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**Weekly Volunteer
Workcamp Suggestions**

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1: Environment:

SI-SCI 6.1:

Let's make Robidišče nicer and more welcoming for visitors and tourists

Country: Slovenia

Start Date: 2012-04-14

End Date: 2012-04-21

Number of volunteers: 7

International age: 18 - 99

National age: 18 - 99

Extra Costs: 0.00 Euro

Description: Robidišče is the westernmost village in Slovenia, which is remote enough to be ecologically unspoiled and is slowly but steadily moving from oblivion. The village is interesting because of its archaeological and landscape diversity and is kept alive by the persistence of few local people. We would like to make a faster progress, but since we are too few to make bigger steps. Therefore we are welcoming everybody who would like to meet us, explore new environment, who likes to work physically and all who like to sing and dance as well as taste local specialties to join us for one week.

Type of Work: Cleaning the pasture (removing the bushes, racking), making a pasture layout and setting camping facilities (articulating the ground, putting stones and wooden fences around), setting the signs and benches, helping locals with everyday tasks... We will be working up to 8 hours per day. We will be working on a better outlook of the village in order to make it more welcoming for visitors. We believe that tourism will help to bring people (also younger generations) back to this remote village and make it more lively.

Study Theme: While being together we will be thinking and co-creating ideas on the following topics: how to preserve small and abandoned villages, what to keep as their heritage and ways how to revitalize this heritage. Learning about local handcrafts, culture and history of the area.

Accommodation: In rooms on the tourist eco farm in Robidišče. Volunteers are encouraged to bring their sleeping bags, but if this is not possible the organizers will provide the blankets. Food will also be prepared on the farm and you are welcome to help with its preparation. Link about the farm (in Slovene and Italian language): http://robidisce.si/kmetija_robidi_e.html

Language: Camp language is English. The organizer also speaks Italian, German and Croatian.

Requirements: Workcamp is open to people of all ages, that like to work in a group and are willing to help us and are able to work physical works such as cutting, chopping, raking etc.

Approximate Location: Robidišče is located in the West of Slovenia, 17 km from Kobarid. You can use public transportation - train to Most na Soči or bus to Tolmin. Organizer will pick volunteers up on the meeting point that is accesible by meany of public transportation. Nearest airports: Ljubljana (Slovenia), Trieste (Italy)

MN-MCE 6.3:

Greening Mongolia (Ulaanbaatar and Buhug river)

Country: Mongolia

Start Date: 2012-04-27

End Date: 2012-05-10

Number of volunteers:18

International age: 20 - 99

National age: 18 - 99

Extra Costs: 175.00 Euro

Description: This project is organized together with NICE Japan and supported by Greening Asia fund since 2002. Deforestation is a serious problem in Mongolia. Before 1990, the forests were covering 10% of the land and only 7% today. It's caused by cutting trees without any controls and by forest fires. It takes a long time here to grow trees and the current water level of the rivers has decreased.

Type of Work: We will plant trees in Mongolian workCamps Exchanges (MCE) camps and in some other places as May is the only season in Mongolia to plant trees. There are increasing activities of some organizations to plant trees but it takes a hundred or more years to grow, so we should also join this movement!

Study Theme: The future plan of international workcamps in Mongolia and Greening Asia. Bring some information!

Accommodation: GER (Mongolian traditional tent) or house.

Language: English (Mongolian is not necessary but you're welcome to try)

Requirements: To like planting work and simple nomadic life. Mongolian speakers are welcome!

Approximate Location: Ulaanbaatar. The temperature will be about 10-20°C. But be careful sometimes wheather changes a lot. Sunny, sometimes rainy and windy. Buhug river is located 45 km far from Ulaanbaatar.



IS-SEE 6.7

Ísafjarðardjúp: Nature & Fun in the Westfjords (1:4)

Country: Iceland

Start Date: 2012-05-04

End Date: 2012-05-18

Number of volunteers: 10

International age: 18 - 80

National age: 18 - 80

Extra Costs: 140.00 Euro

Description: WORK/PROJECT: SEEDS volunteers will continue working on this project after the excellent results of last years' groups; we will be working there for the 3rd year in a row. We will be working on various projects in this remote location in the Icelandic Western fjords. In general, we will be preparing the area before the summer season, when most tourists and hikers visit the district.

The works may involve cleaning, painting and construction work inside and in the surroundings of the camping area, but also planting vegetables or helping in horse stables. The working plan will be very flexible and it will depend on the needs of our local hosts and the advance of the diverse projects in the area surrounding the valley.

In the evenings and during the free days there will be enough time to explore the surroundings, trekking and walking, as you will be able to rest in the natural hot tubs, bathe in the local swimming pool and discover many other surprises of this beautiful place including horseback riding on the unique Icelandic horses and possibly kayaking in the fjords.

