing to learn about the culture and integrate into local community.

Location

Address: Van Canh Commune, Hanoi. It is approximate 15 kms far away from city center.

Duration

Minimum (weeks) : 2 weeks	Maximum (weeks) : 12 weeks (with possible extension)
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Hosting situation

Volunteers will stay in a dormitory with rooms shared with other volunteers. Living conditions will be Vietnamese standard with shared bathroom, shared room with bunk-beds. Mattress, blanket, pillow and mosquito net are provided.

Food will be provided at accommodation. Meals will be mostly local food, which vary from the daily cooking schedule.

During working days, volunteers will eat lunch at Friendship Village or eat out by themselves. If they want to eat at Friendship Village, they should inform the cook in advance.

18. VPV18 - Phuc Tue center

Phuc Tue center is situated in Tay Ho District in North West Hanoi, close to West Lake – the largest lake in Hanoi. There is easy access to the internet and other services that the volunteer may need in the area.



Main Aims and Activities

The aim of the program is to jointly bring care, love and happiness to the children through volunteers' activities.

The Phuc Tue Caring Center is a non-profit, non-government day care organization based in Hanoi for the care of mentally and physically impaired children. The Center was established in June 2001. There are now 2 centers around Hanoi that provide care and education for approx 50 children and young people (aged 2 to 22yrs old) who are suffering from the effects of agent orange, autism, down syndrome and Japanese encephalitis. The Centre's aim is to look after these children and help to integrate them into normal society.

Number of staff: 12 teachers. All of them graduated from Hanoi National University of Education. Ms. Huong, the director, is also the enthusiastic teacher that founded this center.

Number of children: Approximately 74 disabled children divided into 4 classes. The number of children changes from time to time.

The center's mission is to provide opportunities for children with mental and physical impairment to receive an education and to feel included with their local community. In particular, the center provides assistance for those children suffering from developmental disabilities including Down's Syndrome, Autism and Cerebral Palsy. As well as early grade academic learning, the education programs include physical education and therapy, yoga, painting and poetry.

Volunteer Tasks & Role

Here are some possible tasks that you can do there:

- Caring for and playing with disabled children
- Helping the children eat during lunch time
- Calling for charity or Subscription (depends on volunteers)
- Charity campaign for books, old clothes, old shoes for the children (depends on volunteers)

Besides, the volunteers can also help the center do gardening to provide food for the children (in the second branch).



Working hours: Volunteers will work from 8.30 am to 4 pm (Mon – Fri) with a lunch break from 11 am to 2 pm. You can have lunch at the center with the staff or eat out; there are a lot of street restaurants around.

Travel to work: about 1 hour by bus.

Volunteer's Skills

Volunteers should like to work with handicapped children and maturity and initiative spirit.

Preference: Volunteers with background or experience in medical/social work or disability. However, volunteers without experience or background will still be able to join in different work as children are very excited with foreigners.

Besides, volunteers should be patient, creative and active in that working environment.

- Age: 18 or over
- Minimum stay preferred 2 weeks.
- Be open-minded and sociable.
- Be willing to learn about the culture and integrate into local community.

Location

Address: 67Y Pho Duc Chinh street, Ba Dinh district, Ha Noi.

Duration

Minimum (weeks) : 2 weeks	Maximum (weeks) : N/A
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Hosting situation

Volunteers will stay in a dormitory with rooms shared with other volunteers. Living conditions will be Vietnamese standard with shared bathroom, shared room with bunk-beds. Mattress, blanket, pillow and mosquito net are provided.

Food will be provided at accommodation. Meals will be mostly local food, which vary from the daily cooking schedule.

During working days, volunteers will have lunch outside of the centre by themselves.

19. VPV19 - Morning Star Center

The centre is situated in Thanh Xuan District in South West Hanoi, close to Ha Dong district. It is a 30 minute bus ride from the city centre. There is easy access to the internet and other services that the volunteer may need in the area.

Main Aims and Activities

The aim of the program is to jointly bring care, love and happiness to the children through volunteers' activities.



