VOLUNTARY WORKCAMPS ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIA (VWAN)

2025 SHORT TERM VOLUNTEER PROJECTS IN NIGERIA

VWA-NG-BA01

Raising Peace Rally / Campaign

Start Date:19 MAY 2025End Date:30 MAY 2025TOPIC:Peace Campaign

PROJECT NAME: No More War / PEACE Rally / Raising Peace

CAMP LOCATION: Social Development Institute

NO. OF VOLUNTEERS : 10 volunteers

Description: The current social context, in the world at large is dominated by frequent conflicts, refugee crisis, extremism, poverty and social exclusion. This project meant to offer opportunity for youngsters, activists and volunteers belonging to the IVS movement

to concretely develop a practice among the people, mobilize local groups and non-formal activities to raise awareness in the area of Peace and Human Rights. Thus, focusing on Human Rights activism, advocacy and global peace education, VWAN will carry out a non-formal workcamp to address the issue of peace among young people and elderly group within the local community. It will also afford the volunteers to develop a practical approach to develop skills in coordinating workshops, leading debates and sharing information.



Type of Work: Volunteers will join with local group to carry out awareness campaigns

on Peace Actions Inclusion and development non-formal also visit universities with participants to cell units for local organization thus leadership roles. volunteers drain for voluntary



Projects, Social rights of youth on through formal and education. Volunteer various schools and the guide of local create branches or voluntary service mobilizing them out for This is to address and attracting youths service.

Accommodation: Volunteers will stay together in a Social Institute reserve centre at Iperu. The facilities within the centre are basic, with shared room, shower, and kitchen.

Approximate Location: The workcamp will be held at SDI – Iperu Remo in Ogun State. About 2 kilometres to major express connecting States.

Transportation:

Pick up is arranged by VWAN on Arrival and return to the Airport after project. NO extra fees is required after the payment of Participation fees on arrival.

Additional Information:

Excursion and intercultural evening will be arranged by the host organization from time to time during the project. Weekend will completely be free for volunteer to experience community participation in programmes.

VWA-NG-BA02

Agriculture/Environment Project

Start Date : 18 August 2025 End Date : 30 August 2025

Project Name : Community Planting / Cultivation

Project Title: Agriculture / Environment

Camp Location: Apode Area of Eruwa Town, Oyo State

Local Community: Multi-ethnic society

Project Objective: Food Basket / Poverty Alleviation project

No. of volunteers : 10 volunteers

Project Community: Eruwa derived its name from the way in which hawkers advertised roasted yams to the northern caravans who constantly congregated in the town. The method of hawking employed was Eru wa nibi o i.e. (pieces of yam are available here). The four quarters in Eruwa at that time; Anko, Oke Oba, Isaba and Aborerin settled on Ilewu hill which offered greater protection and security during the period wars in Yoruba land (from 1830's to 1890's). The indigenous economic activity of the



people of Eruwa revolves around <u>agriculture</u> which includes <u>farming</u>, <u>hunting</u> and <u>animal</u> <u>husbandry</u>. The town now have many higher institutions engaging the young school leavers to improve their education and advance to the higher level through tertiary education.

Type of Work: During the workcamp volunteers will support on-going efforts at the permaculture forest garden project by engaging on-hands activities like renovating structures, gardening, and organic farming. Volunteers will have the space to learn and share about environmental topics and practical within the workshops, and develop activities to raise awareness among youngsters on environmental issues.

Accommodation

Volunteers will stay together in Accommodation provided near the project. Cooking will be done in turns and all other activities will be done together

What to carry

Working clothes, tents, mosquito nets, charts / books, tools and gloves, mosquito repellant lotion, sleeping bag, spread, pillow and water purifying tablets. Games like chess, playing cards and musical instruments are welcomed.

<u>Location</u>: The workcamp will hold at Apode Area of Eruwa Town, Near YMCA Agriculture Centre, in Ibarapa Local Government area of Oyo State.

Additional Information:

Excursion and intercultural evening will be arranged by the host organization from time to time during the project. Weekend will completely be free for volunteer to experience community participation in programmes.



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VWA-NG - BA03

WORLD HERITAGE PROJECT

Start Date : 21 SEPT. 2025 End Date : 30 SEPT. 2025

TOPIC : Arts / Construction

WORK TYPES : Construction / Intercultural

NO. OF VOLUNTEERS : 15 volunteers

REQUIRED LANGUAGE: English SPOKEN LANGUAGE: English

Description: Oke Idanre Hill consists of high plain with several spectacular

valleys interspersed 3,000 ft above sea physical attributes Owa's Palace, Court. Belfry, foot print, thunder Aopara) and burial grounds. It also has variegated ecoflora and fauna. contains verv and bio-physical



of about level. Its include Shrines, Old Agboorogun water (Omi mounds and diverse and systems of Oke Idanre important land from

features whose interaction with the physical features created an enduring cultural landscape within the setting.

