



## Workcamps Speciale Natale e Capodanno!

### FRANCIA

**JR15/116** DESIGN A COWORKING SPACE IN AUVERGNE 27/12/2015 - 08/01/2016  
RENO - ENVI - CONS - MANU - ART - 8 VOL

**PROJECT:** The organization "Jeunesse et Reconstruction / J&R" (translation: Youth and Rebuilding) own a regional office in Issoire based in Auvergne Region since 1957. This office is taking care of the achievement of international workcamp, intercultural project, Erasmus+ training course and volunteer services. People who are active in this office build local project which has strong impacts for habitants and youngsters. This end of the year marks a significant step for the regional office: the move of its office to integrate a new Coworking space in Issoire. J&R is associated in this project from the beginning and it is a partner of the association "Hél'Yss" that will manage this future Coworking space. The creation of this place aims to bring together entrepreneurs and members of associations to share offices in a spirit of cooperation and solidarity exchanges.

**WORK:** Actively contribute to the design and decoration of this Coworking space which should open in early January. One of your first mission: you will imagine on how to improve this place through collective brainstorming and benchmarking other places (the Google headquarters in California for instance and different collaborative spaces in the world). Then it comes to finding good deals to make it pleasant, welcoming and enjoyable: the large table in open space, inland plants,... everything needs to be install ! In addition, the Coworking space must be designed and decorated in an ecological and solidarity spirit (visits are planned in different re-employment shop). Finally, you will participate in the relocation of part of the J&R equipment that can be reused and upcycled to the new premises. During this project your ideas will be heard and decisions will be together! You will be able to multiply your creativity, your spirit of initiative and DIY potential. These missions will be achieved in a friendly, intercultural and collective spirit. The pace of work will be random: some days will be intense with different tasks to carry out and other days will be reserved for activities and rest (including 1st of January).

**Accommodation and food :** You will be hosted in the office of the organization. It's an apartment overlooking the town of Issoire and its surroundings. All amenities available in the flat: shower, toilet, WIFI, kitchen. Please bring your sleeping bag. Meals will be taken together in the flat: a budget will be allocated to the group leader and you will participate in the preparation of dishes with good products from the market and local producers.

**Location & leisure :** The accommodation is 5 minutes walk from the city center. Issoire is a city of 15,000 inhabitants located 35 km south of Clermont Ferrand, between two Natural Parks (the Auvergne Volcanoes and Livradois Forez). Issoire has many shops and local artisans sell their creations in small boutique shops. It is planned time to explore the city, enjoying its magnificent Romanesque abbey, but also hiking in the area, visit the Puy-de-Dôme, go to the Sauna and hamam, skiing on volcanoes and of course celebrate the New Year! A schedule will be sent to you whilst being flexible according to your proposals. You will be surprised anyway by the richness of Auvergne scenery has rightly been classified among the 10 regions in the world to visit in 2016 by Lonely Planet : <http://www.lonelyplanet.com/best-in-travel/regions/6>

**REMARKS:** 1 / Any skills in DIY and decoration will be welcome! 2/ You will evolve in an intercultural context with local issues: we ask you a degree of maturity and autonomy. 3/ What to Bring: sleeping bag, warm clothes and winter coat, bathing suit (for male: short pants

prohibited in the public swimming pools, please bring a bathing suit). For work: worn out clothes, safety shoes/boots compulsory. 4/Bring some material from your culture (documents, pictures, postcards, little gift, musical instruments, games,..) to share with other volunteers and local population that make exchanges easier. 5/ If you have a driving license, please bring it along in case of necessity 6/Foreigners belonging to the European Union must bring with them a personal EHIC (European Health Insurance Card), and everybody must, in any case, BRING THEIR INSURANCE CERTIFICATE. If health issues on the project, the volunteers will have to pay for it, and then get reimbursed once back in the home country. 7/ A transportation will be organize during the project for activities. 8/ More info about trains : <http://www.voyages-sncf.com/> and carpooling <https://www.blablacar.fr/>

## ISLANDA

### **SEEDS 134. Christmas Environmentally aware in Reykjavik**

11.12 - 20.12

ENVI / SUST / EDU

8 Participants

Age: 18+

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**ACCOMMODATION:**SEEDS participants will stay in a house in Reykjavík. The facilities are basic with a shower, washing machine, kitchen and everyone is expected to show consideration for their companions. We will sleep in shared rooms in a sleeping bag accommodation. Please bring your own sleeping bag. We will receive food supplies and be in charge of the cooking and cleaning activities. Do not forget some traditional/typical food from your home country for the international evening.**LOCATION:** Reykjavik is a dynamic, modern city which lives in harmony with beautiful nature, using renewable energy sources - geothermal power and glacial rivers.

