



2024 WORKCAMPs

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- About DreamWalker China -

DreamWalker China (DWC) is a social purpose organization that believes everyone can make positive contribution and change to their own personal development, as well as to global development, through international voluntary service and sustainable changemaking actions. We collaborate with and support both local and overseas communities, social enterprises, and innovative charities to not only foster a world of global citizens and changemakers, but also plant the seed for a united and peaceful world.

- Workcamp Basics -

Language: The main language of all DreamWalker's workcamps is English. We recommend our volunteers to learn some basic greetings in Chinese.

Basic Volunteer Requirements: Since English is the language use in all our workcamps, it is important for volunteers to know enough simple English for basic communication and interaction with other volunteers. Other than that, a passion in voluntary work and respect for cultural differences are crucial to having a good time at workcamp. Volunteers should be open-minded, adaptable, and have a learning mindset. They should be friendly and willing to work as a team.

Insurance: DWC will purchase basic insurance that covers accidents during the workcamp only, and so, please also self-prepare health and travel insurance that suits your own needs.

Applications: Please send applications to us at dreamwalkerchina@gmail.com.

Project Name: Fujian Tulou – Engaging Youth in World Heritage
Code: DWC-01-24

Project Type: Children; Educational; World Heritage

Project Dates: July 27th to August 4th, 2024

Number of Participants: 2 leaders and 12 workcampers

Location: Da Ling Xia Village, Yongding, Longyan, Fujian Province

Closest Airport: Xiamen Gaoqi International Airport (XMN)

Participation Fee: 1,500 RMB (~192 EURO)

Project Needs:

Fujian Tulous (土楼) are unique Chinese rural dwellings built between the 12th and 20th centuries by the mountainous Hakka people living in Fujian. In China, the Chinese traditional concept called “Feng-Shui” focuses on the relationship between human being and nature. Therefore, the Tulous were built with great consideration of the harmony with and respect for their surrounding nature in a very sustainable and energy efficient way, using local materials. They are interdependent with the mountains and rivers and form an ecological connection with nature over time. However, with globalization and the expansion of cities today, the environment is sometime ignored and new structures are being built around the Tulous. Only some number of Tulou are protected, while thousands of less popular Tulou buildings are either abandoned or left vacant in worn out conditions.

Moreover, a Tulou is usually inhabited by one family clan of several generations, and the enclosed structure allows for members to work together defending each other. Individual rooms provide privacy, but there are also communal areas, which provides for cultural gatherings and communication. Nowadays, the community dependence is weakening with young inhabitants moving out to the cities for work or for school. Emphasis on private property is growing and villagers prefer living in larger and more modern buildings. With modern society, communities are no longer as tight-knitted. Younger generations are also becoming more disconnected with Tulou and its heritage.

Project Aims:

- Educate local youths on Tulou’s heritage and other world heritage from other countries
- Preserve, protect, and promote Tulou (background, history, heritage, culture, architect) through interaction with the local community children and villagers
- Enhance international exchange and promote sustainable tourism and development of the Tulou
- Inspire future changemakers who are impactful towards world heritage preservation and sustainable tourism and/or building structures

Meals and Accommodation:

Workcampers will be staying in an old village school dormitory with simple beddings. Workcampers who are not used to hard mattresses may bring their own sleeping bag. A cooking and cleaning schedule will be arranged at the beginning of the workcamp, and workcampers will take turns with cooking and cleaning chores. There will be a day where volunteers will cook and share their own country’s food with local villagers and other volunteers.

Work/Activities:

- Lesson plan and educate local children on the importance of heritage protection through games, activities, music/videos, and other informal methods in a class setting
- Learn about Tulou (how they are constructed, their history, the local situation and challenges, etc.)
- Marketing/promotional activities such as creating tools to promote/share/raise awareness about Tulous
- Share the World/Cultural Heritage of your country with the local people
- Participate in discussion on changemaking stories or ideas on world heritage preservation, conservation, and sustainable building structures whether they are from your country or from others

Local Partner Description:

Zinong, a sharing platform of natural and cultural living, enables participants to experience the culture, food and handicraft in different regions. Their main destinations are rural villages. Through deep excavation of village's culture, history, handicraft and nature elements, Zinong combines education with tourism to develop various in-depth experiential learning programs.

Zinong's vision and mission:

- Guide the city to know the village again; Help the villagers build the village together
- Discover, share, and build together the beautiful village together

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