Type of Work: VWAN history of engagement in World Heritage Volunteers campaign started in 2010 when a group of local and international volunteers were led to Idanre Hill to proactively engage themselves in restoration of the archaeological works of traditional value. Locally made trash bins for disposable and waste will be mounted in a conspicuous corner or points of the site.

Also a Non Formal Education activities will be conducted with the support of literary materials from CCIVS and WHC in Paris. Volunteers will do self-catering and living together in the camp. Volunteers should be ready to mix up with the community and various youth groups during intercultural sessions.

Study Part: Social and Cultural Centre meant for youth activities / Construction

Accommodation: Living will be in a mini apartment provided by the Community within the project.

Language: English (It is important that at least volunteer should have a bit of spoken English and can easily communicate with local community).

Qualification: There will be social nights and cultural weekends. Intercultural activities to exhibit



different cultural habits will be in vogue. Please kindly come with Music, Games and other local materials to exhibit during the workcamp (if available but not compulsory).

Terminal: The project is located at Odode Town in Idanre Community area of Ondo State. Volunteers will depart from Lagos together for the project. There is no extra cost for this travel.

Additional Information:

Excursion and intercultural evening will be arranged by the host organization from time to time during the project. Weekend will completely be free for volunteer to experience community participation in programmes.

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Please send Volunteer Exchange Form (VEF) of your prepared volunteers to attend any of these workcamps or send urgent mail to us. Thank You.

VWA-NG - BA06

Christmas Holiday Festival Camp

Start Date : 08 December 2025
End Date : 19 December 2025
TOPIC : MULTI CULTURAL
PROJECT NAME : Holiday Festival Camp

CAMP LOCATION : Gberefu Parmaculture Centre, Badagry

NO. OF VOLUNTEERS : 10 volunteers

Description: Permaculture Forest Garden (Environmental Education Centre) project teaches permaculture, environmental education and sustainability topics to the youngsters in the community. Our workcamp focuses on improving facilities on the project centre and to support practical and theoretical learning about environmental issues among volunteers and young people in local community. It offers the space for volunteers that want to learn about permaculture in practice, sustainability and environmental issues in Nigeria, and making handcraft products from waste materials.

Type of Work: Volunteers will plant trees and flowers and also carry out a beautification project at a public monument at Badagry. Make a Boat cruise to Point of No-Return Monument Centre and visit Ancient Museums. Participate in the International Volunteers day and also take part in Volunteers Expo usually organized last month of the year.



Accommodation: Volunteers will stay

together in the permaculture centre. The facilities within the centre are basic, with shared room, shower, and kitchen. Please bring your own sleeping bag.

Language: English will be spoken during the workcamp, basic English Language skills are necessary.

Requirements: Volunteers should be open to new cultures, enthusiastic to exchange/learn about environmental issues. Please come working gloves, water proof clothes and booths.

Approximate Location: The workcamp will be held at the Permaculture Forest Garden (Environmental Education Centre) project in Badagry Lagos, which is part of the peninsular which separates the Lagoon of Lagos from the Atlantic Ocean.



Notes: There will be social nights and cultural weekends. So volunteers should come with cultural habits and possible costumes and cookies to denote their culture. Intercultural cooking competition will be done at camp. Visits will be made to ancient relics and galleries. Excursion will be made to slave monument and relics in Nigeria. An extra fee (optional) Will be requested to visit slave camp or gallery and other tourist centres and Badagry Beach – *this is optional*.

Please send Volunteer Exchange Form (VEF) of your prepared volunteers to attend any of these workcamps or send urgent mail to us. Thank You.

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT

HEALTH SECURITY INFO:

Voluntary Work-camps Association of Nigeria (VWAN) is conscious about the wellness and health safety of international volunteers in our projects and will therefore advise that volunteers from our esteemed partners should ensure to strictly demonstrate absolute compliance to World Health Organization's (WHO) regulations and guidelines. Although, several countries have developed practical guidelines and approach suitable for border migration and administration. Wishing you safe trip to Nigeria.

Our History:

Voluntary Work-camps Association of Nigeria (VWAN) was founded in 1963 principally to reach out to rural community and employ all resources at her disposal to alleviate the challenges of rural community and as well organize laudable activities to empower the youngsters in the society especially the marginalized group with fewer opportunities.

Our Actions:

In order to address global challenges the organization has been arranging young people of like minds to work together with the community to realize basic necessities of life. This is done through selfless service and supporting the major stakeholders in contributing to nation building.

Our Values:

Various efforts of the government at meeting basic essentials of the society has not been sufficient enough. Hence, we mmobilize social workers designated as 'volunteers' to provide

some of these basic necessities in conjunction with stake holders. For this reason we shall keep investing our energies on creating volunteering opportunities that responds to the arising needs of the society and youth without prejudice, particularly of young people with fewer opportunities and special needs

Our Missions:

VWAN strives to promote volunteerism, culture of peace, intercultural exchange and international understanding and solidarity. VWAN is poised to inculcate the spirit of selfless service into the minds of people. We primarily seek to nurture and develop active citizenship in the society and young people in particular, thereby helping them to channel their creative energies into positive vistas of SDGs.

