



2019 WORKCAMPs

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1	DWC-01-19	Experiential Farm and Animal Sanctuary	Zhongshan, Guangdong	Jul 3 - 14	14
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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 Descriptions -

Project Name: Experiential Farm and Animal Sanctuary
Code: DWC-01-19

Project Type: Agriculture; Animal Care

Project Dates: July 3rd to July 14th, 2019

Number of Participants: 2 leaders and 14 workcampers

Location: Flow, Southern District, Zhongshan, Guangdong Province

Closest Airport: Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport (CAN)

Participation Fee: No

Project Needs:

Growing population and increasing demand for food has led to industrial farming practices, which are detrimental to both the environment and to our health. Sustainable farming is the way forward as it takes into consideration of our health, the environment, local communities and animal welfare. It produces food in a way that allows for ecological balance and maintenance of biodiversity.

Plants, animals and humans are all part of nature and we rely on each other to survive. Climate change, loss of biodiversity, soil degradation, depletion of resources and extinction of species are devastating results of our exploitation of nature. Rethinking our role in nature and our footprint on this planet is key to the survival of future generations.

Project Aims:

- Provide a unique experiential learning opportunity to enrich knowledge of sustainable farming and animal care
- Increase awareness of the negative impact of industrial farming on our health and on the environment
- Encourage volunteers to engage with nature, physically, mentally and spiritually
- Cultivate a sustainable and harmonious co-existence with plants, animals and all other members of our 'earth community'
- Spread the principles of environmental sustainability and raise active citizenship committed with a fairer society
- Inspire future changemakers who are impactful towards sustainable farming and animal care issues

Meals and Accommodation:

Grocery shopping and meals will be prepared by the workcampers. Fresh fruits and vegetables will be from the farm. A cooking and cleaning schedule will be arranged at the beginning of the workcamp, and workcampers will take turns with cooking and cleaning chores. **Please note that the meals will be all vegan.**

Simple and basic accommodation is provided in the farm. Beddings are also available so sleeping bag is not necessary. Tents are available for workcampers who wish to camp. Workcampers who wish to camp will need to bring a sleeping bag.

Work/Activities:

- Building a sensory garden for children
- Building a small permaculture farm

- Farming and harvesting herbs, fruits and vegetables
- Caring of farm animals (feeding, grooming, exercise, etc.)
- Helping with daily operation and general maintenance of the farm
- Participating in discussion on changemaking ideas and examples of sustainable farming and animal care
- Other duties assigned by the farm staff
- Guided meditation in nature (optional)

Volunteer's Requirement:

- No allergic reaction to animals and love working with animals, willing to eat vegan food

Local Partner Description:

Flow is an experiential farm and animal sanctuary, with a very simple heart-felt mission: to provide a fun and safe environment for humans and animals to learn about each other, so we can all live together in harmony. Located in the tranquil foothills of Wenbishan, Flow is part of the Windmill Eco Farm which includes a fresh water lake, hiking trails and 270 acres of country park. Flow is also home to about 100 farm animals including ponies, mules pigs, rabbits, dogs, turkeys, rooster, dogs and cats. By participating in fully immersive, interactive experiences, visitors can connect deeply with nature and with animals, gain invaluable insights, form genuine bonds and leave with a renewed understanding and respect for all living beings.

Website: <https://farmflow.org>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/flowfarmchina/>

Photos:



Project Name: Fujian Tulou - World Heritage Preservation and Revitalization
Code: DWC-02-19

Project Type: World Heritage; Culture

Project Dates: July 26th to Aug 6th, 2019

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: 1,200 RMB (~160 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.

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.

Project Aims:

- Preserve, protect, and promote Tulou (background, history, culture, architect)
- 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 may cook and share their own country's food.

Work/Activities:

- 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
- Interact with local villagers through cultural activities

- 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 handcraft in different regions. Their main destinations are rural villages. Through deep excavation of village’s culture, history, handcraft and nature elements, Zinong combines education with tourism to develop various in-depth experiential learning programmes.

