

- *Be the Bridge, Be the Change* -  
**VYA Taiwan**  
*International WorkCamp 2020*



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# 1. What is VYA

Vision YouthAction(VYA) is a non-profit, voluntary organization working with the aim to promote volunteerism and international exchange in Taiwan and around the world.

## (1) VYA has been

- ※ The **Vice President of NVDA from 2010 to 2014/01 and 2018/02-2020/02.**
- ※ The **Executive committee of IAVE-IRC** (International Association for Volunteer Effort's International Resource Center, IAVE-IRC) from 2005 to 2008.
- ※ **Full Member of NVDA** (Network for Voluntary development in Asia) since 2007.
- ※ **Full Member of CCIVS under UNESCO** (Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service) since 2008.
- ※ **Official Partner Organization of Alliance** (Alliance of European Voluntary Organizations) since 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2010.
- ※ **Official Partner Organization of SCI since 2011.**



## (2) VYA at a glance

- ※ 343436: Over 343,436 youths have gotten involved in our voluntary activities since 2002 to 2010.
- ※ 260,000 : Over 7,000 youths have served as volunteers, devoting more than 260,000 hours to social services.
- ※ 2551: Has trained 2,551 youth leaders.
- ※ 700: Has cooperated with over 700 NGOs around the world.
- ※ 38 : Has supported 38 Taiwanese young leaders to intern at NGOs in Washington D.C., USA.



## (3) Brief History

**Vision YouthAction** was founded in 2002 by 30 young leaders who participated in an international volunteer exchange project between Taiwan and U.S.A. From 2002 to 2007, VYA has been successful in setting up a regional youth volunteer center to promote community service projects that lasted from a day to a week. Over 7,000 youths served as volunteers, donating more than 260,000 hours to social services from 2006-2008. In August 2007, in collaboration with NICE Japan, the first international workcamp in Taiwan was held in a small fishing village in the mid-western coast of Taiwan. Since then, VYA has been developing rapidly and diversely, catering to the large need of projects & motivations of people!



## (4) Our Missions and Future Prospects

- ※ To promote youth engagement in public affairs and international voluntary services: We encourage and help youths participate in various kinds of voluntary services. Through voluntary services, cultural exchange, global understanding and friendship amongst world youth and local people have grown naturally through living, working, talking, and laughing together.
- ※ To nurture future young social entrepreneurs: We assist youth in running NPOs with the concept of social enterprise and venture capital, solving social problems efficiently based on a new business model.

## (5) **Activities**

To achieve our missions and future prospects mentioned above, VYA runs the following activities:

- ✘ Global Youth Service Day: Working with the National Youth Commission, VYA encourages Taiwanese youths to get involved in community voluntary services. Every year, at least 2,000 youth volunteers are involved in VYA VSTCSP and initiate more than 130 community service projects by themselves.
- ✘ Taiwan International WorkCamp: VYA organizes workcamps that bridge the gap between local and overseas NGOs for Taiwanese volunteers. The first Taiwan international workcamp was held in 2007 in cooperation with NVDA and NICE. From 2007 to 2012, the number of projects grew from 1 to 21, the number of international volunteers from 8 to 157, the number of local volunteers from 10 to 619, and the number of countries from 3 to 24.
- ✘ VolunteerMatch.org.tw: the first professional online IT system for volunteer management in Taiwan. This website offers NGOs & youth volunteers training courses, applications for service certificates, a database of volunteering opportunities, and consultancy of volunteer management.
- ✘ Training Projects for Young Social Entrepreneurs: VYA maps out a series of training projects for young people developing a long-term career in non-profit organizations. By doing so, we cultivate young social entrepreneurs to be equipped with global perspectives, leadership skills, civil values, and the capability of organization and management.

## (6) **WorkCamps and Volunteers**

**Workcamps are generally for 7days to 2 week duration enrolling a participation of 5-10 Int volunteers without extra fee. They should be adults (18+). workcamps are held all over Taiwan.**

The work involves creative arts & paintings, cross Generation cultural exchange, teaching children, renovation of traditional house, animal conservation and environmental projects.