Accommodation: SEEDS volunteers will be hosted in a local housing; sleeping in beds; bringing a sleeping bag is not necessary for the period of the camp. Food will be provided and a kitchen will be available; volunteers will share the duties of helping in the kitchen and cleaning.

Do not forget some traditional/typical food from your home country for the international evening.

Location: The workcamp will take place in the Westfjords at the north-western part of Iceland. The region accounts for 10% of the country's surface but only about 7200 people live there, so it is one of the least populated areas of Europe. The Westfjords are very mountainous; the coastline is made by dozens of fjords surrounded by steep hills.

The region is bounded by Breiðafjörður in the south, with Gilsfjörður cutting into the land from the west and Bitrufjörður from the east, the two almost severing the ragged peninsula from the main mass of Iceland. The West Fjords are made up of Ísafjarðar-, Barðastrandar-, and Strandir Counties.

In the Westfjords you will be able to explore the whole range of Icelandic flora from the shore and meadows, through birch to mossy moors. On the shore, one can see birds, seals, whales and then an occasional arctic fox around the sheep.

Fishing is traditionally the main industry in the region but tourism started to be more and more important as local and foreign visitors are discovering this region in rising numbers.

The workcamp will take place in a valley covered with birch bushes in Mjóifjörður in Ísafjarðardjúp.

The distances to the next town and villages are 130 km to Ísafjörður and 90 km to Hólmavík. Hiking in this beautiful area is very impressive and an inspection of the coastline by walking or kayaking is an inspiring option. Landline phone connection is available, and the place provides a full variety of opportunities for volunteers and visitors.

Language: English will be the official language in the camp, high proficiency is not required.

Terminal: Closest International Airport: Keflavík/Reykjavík (KEF). Domestic airport is Ísafjörður (IFJ).

SEEDS organises the “minibus option”, a shared transport from Reykjavík to the camp site and vice versa. Apart from being cheaper and more convenient, it allows volunteers to meet fellow campers and have a relaxed trip, while stopping on the way for interesting and tourist sites.

Extras/ Special remarks: Participation fee EUR 140.

The camp is located in a place of extreme beauty and isolation; natural surroundings with hot springs, free access to enjoy the hot tub and the local pool.

Additional free time activities will be organized for SEEDS volunteers, like horseback riding and kayaking around a seal colony.

2: Art, Culture, History

IS-SEE 9.15 :

Reykjavik Shorts & Docs Film Festival

Country: Iceland

Start Date: 2012-05-01

End Date: 2012-05-12

Number of volunteers: 10

International age: 20 - 80

National age: 20 - 80

Extra Costs: 140.00 Euro

Description: The Reykjavik Shorts & Docs Festival is a film festival that strives to maintain the cultural fulfilment and expectations of the general public, as well as serving as an inspiring event for the audio-visual sector.

The year 2012 marks the 10-year anniversary and the festival will be re-launching on a far grander scale than before, with film industry professionals coming from various places around the world. The festival includes afternoon and evening screenings, morning workshops, master-classes, panel discussions and competitions throughout.

Type of Work: SEEDS volunteers will help out with the festival by performing various tasks such as assisting the festival team, directing and managing the festival guests, promoting the festival, distributing flyers and posters across Reykjavik, and preparing the facilities for the festival, as helping with the closing of the festival.

Study Theme: During the festival itself volunteers will be running the ticket stands, giving out information to guests, counting the number of guests, distributing voting bills, hosting screenings and other projects that may arise as well as managing the guest desks and DVD desk.

For volunteers this is a great opportunity to get first-hand experience of the film industry, watch film screenings and gain experience on how film festivals are run as well as having the opportunity to join the festival parties, receptions, opening and closing ceremonies.

Accommodation: SEEDS volunteers will stay in a fully equipped house; in a sleeping bag accommodation sharing rooms. Please bring your own sleeping bag. Volunteers will receive food and be in charge of the cooking and cleaning activities. Equipped kitchen and washing machine are available. Do not forget some traditional/typical food from your home country for the international evening.

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

Requirements: EXTRAS / SPECIAL REMARKS: Participation fee EUR 140 (Euros).

Approximate Location: Reykjavík is the capital of Iceland, often called “the nightlife capital of the north”. But there is more to Reykjavík than pubs and clubs. Reykjavík also gathers the most interesting of Icelandic culture. It is an incubator of new ideas and styles which often indicates new global trends. It is an International city with a lively Cosmopolitan cultural scene.

Notes: SEEDS and our hosts will provide the volunteers with leisure activities in the spirit of the film festival as well as offering some sightseeing opportunities.

Tours and excursions (Golden Circle, Blue Lagoon or South Shore) will be arranged for SEEDS volunteers at discount fares.