CODE PROJECTS

DISAD - Disabilities KIDS - Children, Kids, Teenagers

ENV I – Environment CONS – Construction ECUM – Ecumenism RENOV – Renovation SPIR – Spirituality, Arts & CULT – Culture

STV: Short Tem Volunteer – (2 weeks – 4 weeks) **MTV:** Medium Term volunteer – (2 weeks – 6 months) **LTV:** Long Term Volunteer – (3 months – 12 months)

CONDITIONS FOR ATTENDING THE PROJECTS

(1) Eligibility:

The International Summer is open to both Nigeria and Foreign volunteers who are above eighteen (18) years and interested in the rural community development programme. Participants are expected from Africa, Asia, Europe and North/South America countries.

(2) Camp Period:

From January to December every year. Dates of projects are already indicated in each of the project. However, volunteers that wish to arrive earlier before the project should notify the organization and provisions shall be made to receive the volunteer.

(3) Health:

Volunteers should be physically fit to do simple community work for about 30 hours in a week. Volunteer should be able to live and work under any simple and sometimes moderate conditions. There First Aid kits will be available for minor treatment of ailments for volunteer at site.

(4) Camp Fees:

The participation fee is 300€ for 1 month placement for each camp. Please note that this amount is also applicable to take part in either Medium Term and Long Term

projects. This covers both feeding and accommodation per week without any extra cost to collect for return trip to Airport. Immediate payment is made by the volunteer on arrival to the country. The participation fee will cover expenses on daily feeding, moderate accommodation, administration, on-arrival orientation, group travels to the project site, preparation, certification and other logistics support.

Additional Information

Pick up is arranged by VWAN on arrival and to the Airport after project. NO extra fee is required after the payment of Participation fees on arrival.

(5) Responsibility:

The Voluntary Workcamps Association of Nigeria will be fully responsible for your Feeding, accommodation and other group expenses throughout the camp.

(6) Excursions:

Visits and tours will be made to historical places of interests and tourist attraction during the camps. The volunteer should also prepare for intercultural evening where diverse cultural display will be possible. Please come along with your traditional wears and music, games and/or videos.

(7) <u>Materials For Personal Use</u>:

Participants should come with their Games, Musical instruments, Torch Lights, Camping materials, Toiletries, Social / Casual dresses, Sandals and Shoe for their personal use.

(8) Accommodation

Volunteers will be accommodated in a room assigned for the project. The home has simple facilities with all conveniences. Bathroom and toilet facilities are also available.

(9) Food / Catering

The organization provides the local food materials and ingredients for cooking. Volunteers will do self-catering in a local kitchen together with local volunteers. The meal provided is general for all volunteers but optional meal is at volunteer's expense.

(10) Source of Water

The volunteer will have access to hygienic process water at all times. We have clean water through pipe-borne facilities at the project sites. Portable water is collected from borehole, streams, rivers or water tank as reservoir in case the supply is finished.

(11) <u>Transportation</u>:

The Association takes the responsibility to collect and return volunteers to the Airport at no extra fees. However, flight details and arrival schedule needs to be communicated to the organization at least two weeks before departure. Other inland transport except on a group journey will be covered by volunteer himself or herself.

<u>VISA ISSUES:</u> Please note that Tourist Visa is only for 8 weeks while stay for Business Visa or TWP Visa is not more than 6 months. If your stay is more than 6 months, STR Visa should be collected before departure. VWAN will help to administrate and facilitate extension Visa where possible. However, On short

term Tourist Visa, there are some countries that enjoy Visa free to enter Nigeria while some countries can also apply Visa Online and obtain Visa On-Arrival after confirmation from Home Office before departure.

INSURANCE: The volunteer should obtain appropriate insurance to cover period of stay in the project. Host organisation allow this to be evident before placement in the project.

(12) Other Requirements:

- (i) Volunteers should complete and return Application for Participation indicating Date, Time of Arrival and accompany it with applicant's recent photograph.
- (ii) Also endeavour to obtain vaccination against Small Pox and Cholera.
- (iii) Volunteers will be expected to submit report of activities and observation made at the end of the camps.
- (iv) Arrangements would be made to pick-up at the international airport of any volunteer/s who notify us of his/her arrival before the camp. The following details will equally be needed: Arrival Date, Time, Airline Name and Flight Number.
- (v) Kindly ensure that you obtain necessary Visa before departure and also for all categories of volunteers certified Insurance registration is important.
- (vi) We are willing and ready to support your journey with any documents to make it possible for participation.

(13) CONTACT ADDRESS:

In case you arrive the country at an unscheduled date or emergency, please contact any of the under-listed members for assistance.

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