MTV project is related on community fundraising and community tourism which is welcoming volunteer who can stay for 6 months or at least 3 months without extra fee.

Special projects for 4 days only, which are related with organic agriculture and creative arts with extra fee USD 150 for supporting local activities.



## (7) **Members and Partners**

VYA is completely independent from any political, religious, or economic power. There is 8 full-time staff working for VYA and **20-30** regular volunteers as assistants. The General Assembly/Executive Committee of VYA meets twice a year.

VYA has:

- ✘ 2442 members around the world and 672 volunteers in Taiwan.
- ✘ 32 local partners and has built partnership with more than 200 local NPOs around Taiwan to promote voluntary service.



## (8) **Finance**

VYA is a nongovernmental/non-profit organization, independent from any political and commercial entities.

- ※ Income: 77.57% of our operating expense was generated by the projects and service income, 2.37% from government donations and 19.89% from membership fee in 2012.
- ※ Expense: 4.1% was used in daily office operation, 79.66% was spent on projects, and 16.24% in Staff salary (16.24%)
- ※ Project cost of workcamps in other Asian countries and weekend workcamps are paid mainly by volunteers.
- ※ Project cost (food, accommodation, etc.) of international workcamps in Taiwan are mainly supported by VYA and local partners (financial source includes NGO partners' budgets, local governments, sponsor foundations, etc.)  
In 2014:  
Income: USD 520,303  
Expense: USD 506,674  
Surplus: USD 13,629

## (9) **Focus Issues of VYA WorkCamp**

- WorkCamp in Taichung City: partnership with Taichung City Hall
- Xiluo WorkCamp: Arts and Renovation
- Hondao WorkCamp : Cross-Generation, Cultural and Festival
- Taisi workcamp : Arts, Children Education and Renovation
- Goodo WorkCamp: Renovation of heritage houses in Community

## (10) **Project Areas of VYA WorkCamp**

- North Taiwan: Taipei City, New Taipei City and Keelung City
- Central Taiwan: Yunlin County, Changhua County, Taichung City and Nantou County
- Southern Taiwan: Tainan City, Kaohsiung City and Pingtung County
- Island(2011-2016): **Penghu Island, Matsu Island**

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## 2. Project : Taiwan International Workcamp

### (1) Introduction

You're cordially invited to join workcamps in Taiwan! The beauty and diversity of Taiwan await you! Come experience the hospitality of the Taiwanese people. Here you will create unforgettable memories and make lifelong friends, as all campsites are full of good-natured and warm people.

< All workcamps share the following features (unless mentioned in each project description) >

- ※ Age limit: 18 at least (No maximum). In some projects, we accept children with their parents and in some cases, volunteers 1-2 years younger than 18 (ages 16-17) are welcome as well.
- ※ Language: English (Mandarin or Taiwanese is not necessarily required, but welcome!)
- ※ Insurance: We provide limited amount of insurance up to 2 million New Taiwanese Dollars only for accidents during workcamps IN Taiwan.
- ※ Accommodations: There are mostly showers, kitchens and toilets. Basic, but enjoyable enough.
- ※ Study Theme: All workcamps are designed for youths around the world to learn and work on a better future for the global community.

### (2) How to apply for Taiwan WorkCamps?

A: Apply through our workcamp partners or NVDA!

**Volunteers living outside of Taiwan have to apply through local workcamp NGO partners (members of Alliance Europe, SCI, CCIWS and NVDA) of their own countries instead of VYA (if there are no such NGO partners there, please apply through NVDA (<http://nvda-asia.org/>) (secretariat.nvda@gmail.com)). Only people in Taiwan can send their applications to VYA directly and pay the fees through the following account:**

**Name of account:** Vision Youth Action, LIAO HUNG-YI 願景青年行動網協會廖弘毅  
**Name of Bank:** Taipei Fubon Bank, Kuting Branch  
**Bank Address:** No.100, Roosevelt Rd., Sec. 3, Taipei City 100, Taiwan  
**Account Number:** 390210-586272

[For more information of our workcamp NGO partners around the world]