The Morning Star Center is a non-profit, non-governmental organization founded in December 1995 for the early detection and care of mentally impaired children. Chaired by Professor Nguyen Tai Thu, it is a subsidiary of the Vietnam Relief Association for Children with Disabilities and has nearly 70 staff members caring for approximately 240 children ranging in age from 1 to 16 divided into 19 classes. The number of children changes from time to time.

The Center is to be found in Thanh Xuan district in South West Hanoi. Amongst the staff are teachers, psychologists, nurses, doctors and physiotherapists whose mission it is to promote charitable activities that help to provide opportunities for children with mental impairment to receive an education, and to feel included with their local community. In particular, the center strives to provide assistance for those children suffering from developmental disabilities including Down syndrome, Autism and Cerebral Palsy.

Furthermore, the center has begun offering some vocational and pre-vocational courses for teenagers, in addition to sending them to outside vocational schools. The courses help increase the children's independence and confidence, and their abilities to get enrolled in professional training centers outside. Having recently set up a coffee shop at the entrance of the center, some of the children help out and in the process receive valuable experience in working and interacting with the public.

Volunteer Tasks & Role

In general, the work is quite challenging and requires volunteers to be active and patient. The possible tasks include:

- Caring for Autistic children
- Playing with the children with provided toys
- Helping them do some movements (walking, standing up or jumping...)
- Washing hand, face for the children.
- Helping the children with drawing and coloring.
- Cleaning floor or toilet or toy.
- Guiding & helping the children go and use toilet.
- Feeding the children during lunch time



- Guiding the children who are not able to feed by themselves.
- Helping the teacher to make teaching material as drawing, painting, modeling (depending on volunteer's ability)
- Sharing with the teacher about teaching methods.
- Organizing games and other activities for children
- Teaching English for the staff/teacher in leisure time
- Calling for charity or Subscription, editing document(depends on volunteers)

Working hours: Usually from 8.30 am to 4 pm (Mon – Fri) with a lunch break from 11am to 2pm, but the schedule is quite flexible.

Travel to work: about 1 hour by bus.

Volunteer's Skills

Volunteers should like to work with handicapped children and maturity and initiative spirit.

Preference: Volunteers with background or experience in medical/social work or disability. However, volunteers without experience or background will still be able to join in different work as children are very excited with foreigners.

Besides, volunteers should be patient, creative and active in that working environment.

- Age: 18 or over
- Minimum stay preferred: 4 weeks.
- Be open-minded and sociable.
- Be willing to learn about the culture and integrate into local community.

Location

Address: Vu Trong Phung street, Nhan Chinh ward, Thanh Xuan district, Hanoi.

Duration

Minimum (weeks) : 4 weeks	Maximum (weeks) : N/A
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Hosting situation

Volunteers will stay in a dormitory with rooms shared with other volunteers. Living conditions will be Vietnamese standard with shared bathroom, shared room with bunk-beds. Mattress, blanket, pillow and mosquito net are provided.

Food will be provided at accommodation. Meals will be mostly local food, which vary from the daily cooking schedule.

During working days, volunteers can eat lunch outside by themselves.



20. VPV20 – Green Rainbow Kindergarten

The Green Rainbow Kindergarten (founded in 2009) is based in Hanoi for the care of mentally and physically impaired children.

- Number of staff: 9 teachers (including full-time teachers, part-time teachers, and a cook)
- Number of children: More than 30 divided into two classes, depending on their age and their ability to learn. The number of children changes from time to time.

Main Aims and Activities

The kindergarten's mission is to provide opportunities for children with mental and physical impairment to receive an education and to feel included with their local community. For children of young age, the center tries to help them learn basic skills to be able to attend schools with other students (inclusive education).



Volunteer Tasks & Role

At this kindergarten, volunteers can help with the following tasks:

- Caring for the children
- Assisting the teachers to create suitable methods to work with individual kids: physical therapy, help the children improve speaking skills, etc...
- Feeding the children during lunch
- Playing games with the children
- Calling for charity or subscription (depends on volunteers)



Especially, we encourage volunteers to organize their own activities such as playing music, teaching dancing,... because music and dancing are very good for the kids.