GH-VOL 9.1:

DRUMMING & DANCING

Country: Ghana

Start Date: 2012-05-11

End Date: 2012-06-08

Number of volunteers: 25

International age: 20 - 99

National age: 16 - 99

Extra Costs: 400.00 Euro

Description: The foreigners will be joined by five Ghanaian volunteers during the programme.

Type of Work: The programme will involve foreigners learning drumming and dancing and excursion to some of the tourist centers in Ghana for the three weeks at the camp with the well established drumming and dance assembles in Ghana.

Accommodation: Volunteers will sleep in a hostel owned by VOLU which is well furnished

Language: English

Approximate Location: VTC- KODIABE

Notes: Extra fee includes visiting tourist sites in Ghana (Kakum National Park, Slave Castle, Akosombo Dam, Wli water falls,etc

This project is part of the SCI North South Programmes. Volunteers should be 20 years old, have previous volunteering experience and take part in the Preparation Workshops organised by their sending branch. More details from your sending branch.

SI-SCI 9.2 :

Kino Otok – Isola Cinema International Film Festival

Country: Slovenia

Start Date: 2012-05-27

End Date: 2012-06-05

Number of volunteers: 8

International age: 18 - 99

National age: 18 - 99

Extra Costs: 0.00

Description: Kino Otok – Isola Cinema international film festival was founded out of enthusiasm of two Slovene film directors Jan Cvitkovič and Vlado Škafar in 2004 when they were at first only dreaming about making one and then actually starting it with the help of the Community of Isola. Therefore the festival’s heart is in solidarity and volunteering and it has stayed there since the whole beginning. Important work experience is gained, and friendships are being made through common enjoyment of films and flow of the festival.

Type of Work: We are looking for help with setting up festival locations (tables, chairs, computers, fences, cleaning up the set...), preparation of the open-air cinema in the main town square every evening, setting up the technical equipment at the evening music program venue and also a few people helping in the festival camp. Volunteers will work in "intervention squad", where the work will be done at very different hours before and after the festival, so the time table is very flexible due to unexpected and unpredictable occurrences and variety of tasks involved, so the free time can be a bit fragmented.

Study Theme: Volunteers start before the beginning of the festival and have opportunity to experience the calmness of the town before the festival. Volunteers will be given the accreditations and will therefore be able to enjoy the films and music program during their spare time. Volunteers are granted a day off for their activities, but it can only take part once the festival is finished.

Accommodation: Accommodation is very basic, usually a big gymnasium (sleeping bags required), or a student dormitory. Food provided by organizer, also a possibility of vegetarian meal (no vegan or other strict diet can be taken care of).

Language: English

Requirements: Because of the nature of work we must highlight the importance of strength and physical shape, as some things are a bit hard to move, so guys are very welcome. We're also welcoming enthusiastic, highly flexible, handy, ingenious, talkative and positive people who like contributing for work to be done and then enjoy how their work composites in the mosaic of the festival.

Approximate Location: A small coastal town of Isola (Slovenia). There are a number of airports in the vicinity, the closest being Trieste (Italy), also very close: Venice airport (Italy), Brnik – Ljubljana airport (Slovenia), Zagreb airport (Croatia)...

Notes: The work of so called “Intervention squad” is of high importance for the festival, as they also do jobs which don’t exist until that specific moment and therefore contribute a lot to the festival. In their free time (before the festival), volunteers still have to be on “stand by” in case they are needed. During the festival tasks are mostly in evening/night hours.



3: Children, Teenagers, Elderly People: Disabilities

KR-SCI 5.4:

Orphanage Camp

Country: Korea, Republic of

Start Date: 2012-06-04

End Date: 2012-06-15

Number of volunteers: 16

International age: 18 - 99

National age: 16 - 99

Extra Costs: 90.00 US Dollar

Description: The main idea of this camp is to promote peace and friendship among the group through intercultural learning and exchange. By staying with children in Orphanage you will find the meaning of happiness. the work camp is designed for this goal

Type of Work: you will organize free time (sports and cultural) activity with children such as playing football. etc. and be ready to introduce your own country and culture. Also volunteers will do their own country introduction to other countries volunteers. So please prepare some material for your beautiful country's presentation (For example: Pictures, slides, national flag, national song, DVD, traditional games etc You may make delicious and healthy snacks for the children and help them to learn foreign language in a fun and easy way as a global friend. Physical work outside, painting, or other manual labor will be part of your work at the site.