Members of Alliance <http://www.alliance-network.eu/>

Members of CCIWS: <http://www.unesco.org/ccivs/> or <http://www.ccivs.org>

Members of NVDA: <http://nvda-asia.org/>

Members of SCI: <http://www.sciint.org/>

### **B: How much should volunteers pay?**

- a. **Transportation fee:** Volunteers have to pay for the transportation fee to and from workcamp sites by themselves.
- b. **Registration fee:** volunteers pay the registration fee to VYA according to the following situations. **Food and accommodation during the projects are provided** by VYA & the local partners;

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|--|-----------------------------|
| a) From organizations charging no fee to VYA vols.   | : No fee                    |
| b) From organizations charging some fee to VYA vols. | : US\$300 per workcamp (+)  |
| c) Individual applicants who are living in Taiwan    | : NTD8000 per workcamp (++) |
- \*to encourage more local youth gets involved in workcamp, all of them are free of charge

\* Most of the European/North American/Japanese/Korean partners are a);

Most of the Asian/African/Latin American are b, but in some case we still offer free of charge place for active volunteer from those partner, so please feel free to ask us. .

+ This depends on the agreement with each NGO partner. We usually charge the same amount as they do. However, we may consider reduction/exemption for the partners in “less developed” (developing) countries.

++ People originally from “less expense” countries (GDP: below US\$5,000) receive a reduction to US\$150 or it could be free of charge.

### C: Detailed information of the project

1-2 months before the projects begin, volunteers will receive “Information Sheets” (details of the project: what to bring, the meeting place, how to get there, etc.) together with the “Acceptance Letter” and “VYA Volunteers’ Guide” through the partner/sending organizations.

### D: Book the flights as soon as your acceptance!

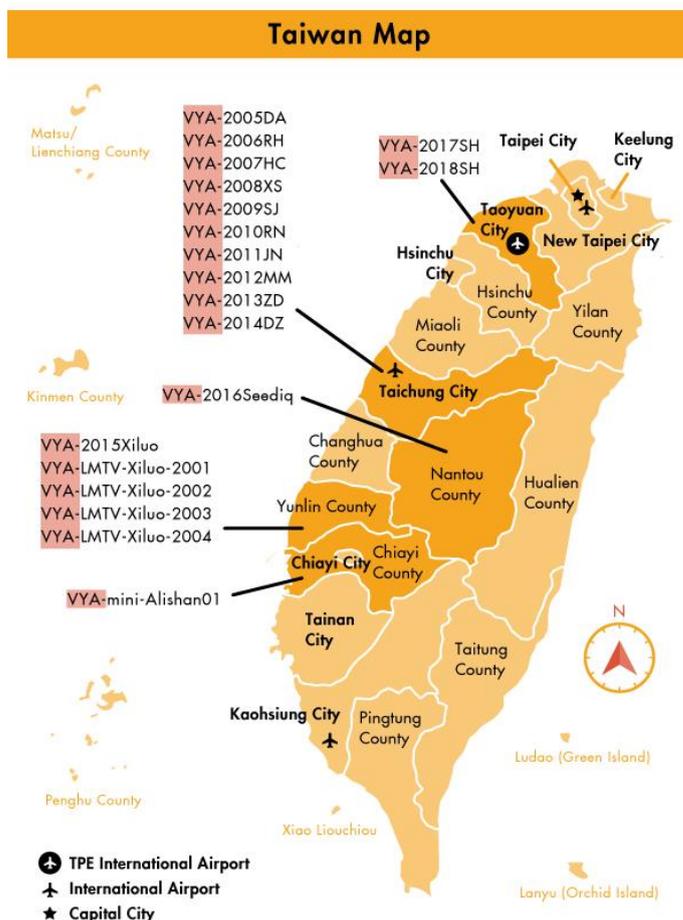
Don’t wait for the Information Sheets; otherwise you may miss the budget flight!

In all the workcamps in Taiwan, volunteers will meet at a bus station or train station in the afternoon of the first camp day. Also, all workcamps end in the morning of the last day.