Working hours: The center starts working at 7.15am but volunteers can work from 8.00. Volunteers will work until 11.30am and have a long lunch break from then to 2.00pm. The afternoon section lasts until 4 or 5.00pm.

Travel to work: about 1 hour by bus.

Volunteer's Skills

Volunteers should like to work with handicapped children and maturity and initiative spirit.

Preference: Volunteers with background or experience in medical/social work or disability. However, volunteers without experience or background will still be able to join in different work as children are very excited with foreigners.

Besides, volunteers should be patient, creative and active in that working environment.

- Age: 18 or over
- Minimum stay preferred: 2 weeks.
- Be open-minded and sociable.
- Be willing to learn about the culture and integrate into local community.

Location

Address: No.1, Lane 30 Cat Linh Street, Dong Da District, Hanoi

Duration

Minimum (weeks) : 2 weeks	Maximum (weeks) : N/A
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Hosting situation

Volunteers will stay in a dormitory with rooms shared with other volunteers. Living conditions will be Vietnamese standard with shared bathroom, shared room with bunk-beds. Mattress, blanket, pillow and mosquito net are provided.

Food will be provided at accommodation. Meals will be mostly local food, which vary from the daily cooking schedule.

During working days, volunteers can eat lunch outside by themselves.

21. VPV21 – Blood Transfusion Institute

Thalassemia is a blood disorder passed down through families (inherited) in which the body makes an abnormal form of hemoglobin. Children who have thalassemia are slow in terms of physical development. They have to suffer from severe complication on endocrine glands, heart, liver and bone. It is estimated



that Vietnam has around 2000 children with Thalassemia. Up to now, Vietnam has around 10,000 people having gene of Thalassemia, and 20,000 are in regular treatment in hospitals.

Vietnam Thalassemia Association is a department in National Institute of Hematology and Blood Transfusion supporting and treating kids aging from 3 months old who are in thalassemia. The Vietnam Thalassemia Association was established under the decision No. 1312 /QD – BNV on 11th November 2010. The Vietnam Thalassemia Association contributes a very important role in gathering and connecting the patients into a big family to help each other in the process of treating this disease. It also has the mission of raising awareness of local people about the Thalassemia and connecting the network in Southeast Asia to support the members who don't have enough information or treating methods.

Main Aims and Activities

People who have Thalassemia have to go to the Blood Transfusion Institute for treatment every month. Each time, they need to remain at the hospital for 1 week or 2. During this time at the hospital, they have nothing else to do than waiting for treatment. Life becomes so boring and exhausting for them, especially for the children, who should be able to spend time at schools studying and playing with their fellow students. Understanding their situation, the leader and staff from the Institute and the Thalassemia Association hope to have support from volunteers in organizing different activities for people who come here for treatment, to jointly enrich their life, fill their life with joy, laughter, understanding and friendship...





Volunteer Tasks & Role

These are suggestions from the association staff. Volunteers can help with the following tasks.

- Teaching English to patients, doctors, nurses (in a fun and interactive way, e.g, via games)
- Organizing cultural exchange activities with the patients (with light movements)
- Supporting other work upon requests

Volunteers work with several different groups of patients. Each group has around one hour per day to learn English or take part in some cultural exchange activities at the department's office. There are some books, comics and text books provided to support for teaching or playing games with kids.

Especially, volunteers are encouraged to organize their own activities such as playing music, dancing,... to cheer the patients up and make them feel more optimistic.

There will be some other unexpected work, for example arranging bookshelf in the office room, preparing new materials for activities with the patients...Hence, volunteers should be flexible and proactive.

Working hours: Volunteers usually work from Monday to Friday, from around 8.00am to 4.30pm with a break between 11.30am and 2.00pm.

Travel to work: about 45 minutes by bus.

Volunteer's Skills

Volunteers should like to work with children as well as adults. Volunteers should also have initiative spirit.

Preference: Volunteers with background or experience in medical/social work. However, volunteers without experience or background are also welcome.

Besides, volunteers should be patient, creative and proactive in that working environment.