The world's northernmost capital bridges the Atlantic, between Europe and North America. Reykjavík is spread across a peninsula with a panoramic view of the mountains and the Atlantic Ocean on almost all sides. Reykjavik is often called "the nightlife capital of the north", but there is so much more than pubs and clubs, it also gathers the most interesting of Icelandic culture.

From meeting locals in swimming pools to passing by Icelandic musicians on the street, the city seems cosy and cosmopolitan, traditional and modern.

In the area closer than 100 Km from Reykjavík, there are several spectacular waterfalls, geysers, impressive coastline, geothermal park, lakes, mountains and many more.

The Reykjanes peninsula features the Blue Lagoon spa, the treasure of Icelandic hot pots. The geothermal water has a unique composition, featuring three active ingredients Silica,Algae& Minerals. It is one of the most visited places on the island.

In December you can see the Northern lights (Aurora Borealis) in Iceland.

**LANGUAGE:** English will be the language in the camp; basic conversational skills are needed.

**TERMINAL:** Closest international Airport: Keflavík/Reykjavík (KEF). Bus station: Central Reykjavík (BSÍ).

**EXTRAS / SPECIAL REMARKS:** Participation fee EUR 200 (Euros). Please note that these fees are to be paid to SEEDS on arrival in either Euros or Icelandic krónas.

Participants should have a motivation to learn and share on environmental and global issues,

and should be open to new cultures. All volunteers are encouraged to bring environmental and sustainability suggestions to the group and collaborate with the leader in planning activities. Excursions (Blue Lagoon, Golden Circle or South shore) can be arranged at discount fares. Weather in Iceland is unpredictable and it can be cold or rainy. Please bring warm waterproof clothes, waterproof boots, overcoats, scarves, gloves and hats as part of the project may take place outside.

### **SEEDS 135. Christmas Photo Marathon in Reykjavík**

11.12 - 21.12

ARTS / CULT

12 Volunteers

Age: 18+

**WORK/PROJECT:** This is the ninth year that SEEDS organizes series of International Photo marathons! Every two weeks throughout the year volunteers from all over the world come to Iceland for the ten-day intensive Photo marathon project. SEEDS coordinators work with the participants to develop their unique photographic voice through workshops and feedback sessions on technical settings, compositional considerations as well as developing conceptual frameworks which progress the participants individual style.

As the workshops ends we gather as a group to select some of our best pictures from the trip and prepare those images for an informal group exhibition locally. While learning more about photography the participants explore Icelandic culture by taking part in it, capturing it and also by working for the City of Reykjavik. One of our objectives is to deliver messages and draw the attention to the local population through pictures and photos made during the camp.

Participants should arrive ready to shoot and should bring with them their own digital cameras, lenses and laptops if possible. Volunteers should be prepared for walking and visually exploring the city streets and working within a flexible time schedule. Participants will be photographing in their free time outside of workshop hours with images to be discussed at group feedback sessions.

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SEEDS also organises excursions outside of the city, which gives the chance to see more of what this beautiful country has to offer at a discounted price.

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### **SEEDS 136. New Year's Environmentally aware in Reykjavik**

29.12 - 06.01

ENVI / SUST / EDU

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## FINLANDIA

### **ALLI21 New Year Punkaharju**

28.12.15.-9.1.16.