Some projects are located quite far from the airports and the inexpensive route takes much time. We advise volunteers to arrive at/leave Taiwan at least one day before/after the projects begins/ends. Volunteers should not expect much sightseeing during the projects; please do so before/after the workcamp!

Please notice that we do request all volunteers to join the entire schedule until the end of the project; if a volunteer leaves earlier, no matter one day or two days...etc, the volunteer has to pay USD300 to cover all the accommodation, food and project cost during their stay in the camp house. If the volunteer stays until the end, we will host the volunteer for free (please follow the registration fee policy) during the project period.

Furthermore, it will not be possible for the local host or VYA to provide accommodation if you arrive before the start of the project or wish to stay after. There is hostel information provided in the info.sheet, so please wait for the info. sheet!



(3) **Summary and Abbreviation List**

**3-1 STV**

NO	Type	Code	Title	Location	Dates	Vols	ages
1	ART/ENVI	VYA-2005DA	Listen to the Echo of the Sea & Wind in Ding An Village	Taichung	Jul.29 <sup>th</sup> -Aug.13 <sup>th</sup>	10	18+
2	ART/CULT	VYA-2006RH	Lion Dance in Ren Her Community	Taichung	Jul. 4 <sup>th</sup> – Jul.15 <sup>th</sup>	6	18+
3	RENO/ART	VYA-2007HC	Preserve and Revitalize the Old Houses in Wuqi	Taichung	Aug.9 <sup>th</sup> -Sep.5 <sup>th</sup>	15	18+
4	ART/FEST COM	VYA-2008XS	Lion-Head Painting Art in Xi-Shan Village	Taichung	Aug.1 <sup>st</sup> -Aug.16 <sup>th</sup>	10	18+
5	ART/RENO	VYA-2009SJ	Make it colorful and beautification for Sanjiao Village	Taichung	Jul.10 <sup>th</sup> -Jul.21 <sup>st</sup>	6	18+
6	COM/ART	VYA-2010RN	Global Village in Rinan Community	Taichung	Aug.23 <sup>rd</sup> -Sep. 5 <sup>th</sup>	8	18+
7	EDU/CULT	VYA-2011JN	LOHAS in Jianan Village	Taichung	Aug.8 <sup>th</sup> -Aug.15 <sup>th</sup>	6	18+
8	EDU/AGRI/ RENO	VYA-2012MM	Taste of rice and Listen stories of Old House	Taichung	Aug.4 <sup>th</sup> -Aug.10 <sup>th</sup>	10	18+
9	ECO/COM/ CULT	VYA-2013ZD	Food Bank of Rende Community	Taichung	Aug.10 <sup>th</sup> -Aug.25 <sup>th</sup>	8	18+
10	EDU/FEST/ CULT	VYA-2014DZ	Taiwan Halloween in Da Zhuang village	Taichung	Aug.8 <sup>th</sup> -Aug.23 <sup>rd</sup>	8	18+
11	RENO/CULT	VYA-2015Xiluo	Renovating Heritage Houses in Xiluo Town	Yunlin	Jul.21 <sup>st</sup> -Aug.1 <sup>st</sup>	10	18+
12	ENVI/CULT /HERI	VYA-2016Seediq	Eco life with Seediq Indigenous Tribe in Alan-Tongan	Nantou	Aug.3 <sup>rd</sup> -Aug.18 <sup>th</sup>	6	18+
13	ENVI/COM	VYA-2017SH	Agro-living Wellness at “Dragon Lake” Town	Taoyuan	Jul.20 <sup>th</sup> -Jul.31 <sup>st</sup>	8	18+
14	ENVI/COM	VYA-2018SH	Agro-living Wellness at “Dragon Lake” Town	Taoyuan	Aug.17 <sup>th</sup> -Aug.28 <sup>th</sup>	8	18+