Study Theme: lovin'

Accommodation: ave the sameconditionaschildrenformeals,rooms,bath,etc shower, food and one big room for volunteers will be provided

Language: Official language is English

Requirements: those who have no prejudice on different cultures

Approximate Location: The orphanage is located in Yangju-si, Gyeonggi-do. Yangju-si, which is the urban center of Korea, lies to the north of seoul. It takes more than 1 hour to go to Yangju-si from central seoul. Address: 10, Samsang-ri, Jangheung-myeon, Yangju-si, Gyeonggi-do, Korea Address in Korean: ??? ??? ??? ??? 10 Tel: +82-(0)31-855-5036, 879-5036

TR-GEN 5.11:

TEACH CAMP-1

Country: Turkey

Start Date: 2012-06-08

End Date: 2012-06-23

Number of volunteers: 4

International age: 20 - 99

National age: 20 - 99

Extra Costs: 0.00 Euro

Description: Can is a town with 30.000 inhabitants and famous for its ceramic factory. GENCTUR is organizing teach camps to practice English with the pupils of different schools every year. This year our volunteers will help the 13-15 age group pupils of Ataturk Primary School, to practice English by close contacts with foreigners. GENCTUR is looking for at least 20 years old volunteers who have a good level of English to realize this aim.

Type of Work: Practicing English with the teenagers. Each volunteer will deal with a group of pupils in turn, each day and session.

Accommodation: A: In a guesthouse. The sleeping bag and mat are not necessary. F: Will be supplied at the venue, some dinners may be offered by the families of the pupils

Language: eng,tur

Requirements: LA: English. Volunteers must be at least 20 years old. R: Volunteers need not to be a native speaker but a good level of English is necessary. A motivation letter containing a Skype ID must be sent together with the application form. Applicants will be interviewed via Skype before being confirmed. Note: No alcohol is permitted during the camp at the campsite and the accommodation venue. Smoking is not allowed while volunteers are with the pupils.

Approximate Location: Can is in the northwest of Turkey and not very far from antic site Troy, Assos and Gallipoli battle fields. Nearest city is Canakkale.

4: Disabilities

BW-BWA 4.11

Motswedi Rehabilitation Center 1

Country: Botswana

Start Date: 2012-06-18

End Date: 2012-06-30

Number of volunteers: 15

International age: 20 - 99

National age: 16 - 99

Extra Costs: 200.00 US Dollar

Description: Motswedi Community Based Rehabilitation is a Church related non-profit, making welfare project initiated by the Mothers Union of the Dutch Reformed Church in Mochudi. The Mother's Union has been involved in Welfare and Community Development. During their work in the community most people with disabilities were found lying around their homes without any provision for rehabilitation, welfare and educational needs. The reasons for involving non-professional is to train them to identify people with disabilities, teach and demonstrate prescribed physical exercises at basic level.

Type of Work: The volunteers will assist in the daily education of the kids, gardening, sports coaching & mentoring and general counseling of the kids. Moreover, volunteers can assist the centre on some renovation work that arises and maintain kids library. Volunteers will also help at Horticulture and Poultry, which have provided employment to the special youths both males and females, capacity building by co-funding staff scholarships. Spare time is usually meant for interaction with kids on their music practice sessions.

Accommodation: The Centre provides accommodation in their shared hostels/ houses. Volunteers are also encouraged to bring their own tents for their privacy.

Approximate Location: Motswedi Centre is situated on plot measuring 200x200 square metres on western part of Mochudi village. It is linked by tarred road from Gaborone and the centre of the village.

This project is part of the SCI North South Programmes. Volunteers should be 20 years old, have previous volunteering experience and take part in the Preparation Workshops organised by their sending branch. More details from your sending branch.

NG-VWA 8.22:

Child Placement Care / Welfare Project

Country: Nigeria

Start Date: 2012-07-08

End Date: 2012-07-27

Number of volunteers: 7

International age: 18 - 99

National age: 16 - 99

Extra Costs: 200.00 Euro

Description: Volunteer will be assigned to a Special School where disadvantaged, mentally and physically impaired children are reformed and rehabilitated. This is an assisted welfare project that gives needed attention to the suffering of children especially the physically challenged and marginalized children.

Type of Work: Volunteers are expected to provide the following services for the challenged and vulnerable children: •auxiliary training in special areas related to their own social works •assistance in moving physically challenged children around •distribution of food and other materials •organizing entertainment, cultural events and games •courses of foreign languages, etc.)

Study Theme: Social Inclusion and Child Rights projects.

Accommodation: In host family accessible to the project centre and possibly host project

Language: English

Requirements: Volunteers should have good organisation, creativity and interest to work with kids.

Approximate Location: Child Treatment and Placement Home for vulnerable, handicapped and physically impaired children at Akoka – Bariga in Lagos State

Notes: The project is run as a children care centre and as educational institution to reform the children of various disabilities. Volunteers shall be picked up on Arrival at the Airport. Camp Participation fees is 200€ for 3 weeks stay.

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