CULT/ENVI/EDU

Vols: 10

Age: 18+

**WORK:** The host organization Ikko is a modern, non-political and non-religious folk high school offering both general and vocational education for Finnish and international students and groups throughout the year. They also host special target groups such as students with special needs as well as young asylum seekers and refugees, altogether there about 150 people living the school accommodation throughout the year. The school surroundings need maintaining so the volunteers will work with seasonal tasks indoors and outdoors such as tidying, assisting in the kitchen or library etc.. They can also attend Finnish language and culture courses as well as join excursions to local sights such as art centre, forest museum and other attractions nearby. The volunteers will join the preparations and activities of the big New Year party of the folk high school.

Accommodation will be in dormitory, meals provided. There are possibilities for various sport and creative activities. A gym and sport hall are situated within a walking distance. Sauna and ice swimming facilities are also available.

**LOCATION:** Punkaharju is located in eastern Finland near Savonlinna and it takes about four hours by train from Helsinki. The school is situated in a location of superb natural beauty, right on the magnificent Punkaharju ridge. One of the best known natural sights in the country, Punkaharju ridge is a natural formation dating from the Ice Age. It is surrounded on both sides by lakes and magnificent scenery. The area offers excellent opportunities for a variety of nature and outdoor activities.

**TERMINAL:** Punkaharju

**SR:** The volunteers need travel insurance for the duration of their stay

Extra fee: 150 euros due to extensive cultural program of the camp

## GRAN BRETAGNA

### **VAP UK-08 / DULWICH CHRISTMAS WORKCAMP, LONDON /**

13-22 December 2015 /

6 vols /

18+ /

Extra Fee: £120

A group of 6 volunteers are invited to spend 10 days in south London. But it won't feel as if you are in a city: volunteers will stay at a Scout Centre in the midst of woodland with no houses in sight! Dulwich is a pleasant, quiet corner of London.

**WORK:** volunteers will work on different environmental projects. Two days will be with London Wildlife Trust completing practical conservation tasks in the beautiful Sydenham Hill Woods, working alongside local volunteers. Work will be physical and it will be cold and possibly wet so please come prepared with waterproof clothing a good boots. London Wildlife Trust is an urban nature conservation charity working to improve London's green spaces for people and wildlife. On other days volunteers will be working in nearby Dulwich Park (a favourite of the late Queen Mary who visited it every year) and Belair Park with the local authority parks department. Visits to local projects of interest will be organised. There will be a free weekend when there will be a chance to visit London.

**ACCOMMODATION:** South London Scout Centre has bunk beds and central heating but it may be cold and wet. Sleeping bags and working clothes and shoes will be needed. The group will cook meals at the centre.

**ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE:** As this is a short camp volunteers will arrive on Sunday 13th and depart on Tuesday 22nd. If you want to visit London or go shopping arrange to arrive earlier or

stay after the camp.

HOSTING FEE: It is difficult and expensive to stay in London so we have to charge £120 for the 9 days. This will pay for the accommodation and a basic budget for food.

## THAILANDIA

### VSA1512

INTERCUTURAL AND LANGUAGE (ICL) CAMP (NEW)

EDU/KIDS

14 – 26/12

#### Background

Rajapachanukroh 50 School is the school for disadvantage and poor children in country side of Khon Kaen ,Thailand.

The school is under the royal foundation offer education, food and accommodation for the children that have no parents, the children from the poor family, and the children from very remote area. They can come and stay at the school from the primary (7 years) to high school (18 years). They are staying at the school with the teacher, so we are offer them not only education but also life and opportunities.

Give primary Thai students have the big chance to communication with the foreigner. Destroy shyness from them and let them used to foreigner even now not only English is important to be in the world. Education camp is the most wanted from Thai people when thinking of cultural diversity. After many camps have done in the primary schools. The students are getting use to with the foreigners and some dare to speak out. We need to keep continuing their chance to meet and share with international volunteers as their improvement. We hope one day the students from the rural area will have more confident to speak English and face to foreigners, also more understanding in cultural diversity similar as the students in the big city. No more knowledge gap!

#### Working

Volunteers are expecting to work as English teacher in primary & high school. You can prepare the easy English lesson and useful conversation. Open and shared a new experience with the students. Use your own experience for teaching and enjoying with games.

