

VOLUNTEER SERVICE IN THE CENTER FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT STUDIES (CSDS) IN HANOI/VIETNAM

THE PROJECT

Join the **Humanitarian Aid project with CSDS, a local NGO in Vietnam**, whose mission is to enhance youth capacity building, social inclusion,, education equalities and green life promotion. **The volunteer service will last six months in Hanoi**, the capital city of Vietnam.

Working alongside local staff and volunteers, you'll take part in social animation, educational workshops and seminars on topics such as nutrition, environmental management, and active citizenship for children and youth. You will also have the chance to learn practical community-development techniques, create informational materials about green practices, and deepen your intercultural understanding through everyday immersion in Vietnamese culture.



JOIN US

YOU WANT TO...

...**make a meaningful impact, immerse yourself in an new culture, and support community-driven initiatives?**

...**experience intercultural exchange, gain lasting experiences and get insights into Humanitarian Aid?**

...**join a dynamic team dedicated to creating positive change?**

THE VISION

CSDS' mission is to **promote education for sustainable development** through building the capacity of people and organisations to address development challenges in Vietnam.

The project uses **education and training** as the primary means of empowering individuals and organisations to pursue sustainable development. The focus is also on volunteering, particularly youth volunteering, as this provides a context for learning and practice, and a resource for delivering the programmes and projects.





Together with the **Center for Sustainable Development Studies (CSDS)** in Hanoi, the volunteers help facilitate educational activities on environmental awareness, climate action, and other sustainability topics - from teaching languages to leading interactive discussions and implementing green practices.

As a Volunteer for Development (VD), you will lead non-formal education activities that address social, educational, and environmental challenges. Through this work, you'll empower young people from different backgrounds, raise awareness about climate change, and support disadvantaged communities - making a tangible impact while growing personally and professionally.



CSDS

The **host organisation CSDS** was established in 2009 as a legally registered local non-governmental, non-profit organisation.

CSDS has a robust global exchange programme, with over 400 international volunteers joining various projects in Vietnam each year. Through this programme, we offer a diverse range of volunteering and internship opportunities for local and international youth to support local community development in various fields, including childcare, language teaching, NGO support and community building. Volunteers utilise a variety of methods, including arts, sports and educational tools, to assist local children and youth.



ICJA

The **coordinating organization CJA Freiwilligenaustausch weltweit** is dedicated to fostering intercultural understanding and global solidarity through various meaningful international volunteer programs. For more than 70 years, ICJA has offered young people opportunities to explore new cultures, engage in community-based work, and grow through hands-on learning experiences, reflection and a commitment to social justice.

As the coordinating organisation for the Humanitarian Aid Volunteering Service in Vietnam, ICJA accompanies volunteers throughout every stage of their journey: ICJA provides pre-departure preparation, continuous guidance during the placement, and close collaboration with Vietnamese partner organisations who implement impactful humanitarian and social projects.



REQUIREMENTS

- You are between 18 and 35 years old
- You live in an EU Member State or an associated non-EU country
- You are available for the full six-month period
- You have completed the face-to-face training before starting the voluntary service.
- You are motivated to contribute to our local project in Vietnam
- You enjoy working with children and the local youth
- You embody friendliness, positivity, empathy and open-mindedness
- You are flexible and creative, have good communication and interpersonal skills
- skills in videomaking or photography are helpful, but not required



activities for the youth and raising climate awareness



Youth for Earth Club recruitment



teaching English



EXEMPLARY TASKS

- teaching English
- supporting at kindergarten and engaging with young children
- providing one-on-one English lessons
- supporting activities like the World Cleanup Day
- shifts at the Soci Hub Cafe
- organising the "Youth for Earth"-Club with monthly activities on environmental protection
- workshops on climate change awareness
- Initiatives on waste reduction and promotion of sustainable lifestyles

supporting at kindergarten



WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Travel to and from the project, accommodation, meals for the duration of the project
- monthly pocket money
- Additional insurance
- Preparation and support before, during, and after the volunteer service
- Support services, for example for language courses
- In the case of special needs (e.g. disability), associated costs may also be covered



IMPRESSIONS FROM VOLUNTEERS

“After the school year ended, we organized two summer camps for children. Each day was a mix of English activities, outdoor games, dancing, crafts, and the occasional chaos that comes with 20 excited kids. It was exhausting, hilarious, and probably the most rewarding part of the experience.”

“We still find time to travel and explore beyond the city, creating memories that stay with you long after the trip ends. We traveled to Sapa, where I tried paragliding - without exaggeration, one of the best experiences of my life.”

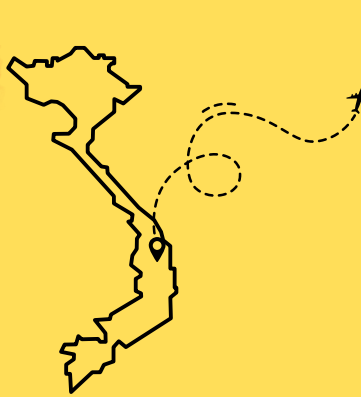
“I came to Vietnam wanting to get to know the country and its culture, seeing it as an opportunity to get out of my comfort zone and grow, but I'm leaving with so much more. I've learned how powerful small, community-based actions can be. How education is never one-way. And how sustainability isn't just about what we consume, but about how we connect, listen, and support each other.”

“Most of our daily work revolved around teaching English, but not in the traditional sense: We ran non-formal community classes for children, teens, and adults, where English became the bridge to play, confidence, and conversation. At the same time, we were learning just as much from our students - about Vietnamese traditions, popular food and how to adapt to a very different rhythm of life.”



“One thing I've learned very clearly is that we are not here to “help” in the traditional sense. We are here to work together with the community, to exchange knowledge, support one another, and grow side by side. This mindset has changed the way I see volunteering and solidarity.”





Memories



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