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**Project title:** Teachers and tutors for disadvantaged, poor and street children at Youth House.

**Position and title of post:** Volunteers as teachers and tutors for disadvantaged, poor and street children at Youth House of SJ Vietnam in Ha Noi, Vietnam.

**Project owner:** Solidarités Jeunesses Vietnam (SJ Vietnam).

**Partner:** “Teachers and tutors for disadvantaged, poor and street children at Youth House” is a SJ Vietnam’s long-term project to help children and people at Fisher village and nearby areas of Ha Noi, Vietnam.

**Duty location:** At Youth House, Hanoi.

**Duration:** At least 2 months

**Participation fee:** 200 EUR/month including food and basic accommodation in our LTV House in Hanoi.

## 1. About SJ Vietnam :

SJ Vietnam operates through a network of national non-profit organizations and partner organizations in Europe, The Middle East, Asia, Africa, South and North America, and Australia.

It organizes short and long-term international workcamps, actions of social integration, training activities, international solidarity actions and runs small Youth centers in Hanoi. SJ Vietnam is a full member of UNESCO – CCIVS and NVDA.

*Through these actions, SJ Vietnam aims to promote:*

- The voluntary participation of all, particularly young people and those in social disadvantaged situation, in local, national and international life.
- Local development that takes into consideration the needs of the individual, the environment and the cultural heritage into consideration.
- The break down of barriers between generations, cultures and nations.
- A concrete construction of peace.

SJ Vietnam mobilizes young people themselves to bring the values of tolerance and respects for all human beings without any political or ideological cleavage. The management of the organization and all our activities are open to all young people without any discrimination: we select our volunteers only based on their motivations. For each activity, national or international, we try to have lowest cost possible to be accessible to everybody.

Basically, the activities of the hosting projects which are organized with volunteers are work camps (renovation, masonry, carpentry, joinery,

teaching, children activities, environment protection, painting, art performance, etc) and local development (short and long-term projects).

## 2. Situation of Fisher village:

Children come to Youth House are from “Fisher village” where consists of more than 40 families living on temporary ragged boats by the Red River (one small part of the village is on an island). Their lives are extremely difficult: badly polluted



surroundings; no tap-water, electricity. Besides, they have to clean the water from the Red River by alum to use it. Thus the rate of having diseases and drowning is very high. All families have more than 5 members while they don't have jobs, so it is very hard to feed the whole family. Their children, all of whom are badly malnourished and illiterate, have to collect rubbish, sell collected fruits, vegetable, lottery results or catch shrimp overnight.

See more about the village on our website:

<http://vietnam.solidaritesjeunes.org/video/fishervillage/>

### About Youth House:

SJ Vietnam encourages the children to go to the Youth House regularly for free basic education and nutrition food. We have been increasing their awareness of education which can help them to



get a simple job and a better future to ensure their independent living, economic self-sufficiency.

The scheme will demonstrate the important role of volunteerism and public-private partnerships for social development.

Our general aspirations: gathering together to establish this center for disadvantaged, poor and street children people to exchange ideas, have a chance to study vocation, integrate in the community.

In the SJ Youth House, disadvantaged, poor and street children are provided with the following to reintegrate in the community upon leaving the center:

- Giving free lunch for the children.
- Help the children integrate into the community having an equal life like any other one.
- Giving opportunities for them to take part in different activities, exchange their ideas, deal with the complexes, and improve their self-confidence in life.
- Giving compulsory general education to improve their education level
- At present, the main activities is teaching basic Vietnamese, English, math, drawing, etc.
- Creating employment and output for the elder children.

***About the children going to Youth House:***



- Being disadvantaged, poor and street children from 8 to 16 years old.

- Having low education level: near 90% haven't known words, not all of them have joined in any officially vocational training before.
- Having a very poor family or no family
- They speak Vietnamese and very basic English learned from our international volunteers

### **3. Description of work:**

There are some main tasks at Youth House such as: teaching English, cleaning Youth House, cooking. Timetable will be made by volunteers so that they can distribute and work as plan. Volunteers will make teaching plan for the children and they will prepare teaching materials for their lessons by themselves. Volunteers will help the children to solve problems related to their English lessons. They also will clean Youth House every day so that everything is clean and neat. About cooking, they will go to local markets to buy food and prepare lunches for the children and for themselves. Volunteers can learn how to cook some Vietnamese food when they do with local volunteers. Volunteers will be divided into groups and each group will do one task, they will switch every day. Local volunteers will do together with international ones with tasks so that they can support to each other.

### **4. Objectives:**

Youth House School is a small non-formal education center for disadvantaged, street and poor children. It is also a friendly place for young local people and international volunteers come to explore their cultural diversity with lots of youth exchanges such as music performance, photos exhibition, and lessons for the children and funny leisure activities. We need teachers and volunteers to give lessons to the children and cook meals for 20 children everyday.