**3-2 V-STV:**

**[Urban Farmer @ Houli]-4-Day Volunteer Holiday**

**Empowering Teenagers +AGRI+ENVI ; Extra Fee: USD.150**

**Placements:20**

IHV096 (2020/03/19-22)	IHV097 (2020/03/26-29)	IHV098 (2020/04/09-12)
IHV099 (2020/05/07-10)	IHV101 (2020/06/04-07)	IHV102 (2020/06/18-21)
IHV103 (2020/07/02-05)	IHV104 (2020/07/09-12)	IHV105 (2020/08/06-09)
IHV106 (2020/08/13-16)	IHV107 (2020/08/27-30)	IHV108 (2020/09/03-06)
IHV109 (2020/09/24-27)	IHV110 (2020/11/05-08)	IHV111 (2020/11/19-22)
IHV112 (2020/12/03-06)	IHV113 (2020/12/10-13)	

**[VYA-mini-alishan01]Become a Forester in Ali Mountain**

**ENVI+ECO+CULT; Extra Fee: USD.185**

**Placements: 15**

VYA-mini-Alishan01

Sep.9<sup>th</sup>-Sep.12<sup>th</sup>

### 3-3 LMTV project Renovation & Art of Heritage Town

NO	Code	Dates	Vols.
M1	VYA-LMTV-Xiluo-2001	MAR 24th- at least 6 month	2
M2	VYA-LMTV-Xiluo-2002	JUN 24th- at least 6 month	2
M3	VYA-LMTV-Xiluo-2003	Sep. 24th- at least 6 month	2
M4	VYA-LMTV-Xiluo-2004	Dec. 24th- at least 6 month	2

#### (4) General Qualification

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>※ Strong motivation for voluntary work (special skills and power are not necessary)</li> <li>※ Responsibility to follow rules of VYA &amp; its partners and full cooperation to run the workcamp</li> <li>※ Great efforts to understand and respect cultures of the hosts and other volunteers</li> <li>※ An open mind to make friends, speak English (in the groups) and the local language</li> <li>※ To adapt to and enjoy simple living conditions</li> </ul>
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Fun and refreshing as the workcamps may be, **if you seek pure entertainment on vacation, please don't apply and instead of traveling on your own.** If you are here to enjoy **voluntary service**, to make a better world and to make friends and with the local people and other volunteers, you are **very welcome** to join!!

#### (5) WorkCamp Detail Information

General info of project description

##### Abbreviation List

<b>W</b> : Type of voluntary work	<b>T</b> : Terminal (The closest big international airport)
<b>S</b> : Study theme	<b>LA</b> : Leisure Activities
<b>A</b> : Accommodation	<b>SR</b> : Special Remarks
<b>L</b> : Location	<b>PF</b> : Participation Fees

\* For Accommodation, **CV** = Cooked by Volunteers    **MP** = Meals are provided.

**SB!** = Sleeping Bag is necessary/ **SBN** = Sleeping Bag is Not necessary

## **5-1 Workcapms**

### **Listen to the Echo of Sea & Wind in Ding An Village**

**VYA-2005DA ; Taichung City, Jul.29<sup>th</sup> - Aug.13<sup>th</sup> ; ART+ FEST+ MUS, ELD; 10 Vols**



The Ding'an Community of Da'an District, Taichung City is located in the northwest corner of Taichung City, on the south bank of Da'an River. It is close to the Taiwan Strait. Due to their industrial and commercial development is insufficient. The residents are mainly farming and animal husbandry, planting rice, steamed bread, raising livestock, ducks and other poultry. The outflow of young people and the aging of the population are serious that result in the elderly and children in the community who are mostly lacking in vitality and creativity.

Due to the geographical location, the educational resources of children are relatively insufficient. We hope that the participation of volunteers will encourage children to pay attention to their hometown issues and expand their international vision. It can also encourage residents to care about community affairs, and expects different cultural elements to collide with different sparks.

#### **Aim:**

- 1- To cooperate with Ding'an's elderly service care base, and let international volunteers lead elders to do exercise and physical activity for the elderly.
- 2- To invite International volunteers to paint the community walls, and continue the 2019 International Volunteer Camp's ecological survey of the community's estuaries.
- 3- With International volunteers to participate, young people who lived in the community can be more willing to take part in community activities. We expect young people to introduce our own community characteristics to international volunteers.