Location Rajapachanukroh 50 School, Khon Kaen, Thailand. Accommodation and food Volunteer will stay at the school accommodation. You have your own accommodation (Bedroom and bathroom). Have a meal at the school.

Terminal Khon Kaen Airport, Khon Kaen Train station, Khon Kaen bus station

Leisure Activities Local Market/Village, Community, National Parks

Fee 9,000 Bath

Special Remarks Volunteer should love to play with kids and please bring some teaching material such as book, kids' education game, stationary, etc. from your country; it will be the good way for culture exchange and made students have more motivation.

### DALSTC5812 Non-Chemical Agriculture and Activities with Children

Sukorn Island,

Trang province

17-30 December, 2015

#### Village Background

Sukorn Island (Koh Sukorn) is a small island situated in Palian district, Trang province. The island covers an area of 8,750 Rai. For this workcamp, we will be conducting activities with communities in Baan Laem and Baan Toong village. In these 2 villages, there is population of 1,189 or 337 families, of which 95% are Muslims. The common occupations of the villagers are fishing, rubber tapping, as well as agriculture; growing paddy, watermelons, traditional way of growing vegetables, and keeping livestock. In general the villagers are very generous and still remain the culture of supporting and sharing with each other. Furthermore, they also believe that paddy and agriculture is the main food stability of the village.

## Project Background

Already some years, a group of local researchers has been working with the 2 communities mentioned above. In one community, the village members are still remaining their traditional way of living, while in another, people started to drop their old values and turning to development from the cities. Less and less people are working on paddy fields, or growing their own food supply as it is easier to buy. Therefore, these researchers aim to bring awareness to the locals to keep their old lifestyle and revive the tradition of growing paddy, other traditional agriculture, as well as developing local rice species and doing farmer's co-op. This will be a continuing collaboration since our first work camp last December 2013 in Sukorn Island, or we may name it a thankful opportunity given by the researcher team and local villagers to bring DaLaa back to their communities again.

During this work camp, we will get a chance to join hands with the community members to preserve the local agriculture, while we can learn about their way of living. Moreover, we will be creating activities and games with children and young people to open their views and let them learn about international culture together with the volunteers. We will need your creativity and ideas of games and activities that will create a multi-cultural atmosphere for them.

### Possible Activities:

Growing vegetables together with village members and students

Making compost, taking care of paddy field, and making bio-fertilizer

Creating fun games and activities for children. In this work camp, we may be working with about 20-30 children at aged between 10-14 years old.

Learning and integrating in the fisherman's lifestyle

### Aims of project

To support the initiatives of local agricultural activities

To fully and wisely utilize local resources

To be part of the communities

To let children be familiar with volunteers and learn in international/multi-cultural atmosphere

ACCOMMODATION: One-storey house situated in the rice field, simple living conditions

FEE: 8,000 Baht (approx. 210 Euro)

LOCATION: Sukorn Island, Trang province, Southern Thailand

## TAIWAN

### HKVT08-15 A Wheel Powered Christmas

18/12/2015-28/12/2015

The project is co-organized by VolTra and Hong Kong PHAB Association (PHAB). PHAB is dedicated to promote equal rights and opportunities for all and mutual respect for each other despite differences, VolTra hopes to bring this message to our workcampers, both local and international, as well. Workcampers may gain valuable insights on problems and difficulties regarding inequality in Hong Kong for the disables, and what actions they can take to help promote and foster a barrier-free environment for those who are physically or socially disadvantaged.

### Voluntary work:

4. Data collection about barrier-free facilities in community
5. Preparation and Participation of social inclusion activities
6. Assistance to campsite activities
7. Campsite Maintenance Works
8. Participate the start-up workshops

### Accommodation

Dormitories in Pokfulam PHAB Camp by PHAB. Food will be served.

<http://pfl.hkphab.org.hk/main.html>

Location We will stay near Central the heart of Hong Kong. But will also tour around Hong Kong for site investigation.