We combine these activities with projects to help disadvantaged people at Fisher village who are very old and poor living in slum-boats on Red river with giving them the free food, supporting medicines for their diseases, providing water filters, toothpaste, second-hand warm clothes and free hot shower in winter, etc.

Volunteers will join a team of local young people and SJ Vietnam coordinators to manage the projects and participate in daily activities at the school. You need very high motivation, very communication skills and able to be independent in your work. Volunteers also need to have many ideas about how to keep the children's interest and they need to know how to deal with problematic situations with the children as well.

## **5. Duties and responsibilities:**

1. To manage the projects and participate in daily activities at the school.



2. To cook and give them free food, support medicines for their disease; provide water filters, toothpaste, second-hand warm clothes and free hot shower in winter, etc.

3. To teach Basic English, French and/or other languages for the children at Youth House. Volunteers also need to train and instruct Vietnamese volunteers to be English tutors for the children

4. To create friendly communication environment

5. The volunteers could also teach basic other subjects for the children (with the help of the local volunteers)

6. The volunteers will live in the school and in close relation with the children and their families.

7. To help SJ Vietnam in developing the plan for learning the essential IT for children and young Vietnamese volunteers in our SJ Vietnam Youth Houses
8. Basic care of the IT material: computers, printers, network
9. To act like a member of SJ Vietnam and not like an employee or an alternative tourist
10. To promote SJ Vietnam and Youth House project
11. Optionally to organize English and other languages training courses in the SJ Youth Houses for the SJ members and young Vietnamese volunteers one or two evenings by week
12. To call for help from philanthropists' sponsors as well as the youth, contributing efforts and capacity to a better life for those children.
13. To build up special English teaching manuals for children for long-term apply (in SJ Vietnam office and foreign language center of Ministry for Education and training of Vietnam)
14. To organize funny games in English or other understandable foreign languages (with the help of Vietnamese tutors) for children.

## **6. Work arrangements:**

- This is a self-funded volunteer position
- Working place is SJ Vietnam Youth Houses in Hanoi
- It is envisioned that the volunteer would devote at least 5-6 hours/day, 5 days/week
- The volunteer will be strongly encouraged to join the other voluntary activities of SJ Vietnam (work camp management, project in the fisher village, social activities, etc)
- The volunteer will receive a basic accommodation and food in the SJ Youth Houses in Hanoi (dormitory rooms with other volunteers)

- SJ Vietnam will organize social activities for the volunteer in collaboration with the national volunteers
- SJ Vietnam will help to volunteer to be integrate faster as possible inside a network of local volunteers

## **7. Qualifications and experiences:**

- Fluent in English.
- Previous English coaching/teaching experience is an asset
- Willing to work and stay in Hanoi
- Strong inter-personal skills, and experience in working with a wide variety of people, cultural sensitivity, and ability to work on sensitive topics
- Commitment to volunteerism, considerable experience as a volunteer
- Member of a work camp organization if possible.
- Ready to live as local people (basic accommodations, transport by bus or bicycle, local food).
- High motivation and ready to be in face of many difficulties such as language and culture difference, low budget, etc.

## **8. Participation fee:**

200 EUR/month includes food, transportation and basic accommodation in dormitory of the center. Volunteers will pay all their participation fees one time for their sending organizations or directly to banks and fees will be transferred for SJ Vietnam before volunteers come to Vietnam. Volunteers have to bring the receipts for SJ Vietnam. If they do not pay their participation fees before coming, they will be in the waiting list. They can stay longer or less than couples of months but they are supposed to pay for the whole months and may be a half as well. For example, if volunteers stay for 3 months and 10 days, they are supposed to pay for 3 months and a half

(it means they will pay 700 EUR); if they stay for 3 months and 20 days, they are supposed to pay for 4 months (it means they will pay 800 EUR). If volunteers have holiday in the middle of their voluntary durations, the holiday duration will still be considered as their voluntary time so volunteers are supposed to pay for the holiday duration. If they have holiday after finishing all voluntary work with SJ Vietnam, they do not have to pay for that. Following is the address to transfer fee:

Account name: SJ Vietnam

Account number: 4054928

Address: ANZ Hanoi Branch

No 14, Le Thai To Street, Hanoi, Vietnam

Swift: ANZBVNVX

Telephone: +84 438258190

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## **9. Application procedures:**

Interested candidates should email detailed Resume (CV) and an application letter to their voluntary organizations.

The national voluntary organizations have to send their candidates' CVs to: [ltv@sjvietnam.org](mailto:ltv@sjvietnam.org). Our LTV coordinators are responsible for accepting volunteers.