- Age: 18 or over
- Minimum stay preferred: 2 weeks.
- Be open-minded and sociable.
- Be willing to learn about the culture and integrate into local community.

Location

Address: National Institute of Hematology and Blood Transfusion, Tran Thai Tong Street, Cau Giay district, Hanoi, Vietnam

Duration

Minimum (weeks) : 2 weeks	Maximum (weeks) : N/A
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Hosting situation

Volunteers will stay in a dormitory with rooms shared with other volunteers. Living conditions will be Vietnamese standard with shared bathroom, shared room with bunk-beds. Mattress, blanket, pillow and mosquito net are provided.

Food will be provided at accommodation. Meals will be mostly local food, which vary from the daily cooking schedule.

During working days, volunteers can eat lunch outside by themselves.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

22. VPV22 – Assisting local NGOs/social enterprises



These projects include the placements at local non-govermental organizations (NGO) or social enterprises. Some of these organizations that often host international volunteers from VPV are the Center for Education and Development (CED), the Center for Environment and Community Assest Development (CECAD), the Center for Sustainable Rural Development (SRD), the Volunteers for Education Organization (VEO), and the Dao's Care.

Main Aims and Activities

The main aim of these projects is to offer volunteers the chances to learn more about socio-economic issues of Vietnam and how an organization is structured and functioned. Volunteers will also have the opportunities to directly or indirectly contribute to specific development projects in Vietnam.

Volunteer Tasks & Role

Depending on specific organizations, volunteers' tasks may differ. Some common tasks include:

- Helping with administrative work (translating, proof-reading, editing documents...)
- Assisting in communication tools and strategy for the organizations (improving website, enhancing the effectiveness of social media, designing brochure, leaflet...)
- Working on specific projects with the local team (doing field trips, researches, implementing projects...)
- Doing fund-raising for specific projects
- Writing proposals for new projects or for fund-raising purpose.

Volunteer's Skills

- Have strong interest in development work
- Have bachelor degree in development and relevant fields



- Excellent written and spoken English
- Be proactive and open minded
- Be friendly, creative and flexible

Location

Volunteers work at office of the local organizations, which are mainly in Hanoi. Sometimes, when required, volunteers travel to project sites or do some filed trips with local staff.

Travel to work: depending on location of each specific organization, the travel may take between 40 minutes to 1 hour by bus.

Duration

Minimum (weeks) : 12 weeks	Maximum (weeks) : N/A
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Hosting situation

Volunteers will stay in a dormitory with rooms shared with other volunteers. Living conditions will be Vietnamese standard with shared bathroom, shared room with bunk-beds. Mattress, blanket, pillow and mosquito net are provided.

Food will be provided at accommodation. Meals will be mostly local food, which vary from the daily cooking schedule. During working days, depending on work locations, volunteers can go back to VPV house for lunch or eat out by themselves or with the project staff.



VOLUNTEERS FOR PEACE VIETNAM

Volunteers For Peace Vietnam (VPV) is a non-profit, voluntary organization founded in 2005 with the aim to promote voluntary service as a mean of cultural and educational exchange among people, for peace and friendship, and as an approach to address social problems.

VPV hosts international volunteers from different countries and places them in suitable projects depending on the interest of the volunteers and the needs of local communities. VPV also brings the opportunities for Vietnamese to join voluntary projects around the world. By joining our programs, volunteers will experience inter-cultural living and working environment and have a chance to help those in needs.

Over the past 10 years VPV has welcomed thousands international volunteers from over 30 different countries. VPV is working in various locations in Vietnam, including Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City. VPV offers programs for individual volunteers and group volunteers, for duration from 1 week to 1 year. Our projects cover areas of education, child care, animal rescue and care, environment and community development, public health and medical internship, cultural heritage preservation and youth action.

PROGRAMME TEAM



PROGRAM FOR INDIVIDUAL VOLUNTEERS (IVP)

This program offers volunteers an opportunity to give back to the local communities as an individual while learning and improving necessary skills for life in a multicultural environment. It is up to the volunteers to decide the length of their stay, ranging from 01 week to 01 year. Joining this program, volunteers may not see the impact right away, but together with all other individual volunteers, they are making long-term and sustainable impacts on local projects.