Terminal Hong Kong International Airport

Remark 2 Spaces for volunteers with disability but who can self-manage their daily life

Local Organizer The idea of PHAB (stands for Physically Handicapped and Able-Bodied)



was originated from the United Kingdom in 1950s. The PHAB concept which being "Opportunity Not Pity" was first introduced to Hong Kong in early 1970 by its founder, Miss Mary Robinson. A Working Group was subsequently formed by the Hong Kong Council of Social Service, which was eventually established into the Hong Kong PHAB Association in October 1972, responsible for the overall coordination and promotion of PHAB work within the community.

## PALESTINA

### **IPYL073 " My next Christmas is in Palestine"**

Date: 22/12/2015-1/01/2016

Place: Bethlehem city

Hosting Organization: IPYL-The International Palestinian Youth League

Work type: Renovation, cultural and information

Number of Volunteers: 30 Internationals

Participation Fee: 250 Euros

#### Introduction:

The project seeks to bring young people from various cultures together to build bridges of understanding, reconciliation, and peace. The long term goal of project is to prepare youth to make positive contributions to their future and society through the values of understanding, helping, contributing tolerance, and respectful coexistence.

These goals are achieved through education –awareness reaction, youth empowerment and work camps.

#### Project Description:

The volunteers will work in different areas in Bethlehem city. The work includes renovation of old sites near the church of the Nativity and assisting the Bethlehem municipality in preparing for the Christmas season; painting the streets, distribution of booklets and flyers to the tourists, decorating walls.. etc. (more detailed program will be sent to the volunteers ahead of the workcamp).

#### Food and Accommodation:

The volunteers will be hosted in flats in Bethlehem (15-20 minutes walking distance from the Nativity Church) where men and women stay in separated rooms. The accommodation includes hot water and kitchen with basic equipment. The volunteers will cook by themselves through the kitchen group. Tea and coffee will be available all the time.

There might be curfew for the workcamp, which would be around mid night, unless we have some activities around the church or in the city that night.

#### Cultural Activities:

The afternoon will be used to give volunteers an inter-cultural learning experience, with focus on exposing the Palestinian culture within the context of the occupation and hopes for the future. This will include visits to refugee camps in the Bethlehem area, tours of place of interest, lectures, and most importantly interaction with the local people. The volunteers will be able to visit the different associations and centers where they can watch Documentaries or attend lectures about the situation in Palestine and the Middle East. They will also have the opportunity to speak with the Palestinian politicians and activists to open the space for them to find the answers for all the questions they want to ask. The volunteers will also have the opportunity to visit other cities in occupied West Bank.

Detailed day by day cultural program will be developed and sent to the participants before their arrival.

#### Why in Bethlehem?

Bethlehem is considered a central hub of Palestinian cultural and tourism industries. The city has significant values for Christians as it is considered the birthplace of Jesus of Nazareth according to the Gospels. Bethlehem is also home to one of largest Palestinian Christian communities in the Middle East. In addition, Bethlehem has three Palestinian Refugee Camps (Dhisha, Al-Azza and Aaida). The construction of the Israeli apartheid wall has had sever negative impact on Bethlehem; politically, socially, and economically. The wall runs along the northern side of the town's built-up area, within meters of houses in 'A'ida refugee camp on the one side, and the Jerusalem on the other.



The workcamp will be running in the period of Christmas, where Bethlehem is the best place to celebrate the Christmas. The volunteers will have the opportunity to celebrate the Christmas with the Palestinians and express their solidarity with them.  
Detailed information sheet and arrival note will be sent later.

## VIETNAM

### Warm X-mas for disadvantaged children

SJV1536

19/12/2015 – 26/12/2015

FEST/KIDS/SOCI/ART

Vols: 15

SJV1537

19/12/2015 – 26/12/2015

FEST/KIDS/SOCI/ART

Vols: 15

Background: Christmas is not listed as a Vietnamese official holiday but we still celebrate that day in Vietnam since Vietnam used to be part of the French Empire and there are still French influences in the Christmas traditions. Many Catholic churches have a big nativity crib scene or 'creche' with nearly life size statues of Mary, Joseph, baby Jesus, the shepherds and animals. In some areas of Ho Chi Minh City, usually in Catholic parishes, people have big crib scenes in front of their houses and decorate the whole street, turning it into a Christmas area! These are popular for people to visit and look at the scenes.

