

# **BLIND SCHOOL PROJECT**

## **TEACHING ENGLISH FOR BLIND CHILDREN**

### **AT NGUYEN DINH CHIEU SCHOOL**

**Solidarités Jeunes Vietnam's project**





**Project title:** Teaching English for blind children at Nguyen Dinh Chieu School

**Position and title of post:** Volunteers as tutors of English for blind children

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

**Partner:** Nguyen Dinh Chieu Blind School

**Duty location:** At Nguyen Dinh Chieu Blind School in Hanoi, Vietnam

**Duration:** At least 2 months

## **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 breakdown 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. About Blind School**

Nguyen Dinh Chieu is a school for blind children and a center for blind adults, who have difficulties in their daily activities. Established in 1985, the center aims to vocational training, cultural education exchange ideas and organized cultural performance for blind people in Hanoi and other provinces of Vietnam.

Children there come mainly from Hanoi, but the school also receives children from other provinces. Families from other provinces also want to send their children who are disabled there for schooling because of its good training quality. At this school children are paid for accommodation, schooling fee.

There are some blind children who are really good at playing some kinds of musical instruments, they also take part in some important events such as the ceremony for 35th birthday for Cooperation between Vietnam and Japan or they had a performance in France as well. There children are taught massage so that when they graduate from that school they can find a job and earn living by themselves.

## **3. Description of work**

Volunteers will teach English for children and create a friendly environment in order to encourage them to communicate in English. They should know that the most important part of this project is teaching English. Volunteers will be the teachers and they are expected to teach grammar and other aspects of English to their own classes which may have more than 10 students in. Volunteers will also record some “English tales” or spoken sentences on tapes for the blind students to listen to. They also will monitor and evaluate the students’ progress and

provide an assessment of English language skill to students. Volunteers encourage the students to learn English, for example, by organizing leisure activities in English (audio, books, etc...), by providing the self-study materials. Furthermore, they maybe can help the teachers and staffs with other tasks in the school.

#### **4. Project Objectives**

One effective way to learn English is communicate with people coming from English speaking countries but children there do not have many chances to talk with foreigners, so this is a good opportunity for them to practice that.

Furthermore volunteers and students will understand more about each other, which is a good way to have cultural exchanges. When English of children is improved they can speak that language better and they can use it more efficiently, which will help them a lot in their studying, because there are many good document written in English even in Braille. Leisure activities will bring happiness to children so that they will have optimistic view with life around them and they will become useful people for our society. Through teaching and playing with children there volunteers show them their sympathies and children know that they are one part of the world; they will try their best to integrate with normal ones.

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

- Teach English for the children.
- Organize leisure activities for the children.
- Talk with students to understand more about them so that volunteers can give out better teaching methods.

- Record tapes in English for children and help them to learn how to hear English.

- Encourage students to speak English a lot so their English will be improved.
- Often evaluate studying progress of students.

## **6. Work arrangement**

- Working place is at Nguyen Dinh Chieu Blind School, which is not so far from LTV House.

- It is envisioned that the volunteer will devote at least 5-6 hours/day, 5days/week: 2 hours in the morning, 2 hours in the afternoon.

- Volunteers will have timetable for teaching, they will work with a Vietnamese coordinator at that school

- The volunteer will receive a basic accommodation and food in the SJ LTV House (dormitory rooms with other 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.

- Commitment to volunteerism, considerable experience as a volunteer
- Ready to live as local people (basic accommodations, transport by bus or bicycle, local food).

- Be patient.

- High motivation and ready to be in face of many difficulties such as language and cultural difference, low budget, etc.

## **8. Participation fee**

250 EUR/month and the volunteers will stay in host families. This fee includes food, transportation and basic accommodation. 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 in the LTV house, they are supposed to pay for 3 months and a half (it means they will pay 875 EUR); if they stay for 3 months and 20 days, they are supposed to pay for 4 months (it means they will pay 1000 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*

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## **9. Application procedures**

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

The national voluntary organizations have to send their candidates' CVs to: [in@sjvietnam.org](mailto:in@sjvietnam.org). Our incoming coordinator is responsible for accepting volunteers.