MAIN ELEMENTS OF THE PROGRAM (what the program included)

- Pick up from Tan Son Nhat (Ho Chi Minh city) international airport
- Accommodation at Volunteer House (Peace House)
- Food (3 meals per day) & drinking water
- A city tour
- 1 to 3-days Orientation training
 - Presentation of aims and structure of VPV & its projects
 - Short introduction to Vietnam and tourist destinations recommendation
 - Practical information and arrangements
 - Basic Vietnamese & local travel guide
 - Visit to Host Placement(s)
- 1- day Mid-term Evaluation (for those who stay for 6 months and over)
- 1- day Final Evaluation
- On going support and supervision during the program (24/7 support)
- Local transportation to the project on working days

PROGRAMME FEE

- First month: 320 EUR or 350USD
- From the second month: 280 EUR or 300USD per month.
- For medical & nursing internship program: There will be an extra of 40 EUR or 50USD per month.
- Pick-up service: 30EUR or 35USD

This fee applies for a dorm room (2-7 persons per room). For single/private room, there is an extra of 50 EUR or 55USD per week.

What is not include in the fee

- Air fare, visa and travel/medical insurance
- Personage expenses during program
- Meals/Accommodation out arranged by personage plan

THE ARRIVAL AIRPORT, START DATES, ARRIVAL DAY AND HOLIDAY

The arrival airport

The arrival airport is Tan Son Nhat international airport in Ho Chi Minh city, Vietnam (or Ho Chi Minh city international airport- There is another name is Saigon international airport). There are direct connection/flights from this airport to most international airports in the world (North of America, Europe, Asia, Australia, etc).

The start dates

Our projects start officially on every Tuesday, except holiday (please check with the us in advance before booking flight)

Arrival day and pick-up

The arrival date is Monday or Tuesday every week, except holidays

The pick-up time from 7AM to 10PM on Monday or Tuesday.

If volunteer arrives in another week-days (Wed- Fri), they still be picked up if we have available staff. Please check with us in advance for this case.

On the week-end (Sat & Sun), there is no pick-up.

Volunteer can arrives by them-selves if they are traveling and not sure about exact arrival time. In this case, the arrival time should be in between 8AM-6PM on Monday or Tuesday and need to be confirmed 1 week in advance.

For the time before or after the program, we can recommend some hotels with affordable cost for volunteers if they request. The cost is about 15-50 USD per night.

HOLIDAYS

NATIONAL HOLIDAYS

On national holidays, people don't have to come to work, and there may be celebration in some places.

1. New Year Day, January 1st.
2. TET HOLIDAY (Vietnamese Traditional New Year) according to Lunar Calendar, usually from late January to early February .

This is the biggest festival in the year for Vietnamese people. This is time for families to gather and remember their ancestry. People also visit pagodas to pray for health and luck for the coming year.

Officially, people get about 1 week holiday during this occasion. But Tet atmosphere may come 1 week before and stay with them for quite a while. Thus, the work rythmn before and after Tet holiday is rather slow.

Volunteers who stay in the country during this occasion are encouraged to spend the holiday on travelling or with a host family to learn more about this tradition.

3. Hung King's Day, March 10th according to Lunar Calendar, it will fall on April 06th.-8th.

This is the day to remember Hung King, the first king of the country. In this day, people often go to Hung King Temple in Phu Tho province, about 80km to the Northwest of Hanoi to pray.

4. Liberation Day, April 30th

5. International Labour Day, May 1st

6. National Day/ Independence Day, Sep 2nd

PROGRAM MINIMUM TIME

Project minimum time

Depend on the nature of project, there will be different minimum time required per each project.