We - SJ Vietnam try our very best to "bring" Santa Clause, whose are our international volunteers to the disadvantage children (orphans, disabled, intellectual, hospital patients, the homeless and the poor) to share and to build up their dream. Children can be born in different situation but they need to live in an equal environment and we are here to create that environment.

Work: Volunteers will carry out performances, decoration, games, drawing, gifts and fundraising, etc...

Accommodation and food: Volunteers will stay at the volunteer's house or guest house with basic living conditions. Meals are at local restaurant near project site.

Location: Ha Noi, Ho Chi Minh

Terminal: Noi Bai International airport (HAN) - SJV1536

Tan Son Nhat International airport (SGN) - SJV1537

Transportation: Public bus

Remarks: Sleeping bag, prove-water clothes, raincoat, info materials and pictures of your country, presents, toys and activities materials for the children if you have.

### SJV1538

#### Traditional New Year for poor and disadvantaged children

30/01/2016 – 05/02/2016

EVE/SOCI/FEST/KIDS

Vols: 12

Background: Tết ([tət̚t̚] or [t̚t̚t̚]), or Vietnamese New Year, is the most important celebration in Vietnamese culture. The word is a shortened form of Tết Nguyên Đán (Nôm: 元 旦), which is Sino-Vietnamese for "Feast of the First Morning of the First Day". Tết celebrates the arrival of spring based on the Vietnamese variation of the Chinese lunisolar calendar, which usually has the date falling between the months of January or February

It takes place from the first day of the first month of the Vietnamese calendar (around late January or early February) until at least the third day. Many Vietnamese prepare for Tết by cooking special holiday foods and cleaning the house. These food includes Chung cake (bánh chưng), bánh dày, dried young bamboo soup (canh măng), giò and sticky rice. There are a lot of customs practiced during Tết, such as visiting a person's house on the first day of the new

year (xông nhà), ancestral worshipping, wishing New Year's greetings, giving lucky money to children and elderly people, and opening a shop.

Tết is also an occasion for pilgrims and family reunions. During Tết, Vietnamese visit their relatives and temples, forgetting about the troubles of the past year and hoping for a better upcoming year. They consider Tết to be the first day of spring and the festival is often called Hội xuân (spring festival).

Work: Volunteers will make traditional Chung cakes and prepare special performances and gifts for the disadvantaged people.

Accommodation and food: Volunteers will stay at the dormitory with basic conditions. Breakfast and dinner will be provided at accommodation, only lunch at local restaurant near project site.

Location: Hanoi

Terminal: Noi Bai International Airport (HAN)

Transportation: Public bus

Remark: Sleeping bag, prove-water clothes, raincoat, info materials and pictures of your country, toys and activities materials for the children if you have.

### **VPVS31-15**

#### **Warm Xmas & New year for children**

21.12.15-02.01.16

KIDS/SOCI/MAN

18+

15

District 8 Shelter was founded on 16.10.1993 with the support of the Terredes Homes Foundation'-Lausanne (Switzerland) and is managed by the Department of Labour, War Invalids and Social Affairs in Ho Chi Minh City. District 8 Shelter is a boy's orphanage in one of the poorest districts in Ho Chi Minh City. Originally, they all lived on the streets before being collected randomly all over the country. There are many reasons, complicated and varied for the final result that their family can't look after them. Among those, the more common reasons being that their parents may have passed away and none of their relatives can take care of them or their parents divorced and left them on the streets. The shelter takes care of them, provides them with shelter, food and education in local schools. They have a few staff who take turns to stay at night and look after the children there. This is a project devoted to care, education, protection and support for homeless boys. The people carrying out the project have been trying to build a healthy life and safe environment for children, to create an open and friendly atmosphere, like a family. While providing a stable environment for children, one main aim of the shelter is to try and reunite children with their family if possible. Living at the shelter, children must agree to go to school or follow certain vocational trainings. The shelter also organizes many activities 'in-house' for the boys to take part in such as swimming trips, playing football matches, special guests, picnics, student exchange with other schools and some courses to develop their extra-skills such as hip-hop dancing, drawing, singing which are given free by donors. There are 21 boys living at the shelter while the staff in charge consists of 1 project leader, 2 educators and 1 cook.

