

The Volunteer Projects (TVP) Tanzanian Teaching Prospectus

Summary Project Description:

Teaching in Tanzania is an underpaid and undervalued profession. Though teachers in Tanzania are dedicated and enthusiastic, they work with large classes and few resources. Teacher training is good but not as extensive as that of their Irish counterparts.

This programme aims to increase the skill sets of Tanzanian teachers through skills exchange with Irish teachers while giving volunteers practical experience of teaching in a developing country. Teaching methods in Tanzania are largely based on rote learning and aimed at passing exams.

This has led to a situation where, though the children can reel off information, they have very little understanding of what they are saying, particularly in relation to learning English.

As most secondary school classes are taught through English, this causes problems later in the education system, especially for those not gifted at languages. Improving the methodologies of learning at this level can lay the foundation for increased learning potential in later life and thus improve the employability of these students and help them escape the poverty trap in which they are now ensnared.



The volunteers will teach Basic English and Maths to students aged 4-7 in the morning, allowing them to better understand the challenges faced by the local teachers. In the afternoon, volunteers will teach two classes to the teachers. The first is a 40 minute English Improvers class aimed at increasing the level of English for the teachers themselves. The second will be a skills sharing class, where the volunteers can help the teachers upskill by sharing their own teaching techniques i.e. how to utilise the resources they have for optimal learning, innovative ways to increase student understanding and other teaching methodologies.

Connecting Communities in Ireland and Africa

We recruit and Irish volunteers who travel to the Developing World to participate in skills sharing initiatives with local host communities.

The whole community benefits from volunteers' contribution as improving the teachers' skill sets can increase their ability to pass their knowledge on. Improving their English also increases the potential of their students for reaching secondary level education.



The children also benefit from volunteers contributions as speaking to native English speakers improves their pronunciation and gives them a confidence boost, making them more likely to converse easily in English later in life.

The volunteers from Ireland gain valuable work experience, using their skills in a practical way while also learning about a different culture and witnessing the effects of global poverty first hand.

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Overall Aims of the Project:

There are four overall aims to the Project which is a mutually beneficial partnership:

1. Increase the level of teaching at our Nursery School Projects
2. Improve the use of resources at our Nursery School Projects
3. Improve the level of learning of the students at the Projects
4. Provide Irish teachers with a valuable overseas work experience relevant and beneficial to their field of study/interest

Outcomes of the Project

The projected outcomes of the Project are:

1. The teachers at our Nursery School Partner-projects will gain valuable experience and update their skills
2. Resources at the Projects will be utilised in their most beneficial manner
3. The students will be more at ease speaking English to foreigners
4. Each volunteer's personal skills set will be improved as a result of the Project
5. Each volunteer's C.V. will be improved as a result of the Project thereby increasing their chances of gaining employment in their chosen field

The Volunteer

- Minimum age of 21 years
- Qualified teacher
- Experience desirable but not essential
- Enthusiastic, innovative and flexible
- Good communication skills



The Placement

- Duration: 2 weeks – 3 months
- Location: Moshi Town, Kilimanjaro, Tanzania, East Africa
- Dates: Year-round
- Cost: €565 (2 weeks), €95 per extra week

What's Included

- Meals (breakfast & dinner)
- Accommodation
- Pre-departure training
- Fundraising assistance
- Advice on flights, VISA and vaccinations
- Ongoing support before, throughout and after Placement
- Airport pickup
- 24 hour in-country support



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- Certificate of Achievement
- Future role with the charity (optional)

Accommodation

- Hostel-style Volunteer House
- TV, radio, electricity, hot water, kitchen facilities
- In-country team includes house manager, guard, cleaner, cook and 24-hour support

Meals

- Breakfast and dinner are prepared daily by two local '3-star' chefs in the Volunteer House
- All meals are served in a communal style and are made from locally sourced ingredients
- Vegan and vegetarian diets can be catered for

Additional Projects

In addition to working with Nursery schoolchildren and teachers volunteers can also work in the following:

- Orphanage
- Sports Coaching
- Adult English
- Young Offenders Centre
- Musical Outreach



The Role of Development Education in the Project

Development Education aims to raise awareness of the causes and effects of poverty in the Developing World.

We believe that due to the nature of this Project Development Education occurs throughout the process and that this learning becomes integrated into the fabric of Irish society once the participants have returned home.

By identifying mutually beneficial initiatives/projects we can increase inter-cultural awareness and understanding while simultaneously improving the lives of everyone involved.

In short; we all have something to gain by working together.

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