

HOLD THE FUTURE PROJECT

CENTER FOR DISABLED PEOPLE AND TEENAGERS

Solidarités Jeunes Vietnam in collaboration with “Hold the future” center



Project title: Hold the future-center for disabled people and teenagers

Position and title of post: Volunteers as gardeners and style designers.

Project owner: Solidarités Jeunes Vietnam (SJ Vietnam), “Hold the future” center

Partner: “Gardening and designing product styles” project is managed in collaboration with “Hold the future” center in Ha Noi, Vietnam with the support of SJ Vietnam.

Duty location: In “Hold the future” center, SJ Vietnam office and our partners’ location.

Duration: At least 3 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. Our partner:

Name of the center:

Center of vocational training and employment providing for disabled teenagers – “**Hold the future**”.

Established in March 2002, the center aims to provide vocational training and employment opportunity for disabled teenagers in Hanoi and Northern provinces of Vietnam. Head of Centre Mrs. Le Minh Hien.

Background:

Being herself a disabled woman, Mrs. Le Minh Hien understands quite well about the wish and aspiration of the teenagers. She founded the “Hold the Future” center.

General purposes of centre “Hold the future”:

- Help the disabled people 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, abate the disabled pain, and improve their self-confidence in life.

The center will have vocational training programs depending on each object and also provide them employment opportunities, which are suitable for their health; so that they can live on themselves.

The 3 main goals:

- Making compulsory general education to disabilities to improve their education level.
- Guiding and training jobs for them.
- Seeking stable and suitable jobs for them.

3. Description of work:

“Hold the future” is a center for the young disabled mainly coming from Hanoi. They have disadvantaged conditions and it is really difficult for them to find a job for earning their livings. In this center they work by themselves and they also support for their life. Products from the center such as lacquer painting, embroidery, souvenirs, and postcards will be exported to many countries. Money from their products will be paid for their salaries and their daily life. The center has two places: the first one is for producing mentioned products above, and the other is for gardening. At the second place they plant some kinds of trees: fruit trees, pot trees decorative plants), vegetables. They even feed fish, poultry. All products from the second place will be used to serve for themselves and one part is sold to get money to get by with their life.

Volunteers who join this project will help the director of the center who is also a disabled person to do website management, do accounting job; volunteers even can design samples for kinds of products, or do a concrete work they like most among works there. They can choose what kind of job they like there and do it. Creativity is highly encouraged there. If volunteers have any idea for producing or creating new things, they can do it! The director will give them favorable condition to do their innovation. Young disabled from the center also want to learn something from international volunteers such as: volunteers can teach them how to make kinds of handiwork from volunteers’ countries.

It is important for volunteers to keep their patient, enthusiasm, studiousness during their time at the center. After duration working with the disabled there volunteers can have a lot of useful experience: knowing how to communicate with them, being more independent, cleverer, and they also see how meaningful life is!

4. Objectives of the project:

Taking part in this project volunteers will have a chance to see and learn beautiful and strange handy-works made by children in the center. Learning to make these products volunteers need to have great patient, so after that they will have one more important and necessary character. Volunteers also see how difficult it is with the disabled to earn living so they will have sympathy with them and can try to find out the ways to help them when they are in Vietnam or when they come back to their countries. Volunteers can help to advertise about the products of the center “Hold the future” or they can design new samples for the center; they even can make something which the center has never had before. Or volunteers can do gardening as well. This is also an interesting work. During volunteers’ duration at the center, they will talk with children their so all volunteers and children will have a deeper understanding about each other and about different cultures. This also will help them become friends.

5. Duties and responsibilities:

1. Work together with children at the center.
2. Design new forms or styles for the center.
3. Take care of trees such as: water, pick grass up...
3. To act like a member of SJ Vietnam and not like an employee or an alternative tourist.
4. To promote SJ Vietnam and “Hold the future” center

6. Work arrangements:

- This is a self-funded volunteer position.
- Working place is “Hold the future” center in Hanoi.

- It is envisioned that the volunteer would devote at least 5 days/week and working hour: 8am – 11.30am; 14pm – 17pm (the working hours are flexible)
- 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)
- SJ Vietnam will organize social activities for the volunteer in collaboration with the national volunteers of SJ Vietnam.
- SJ Vietnam will help volunteers to integrate as fast as possible inside a network of local volunteers

7. Qualification and experience:

- Fluent in English (French or Vietnamese is an asset).
 - Have the will to learn the sign language
 - Be able to do some manual works
 - Have ability to design new styles
 - Be patient
 - Willing to work and stay in Hanoi
 - Strong inter-personal skills and experience in working with a wide variety of people; cultural sensitivity.
 - 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)

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. Our LTV coordinators are responsible for accepting volunteers.