Zinong’s vision:

- Guide the city to know the village again; Help the villagers build the village together

Zinong’s mission:

- Discover, share, and build together the beautiful village together

Remark:

This project has been selected to be part of the the World Heritage Volunteers Initiative 2018 by the UNESCO World Heritage Centre, CCIVS, European Heritage Volunteers (as branch of Open House) and Better World.



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Project Name: Public Welfare Village - Huakailing
Code: DWC-03-19

Project Type: Construction; Agriculture

Project Dates: August 9th to August 15th, 2019

Number of Participants: 2 leaders and 18 workcampers

Location: Huakailing, Fuyang District, Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province

Closest Airport: Hangzhou Xiaoshan International Airport (ZSHC)

*Shanghai Pudong International Airport (ZSSS) is farther but have more international flight options. Volunteers will need to take local train or bus to Hangzhou from Shanghai

Participation Fee: No

Project Needs:

Huakailing is the first public welfare village in China where people of different backgrounds can come together to discuss and exchange ideas on tackling complicated social issues, as well as sharing good practices on eco-friendly lifestyles. The village hopes to provide a relaxing and open environment for the sharing of resources and ideas, and for people to cooperate together in unity. Therefore, trainings and workshops are periodically organized in the village for social workers and staffs of different NGOs.

Since the start of the Huakailing Public Welfare Village in March 2018, the construction of infrastructures such as kitchens, restaurants, offices, libraries, tea lounges, and dormitories has been completed. With the help of local volunteers, Huakailing now has a vegetable garden, an earth oven, and a beautiful lawn for resting for workshop participants. In order to provide all visitors a sustainable, natural, and comfortable experience that facilitates the exchange of knowledge, Huakailing hopes to construct more infrastructure, which includes the building of eco-friendly earth houses and terraces in the village together with volunteers. The earth houses will be for future activities with families and volunteers. Terraces will be for farming purposes, which will provide food to future volunteers, local staffs, and visitors.

Project Aims:

- Assist in the development of Huakailing Public Welfare Village
- Provide a unique experiential learning opportunity to promote exchanges between people of different culture and to enrich agricultural knowledge for sustainable development
- Encourage volunteers to engage with nature, physically, mentally and spiritually
- Promote environmentally sustainable development ideas
- Spread the cultural atmosphere of resource sharing, solidarity, mutual assistance, kindness, and friendship of Huakailing Public Welfare Village

Meals and Accommodation:

Grocery shopping and meals will be prepared by the workcampers. Fresh vegetables will be provided from the village garden. A cooking and cleaning schedule will be arranged at the beginning of the workcamp, and workcampers will take turns with cooking and cleaning chores.

Simple and basic accommodation is provided. Male and female will be separated. Workcampers can bring their own sleeping bag if they are not used to sleeping on traditional Chinese mats. Tents are available for workcampers who wish to camp. Workcampers who wish to camp will need to bring a sleeping bag.

Work/Activities:

- Construct earth houses and terraces for the village
- Plant and harvest fruit and vegetables in the village garden and other farm work
- Other duties assigned by the local staff
- Organize cultural activities/sharing with other volunteers and local villagers

Volunteer's Requirement:

- Interested about terraces, sustainable farming, construction work and landscape design. Related experience will be welcomed.
- Ready for manual/physical work

Local Partner Description:

Zhejiang Qingluo Public Service Center is an NGO that have been running many successful projects that aims to tackle different social issues. In addition to the Huakailing social welfare village project, they are also currently running a project call [Free Lunch for Children](#), which is dedicated to providing solutions to tackle global issues such as child hunger, food security and malnutrition to support children in poverty. Their other projects also includes Foundation for Serious Disease Medical Insurance, Electronic Agriculture, Water Security Foundation, etc., which focus on other issues related to the environment, public health, and sustainability. In the past 8 years, they have gained rich experience in uniting government and local communities to tackling different social issues together. With the initiating of the Huakailing project, they hope the village can become an efficient platform and capacity training center in the future for more and more partner organizations to come together and develop better solution to social issues.

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