Tan Binh Shelter is an orphanage for boys providing care & education for around 30 young boys. The shelter was established in 1994 by the Women's Charity Association of HCMC (WOCA) with the support of Jean Houlmann, a Swiss man who visited Vietnam in the early 90s and decided he wanted to try and make a difference to disadvantaged families affected by the war, in particular, the children. Mr Houlmann contacted WOCA, who at this time were already planning to open an orphanage in the Tan Binh area and together they opened a shelter for poor and underprivileged boys. Usually, the boys come to the shelter when their family is too poor to look after them or there may be no one to look after them at all, their parents may have passed away or can sometimes be in prison amongst other reasons. While living at the shelter they are also placed into a local school, a chance to develop themselves and have a better chance for the future through education. The shelter also organizes many activities 'in-house' for the boys to take part in such as swimming trips, special guests, picnics, student exchange with other schools and of course the English classes we provide as well as other activities. There are currently 26 boys living in the Tan Binh shelter, though not all of them

study English. The age range is from 7 to 20 years old and often boys who grew up there stay on to work at the shelter or visit very often

WORK: volunteers will help to teach English and organize fun activities for the children at Shelter 8 and Tan Binh Boy Shelter. Moreover, the volunteers will prepare and wrap up presents for the children to have a warm and meaningful Christmas. Volunteers also can help for some projects to support disabled children.

S: Disadvantaged children in Vietnam

ACCOMMODATION: VPV' Dormitory in Sai Gon. Shared rooms. Sleeping at bund-bed. Showers and toilets are available. WIFI free at volunteer house. Breakfast and dinner will be prepared by volunteers. Lunch is provided by the project.

LOCATION: District 8 and Tan Binh district, Ho Chi Minh city

TERMINAL: Tan Son Nhat airport (SGN), 45 minutes by taxi to volunteer house

Q: interest and motivation working with children in difficult situation

LA: Vietnamese day, International day, self-organized city tour or excursions, etc.

EXTRA FEE: 5,000,000 VND (about 170 Euro to be paid in local currency)

## **BIRMANIA-MYANMAR**

### **COM/09-15 Payataung Workcamp**

24/12/2015 – 6/1/2016

Social Sharing/Teaching/Agri/Cons

The Project; The local partner PNO hosted many workcamp with COM and NICE (Japan) in 2013 and continues to 2014 with PNO and COM. Payataung youth development centre monastery is also a young charity development centre and founded since 1982. There are over 800 students with diverse races Paoh, Lesu, Kayan, Kayah, InnThar, Danu, Shan and stays the whole year as dormitory in the monastery to attend government high school from the village.

Work; The volunteer will participate in the monastery school and helping to the local community. They will also work in cleaning and cooking for the students together with local volunteers from monastery. Teaching English, sharing social knowledge, working in the firm and construction are also including in the work. Based on the weather, volunteers can also work in the firm or construction. Playing with the kids from kindergarten is also included.

Other Activities; In the workcamp meetings, leader will propose many activities for culture exchange, work and sharing and your creative ideas are welcomed and everything can be discussed. The workcamp is for having fun with the local community, team work and planned with group and we don't expect to work volunteer individually.

Location; It is located in Naung Shwe township in Shan State but near to Kayah State. That area is Pa Oh self administration region and sea level is above 2000 feet. The landscape is surrounded with mountain and water from lake. The area is peaceful and clam area and the main agriculture area. The mode of transportation one village to another village is mainly by boat.

Accommodation; Volunteers will be accommodated by Buddhist monastery. The monastery provides pillows, blankets, mosquito nets and maps for volunteers. They also provided locally cooked fresh food to volunteers.

Transportation; Volunteers will leave at 6:00 pm from Yangon and its take about 10 hour by air-corn bus to get Naung Shwe town and 4 hours by boat to get Payataung Monastery.

Special Requirement; Teaching supply is based on your teaching plan. Toys, game and sharing global experience for the students. Depend on you if would like to teach to students.

Meeting Time; 2:00 pm. The bus will leave at 6:00 pm from Yangon.