#### **Works :**

- 1- Volunteers lead the elderly to experience different cultures and stimulate curiosity and action. Encourage the elderly to participate in community activities. This community handles the elderly care bases and health promotion activities every Friday.
- 2- Volunteers are painting the wall inside the community that continues the results of the 2019 International Volunteer Camp's estuary ecological survey and so can paint animals, plants or what you see at the Ding'an community.
- 3- Workshop on community development: Volunteers can provide advice on the overall planning of the future community landscape. That advice about the community lacks creativity due to the large number of the elderly and how can we promote International exchange of youth views and cultural sharing among countries.

#### **Accommodation & Food :**

The accommodation is on the second floor of the community activity center. The flooring shop can accommodate about 25 people. The first floor has fully equipped bathroom and kitchen. Friendly notice: You need not to bring your own sleeping bag.

**Location :**

Close to Dajia Town, Dian'an Palace, Tai'an District, Taichung City. It takes about 15 minutes by car. About one hour drive from Taichung City.

Google Map:

<https://www.google.com.tw/maps/place/439%E5%8F%B0%E4%B8%AD%E5%B8%82%E5%A4%A7%E5%AE%89%E5%8D%80%E9%A0%82%E5%AE%89%E9%87%8C/@24.3923026,120.6002631,14.25z/data=!4m2!3m1!1s0x34690c2c963ec4ef:0xfbbd93609dec232f?hl=zh-TW>

**Transportation :**

- 1- Taoyuan International Airport : Take the bus or train to Taichung City, then transfer to City Bus to Ding'an Community.
- 2- Taichung International Airport : Take the bus for about 40-50 minutes, then transfer to the bus at Taichung Railway Station ( about 10-20 minutes ) .

**Leisure Activities :**

- 1- Gao Mei Wetland reserved areaD
- 2- Da Jia Mazu Temple – the heritage site
- 3- Feng Chia Night Market

**SR :**

- 1- Volunteers interested in community building and wall painting.
- 2- Volunteers who are patient and enthusiastic about serving children, teenagers and the elderly.
- 3- Bring 2-3 pieces of typical toys in your country / downtown to let the community residents understand the culture of different country.



## Lion Dance in Ren Her Community

VYA- 2006RH; Taichung; Jul. 4<sup>th</sup> – July 15<sup>th</sup> ; EDU/ENVI/KID; 8 Vols.



### Background:

RenHe Village, located in Beitun District of Taichung. It is the most populous and largest area in the SSU-Chang-Li area. The community is full of the cultural and artistic value of the old street. We have our unique temple cultures, which are an important part of Taiwan traditional cultures. The cultures of RenHer Village have been developed for over 200 years. There are more than three historic temples in our community, including the san guantán Temple, kai Jhang sheng Wang Temple and wunchang Temple. At RenHer, our community residents are proud of our own cultural and artistic values. The RenHe Community Development Association was established to deep community resources and promote community culture to the public.

In the past years, in addition to establish a learning environment and resources for middle-aged and older people in the community. RenHe community Development Association and our residents have finished many things. In 2017 we met international standards and organized an international volunteer camp. We have successfully established a team operation model, and through the local volunteers and international volunteer services and interactions, We let all of international volunteers understand our culture of puppet show and the meaning of calligraphy learning. Through the service of international volunteers, our elders and students can fully understand the culture of the other countries. The year of 2020, we will continue to invited the international volunteers to serve in Taichung and will be committed international cultural exchanges.



Human resources are most needed for community activities. The enthusiasm of international volunteers began to participate in community service. It will be more attractive and thematic for community building, In addition to cultural exchanges, most children in Taiwan have the right to education. But not all school children have the opportunity to interact with other international people. We hope that we can through international volunteers, we will help create an environment where children can communicate in English. Therefore, we hope that through the work camp held in RenHer, through the deep interaction between local residents and transnational youth,



Therefore, we hope that through the work camp held in RenHer, through the deep interaction between local residents and transnational youth,

we can enhance global understanding, stimulate children's interest in learning, and improve their English ability. In order to empower young people with global thinking and local action, we introduce RenHer Village to the world from a new perspective.