Project type	Minimum time
Teaching English, French, German, Japanese, Korean, Chinese/ Sports or Art education	2 weeks
Taking care for children at kindergarten	2 weeks
Child care (including caring for abandoned/street children; caring for disabled children)	2 weeks
Social restaurant for poor people	1 weeks
Animal rescue and care	1 week
Local NGOs support/ Social enterprise / Business internship	8 weeks
Medical & nursing internship	2 weeks
Physio-therapy	2 weeks

Environment/ Conservation	24 week
Organic farming/gardening	1 week

SCI volunteers can stay in the projects from 4 to 12 weeks!

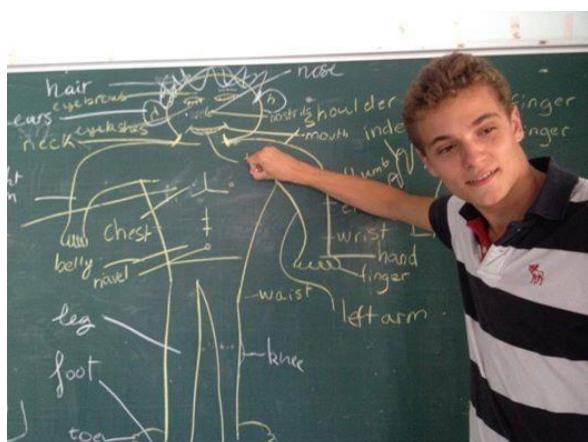
PROJECT TYPES

1. EDUCATION PROJECT

1.1 Teaching

**English/French/German/Japanese/Korean/
Chinese/ Sports or Arts**

Volunteers will teach one of language list above or one subject such as Art/Culture/Dancing/Sport/etc; but English will be the major subject, that's the reason this project also called Teaching English. At a local



Vietnamese educational institution, from primary level until tertiary level. Many Vietnamese schools lack teachers with sufficient English competencies to extend the students' English beyond basic writing and speaking skills. Volunteers help to improve the children's vocabulary and pronunciation, assist local teachers in managing their classes, organize games and other activities in the classroom, and help to improve the children's

listening and speaking skills. Working hours will vary depending on the school where the volunteer is placed and will average around three to six hours per day). Please note, volunteers do not need to be a qualified or experienced teacher to participate in this kind of project; however, in some certain placements, teaching experience is necessary.

Besides the normal work at local schools, volunteers are welcome to join communication English/French classes for local children and students that we organize once or twice a year (usually in summer time). In this project, volunteers can learn and develop their teaching

experiences through working independently, making lesson plan and creating their own activities in the class.



A good experience with local teachers and students



How students enjoy the presence of volunteers

1.2. Sports education



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for volunteers who wish to work with children in schools/orphanages or house for homeless children, but not necessarily spend all their time teaching in a classroom. Volunteers have the opportunity to assist in schools/orphanages to broaden children's knowledge of sport, through teaching "foreign" sports and games to the children and educating them on general fitness, health and wellbeing in addition to taking general lessons at the school. It is up to the volunteer to plan lessons and design the teaching of their sports program. Children are extremely enthusiastic and willing to learn, however past volunteers have found it important to be prepared if they are to teach the children foreign concepts and ideas (such as a new sport). While football/soccer is extremely popular in Vietnam, many volunteers have found it rewarding to teach the children other sports from the volunteer's home country, such as baseball, lacrosse, basketball, cricket and rugby. If a volunteer wishes to do this, they must plan ahead and often bring the required materials and equipment themselves as it is highly likely this will not be available in local stores and

shopping centers. Volunteers do not need any previous teaching experience for this program, but it is important to note that volunteers may be required to teach other classes during the day, such as English, Math, English, Science or Social Studies (Geography and History). Therefore, this program is really connected to teaching program.

2. CHILD CARE (Caring for children)

There are three types of caring for children projects.

2.1. Caring for disabled children.

Although Vietnam has now been at peace for many years, effects from war continue to haunt not only the adult population of this beautiful country but also its children. Volunteers have the opportunity to work in institutions caring for orphan/street children or disabled children and young people affected by Agent Orange or in schools, hospitals and community clinics looking after mentally disabled children. Work is somewhat varied dependent on the institution where the volunteer is placed, however typical examples of jobs and tasks can include; assisting local staff in providing rehabilitation exercises and therapist treatments for children, playing with children and entertaining/educating them with games, music, arts and other exercises, helping to develop fundraising initiatives to ensure ongoing funding for these institutions and teaching English to local staff.