**Aims:**

- 1) To create new topic in RenHer community through global and local voluntary power.
- 2) To promote friendship/understanding/solidarity among local people and international volunteers
- 3) To ground a firm foundation and extend development of international work camps all over community.
- 4) To enrich and improve the variety of learning resource and culture for school children and the elders in the community.
- 5) Introduce the unique culture of the community and publicize it to the public.

**What Workcamps impacted in local:**

- 1) 2017 RenHe International Volunteer Camp recruited 8 domestic volunteers 4 international volunteers. ( from Japan and China)
- 2) 2017 Made six environmentally friendly pulp goose in international volunteers camp, which became our community decorative Arts.
- 3) 2017 Performed the puppet show with international volunteers and domestic volunteers.

**W:**

1. RenHe village has many temples, lion dance (traditional Chinese dance) is one of the many tradition activities, volunteers will assist to produce two lion heads and 15 small lion heads as props for future temple performances. The little lion head can be used as a souvenir for volunteers.
2. Every volunteer / Team could arrange their own activities for our children or their own country's unique culture or DIY (Children age: 8-12 years old). We must discuss and confirm the detail (Course content and materials) in advance.
3. We hope that volunteers can teach children in English

**AD:**

1. Taichung Municipal SSU-Chang-Li Elementary school/ kindergarten classrooms, The classroom is a wooden floor and can provide for 8-10 people.
2. Volunteers need to bring their sleeping bags and toiletries or personal items(ex. clothes/ medicine.)
3. Male and Female will be in the same room, but separate areas. (Attic)
4. There is a simple small bathroom/toilet with hot water.
5. There is a small kitchen and refrigerator.
6. Food will be offered by local people but volunteers may have a chance to cook in some cultural exchange events.
7. Three meals will not be served on the free day, please handle your meals by yourself in your leisure day.
8. Google Map:No. 910, Houzhuang St., Beitun Dist., Taichung City (四張犁國小)

**L:**

RenHe Community, Beitun District, Taichung City, Taiwan is adjacent to Intercontinental Baseball Stadium, No. 74 Huanzhong Road, Taichung City.

台中市北屯區仁和社區毗鄰台中市環中路 74 號洲際棒球場。

**Google Map :**

<https://www.google.com.tw/maps/place/406%E5%8F%B0%E4%B8%AD%E5%B8%82%E5%8C%97%E5%B1%AF%E5%8D%80%E4%BB%81%E5%92%8C%E9%87%8C/@24.1874957,120.6789879,16z/data=!4m2!3m1!1s0x346917b835b54221:0xdf17c7eaf751a320>

**Ren He Face Page:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/481403062020142/>

**T:**

1. Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport, (IATA Code: TPE · ICAO Code: RCTP) then take the Guoguang KING Bus or U-bus to Taichung City (Bus stop: Shueinan station) <http://www.kingbus.com.tw/en/ticketRoute.php>  
2.5 hours and NTD\$ 300, passengers can get to RenHe )
2. Songshan Airport ( IATA Code:TSA ; ICAO Code : RCSS ) and take the Guoguang Bus or Ubus (<http://www.ubus.com.tw/Booking/StationInquiry>) Bus No:1620 , from Taipei to Taichung, about 3 hours and NT\$275, Bus stop: Shueinan station)
3. Taichung Ching Chuan Kang Airport (IATA Code : RMQ ; ICAO Code : RCMQ ) and It is about 13 km and takes about 50 minutes by bus.

**LA:**

1. RenHe Community Learning Center: Ocarina, calligraphy, welcome to join in our courses.
2. Ubike, Taichung city library, Morrison American School, Intercontinental Baseball Stadium
3. There are a famous Bicycle Trail around community, Folk Park, Cultural Relics Museum, War Memorial Park.
4. There are three 24-h convenience stores and one supermarkets, two traditional market and Night Market around our community.
5. San Guantán Temple, Kai Jhang sheng Wang Temple and Wunchang Temple.