2.1. Caring & teaching for children from poor background

For this project children are orphan or abandoned/street children and they are not disabled. The main work will be spent time with children, playing with them, care to them and help them to feel warm on their normal difficult life. A part from caring work, there will be a possibility to do some basic teaching.



Learning about colours and decoration



Playing together

2.3 Caring for children at a kindergarten

Volunteers will help to taking care for children at kindergarten age. They are babies and between 2-6 years old. There are several kindergartens in urban area of Ho Chi Minh city. There are two type of kindergarten: the kindergarten for normal kids and for kids from poor back-ground.



3. SOCIAL RESTAURANT FOR POOR PEOPLE

Social Restaurant was inaugurated in Oct 2012 by HCMC Charity Foundation in order to offer special meal with privileged price for poor students, immigrant & local workers in the area of HCMC. The foundation does fundraising to have enough budget, in order to be able to sell a quality meal with the cost of 2000 VND (about less than 10 USD cent).



Volunteers will involve in project activities in order to make a good meals for poor people. If volunteer has experience on cooking, there is a possibility to join for the cooking job if you can communicate to local cook. In the most cases, volunteers will help for preparing food, washing vegetables, set up the table and other works.



-Volunteers' tasks are mainly helping project by preparing food, washing vegetables or set up table.

-When begin opening for buyers, volunteers' tasks will be likely to bring dishes to eating table and serve.

-After finishing, volunteers would be cleaning the tables, washing dishes...

Working time: 8-13h, from Monday to Friday

4. ANIMAL RESCUE AND CARE

Animal rescue and care volunteering in Vietnam provides you an opportunity to contribute to the welfare of animal in Vietnam. Volunteers will work at an animal rescue centre which located 40 miles West-North outskirt of Ho Chi Minh city. The centre rescues wildlife animal that are confiscated from illegal animal trade. After the animal recovered and have been rehabilitated, they are returned back to the wild. There are normally over 300 rescued animals including rescued primates, bears, exotic birds reptiles and other small mammals. Volunteers will have an unique opportunity to work alongside some incredible wildlife and gain the satisfaction of helping to make a difference to their lives. The exact nature of the work will be varied all the time and there is no such thing as a 'typical' day. However there are certain everyday jobs





that will be volunteer responsibility such as:

Feeding the animals, providing water for the animals, assisting with cleaning the enclosures.

Other possible tasks include: Construction of new cages and enclosures, working on enclosure enrichments, assisting with tours for visitors, keeping the centre's grounds clean.

There will be also two more projects which is in the same flied: working to rescue & care dogs & cats & working at a vet center

5. ORGANIC FARMING/GARDENING



provide an opportunity for volunteers to experience at a organic farming in Vietnam.

The aim of this project is



The farm was in outskirt district or HCMC. This farm is running on professional way with the aim to promote organic & eco life style to community, as well as provide real organic product (vegetable/fruits) to community. This farm is about 5000m² and they use technology based on software to ensure about the quality and capacity of the products.



There are 6 **NO** on this farm: **NO** pesticides & herbicides; **NO** planting on soil and water contaminated with agricultural chemicals; **NO** growth regulators; **NO** chemical fertilizers; **NO** of genetically modified seeds (GM seeds); **NO** preservatives.

The routine tasks on the farm:

1. Check plants regularly to find ecosystem pattern of the land
2. Field sanitation and plants healthy
3. Planning the seasonal crops
4. Use many species for intercropping, crop rotation as needed
5. Create environment for development of beneficial insects (predators)
6. Crops trap, pheromones trap
7. Measures for expelling insects (done synchronously and before the pests lay eggs)
8. Shielding vegetables in rows, or a greenhouse, membrane
9. Use resistant varieties
10. Apply insecticides of biological origin

A part from farming work, the organic farming is also used for education. Children can come to visit and learn about organic farming, eco-life and environment issues.

6. WORKING WITH LOCAL NGO or BUSINESS INTERNSHIP

Working with a local NGO/social enterprise or company (called one name NGO) can be a rewarding and valuable experience for anyone who would like to appreciate how volunteering projects are organized, managed, and supervised. There are many small, locally-run NGOs (non-governmental organizations) in Vietnam. They contribute to the cause of development and peace in both urban and rural areas. These local NGOs, being typically new, are often in shortage of funds, human resources and experience. There is thus a need to build up their capacity through different approaches. A motivated and resourceful international volunteer in the office would help improve their communication skills, working competencies, and assist in creating a bridge between local NGOs and new partners worldwide. There are currently placements in local NGOs in the following sectors: public health, community development, sustainable development and natural conservation. Typical work can include: writing proposals and reports, improving staffs' English language proficiency and communication skills, assisting with fundraising initiatives and networking with international partners. It is worth noting that volunteers' role might vary depending on the type of organization they will be working with.





In order to do this program volunteers must be staying for a minimum of 8 weeks and must be at least 22 years or older and already have some experience in the field they wish to work. This can either be university studies (a degree is not necessary) or relevant working experience. Volunteers on this program also need to speak English fluently. Additionally, volunteers will need to bring a laptop for work

7. MEDICAL& NURSING INTERNSHIP

7.1 Medicine & nursing

The medical program in Vietnam provides skilled medical professionals and students the chance to experience a new culture and working environment while still learning and developing their specialized medical knowledge at the same time. Volunteers get the chance to gain a greater understanding of differences between medical systems in Different countries. Volunteers will be placed with a local Doctor and/or Nurse who will guide them in different tasks and activities at the placement. It is important to note that as a volunteer, you will not be allowed to partake in serious procedures and will be



job 'shadowing'. However, depending on the volunteer's level of experience, they may observe operations, provide assistance in basic procedures and visit patients, before and after surgery as well as any other tasks offered or required by the local staff. While volunteers are always encouraged by local staff to see and learn as much as possible, the local staff are also very

interested in gaining a better understanding of medical work in your country and learn about the similarities and differences.

There are opportunities for volunteers to work in pediatrics, physiotherapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy with children and adults who suffer from cerebral palsy, Down's syndrome, congenital motor system deformity and other disabilities. There are also opportunities to work in other specialties within a very large hospital with highly skilled staff that speak English.

This programme will be offered for three type of applicants

- Students from nursing or medicine school/college/university who will become the nurse or doctor in the future
- Students who has no back-ground on medicine/nursing, but intend/plan to study medicine or nursing
- Nurses or doctors who has working experience and wants to share/exchange experience and help other people

There are 5 big hospitals in HCMC is welcoming participants from this programme.

7.2. Physio-therapy

The aim of this project is to provide skilled physiotherapy professionals and students the chance to experience a new culture and working environment while still learning and developing their specialized medical knowledge at the same time. Volunteers get the chance to gain a greater understanding of differences between medical systems in different countries. They will work in hospitals specializing on rehabilitation or center for rehabilitation.



8. ENVIRONMENT/CONSERVATION

UNESCO's international biosphere reserve in Ho Chi Minh City, one of the most important of wetland conservation site of the country. It covers 75,740 hectares and is dominated by mangroves, including both salt water and brackish water species. And it has a high biodiversity with more than 200 species of fauna and 52 species of flora. The site is an important wildlife sanctuary in Vietnam as it is characterized by a wetland biosystem dominated by mangrove and many rare species. Today, it has become one of the most extensive sites of rehabilitated mangroves in the world. One of the main advantages of the biosphere reserve is that it provides the opportunity to work on environmental protection on a continuum of habitats, ranging from the sea to the boundary of Ho Chi Minh City, the biggest industrial city in Vietnam. The mangrove forest is regarded as the “green lungs” of the city. The aim of this project is to reforest unproductive land within Can Gio Biosphere Reserve that has little remaining original vegetation on it. Existing trees will remain but new native trees will be planted. The aim is to regenerate local area, bring back a forest, and restore biodiversity to the area.



Working at the tree nursery