**SR:**

1. High motivation for learning and respect the local culture.
2. Be punctual, be safety, be smile, team work. The weather in Summer is about 32-36 degrees
3. Need to bring: Personal talent show supplies, summer sleeping bags, toiletries and personal items.
4. Electric power: 110V, 60 Hz, Type A Electric Plug.

**Preserve and Revitalize the Old Houses in Wuji**  
**VYA-2007HC, Aug.9<sup>th</sup> –Sep. 5<sup>th</sup> , Taichung Taiwan, 15 Vols.**



Wuchi District is a plain that lies between Dajia and Dadut rivers and faces Qingshui District on the north, Shalu District on the east, Longjing District on the south and Taiwan Strait to the west. The current coastline is constructed by Taichung Port. In a coastal town, its development history has an inseparable relationship to the prosperity of harbor. Wuchi is anciently named as "Bamboo Raft Cave" and "Wuchi Port". It is located on the west of Qingshui Mountain, Qingshui District, so called "Aoxin".

After the regional elegant scholars takes meaning of "Chinese Phoenix does not live without the Phoenix Tree, does not consumed without holy spring water and bamboo", changing the name of Wuchi to Wuchi. Therefore, when visiting Wuchi actually and inquiring the natives, you can hear its Taiwanese pronunciation is similar to Wuchi.

On December 25, 2010, Taichung County and City are merged into the municipality, then Wuchi Town is reorganized into Wuchi District. Although the administrative area is not vast, it still has own deep cultural tourism potential. Especially the abundant cultural properties, there are some municipal historic sites, historic buildings and municipal folk culture, must be worth checking out. With several prosperous years and numerous temples everywhere, reflecting Wuchi ancestors' piety and expectation. When northeast monsoon blows, waiting for the mullet migration. There are various seafood restaurants, not only to satisfy with people's need but also to taste living experience in this land.

**Project Aims**

Help the community to create, preserve and revitalize the old house in the fishing village that has lost the sea for 42 years. Organize concerts and market events for the topic. Participate in local travel and ghost festivals. In addition to understanding local changes, experience local culture.

## Works

- \* Help the community to create a place, preserve and revitalize an old house.
- \* Organize concerts and market events for the topic.
- \* Participate in local travel and ghost festivals.



## **Location:**

NO.302, Jhonghe St., Dist. Wu-Qi, Taichung City, Taiwan

**GOOGLE MAP:**臺中市梧棲區下寮里中和街 302 號 <https://goo.gl/JmxKmm>

## Accommodations:

We will stay in an accommodation owned by the **The Presbyterian Church In Port of Taichung**. Sleep in shared room with woody bed. Sleeping bags are compulsory (volunteers need to bring your own, please).

Meals will be served by the community except one dinner have to be cooked by volunteers. Need to bring mosquito repellent.

## **Food:**

It will provide by community except one meal need to cook by yourselves. There is a kitchen at Nan-Chien community kitchen. You can try delicious food in Wuqi, especially sea food in your free time!



## Lion-Head Painting Art in Xi-Shan Village

VYA-2008XS ; Taichung City,Taiwan; Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>-Aug.16<sup>th</sup> ; ART, FEST, COM; 10 Vols



Taishan City Daya District Xiushan community is located in the center of Taichung, near the foothills across the mountain ,looking for the Taiwan Strait, located in the township.

60% of the residents for agriculture are planting wheat, rice, red barley, grains class.Community from 6 years ago,due to the presence of precision science park, it is hoped that the young population can return, the majority of the elderly in the community is lack of vitality and creativity, due to population aging, lack of motivation to create a community.

It is hoped that the participation of international volunteers will encourage residents to care for community affairs and expect various cultural injections to collide with explosive sparks.

### Aims:

1. Let the international volunteers make their own lion head and painting, lion and the folk art is the community folk culture, the production of traditional lion head and painting, so that Xiushan has become a lion outside the village of arts and crafts village folk art.
2. Cooperate with the Community Service Center for the Elderly, so that international volunteers can lead their elders to make health promotion activities (once a week), so that community elders are more interested in going out and enjoying their senior life.
3. Hope that through international volunteers, young people can be more interested in community activities to participate in community activities, so that young people in the community to introduce their own community characteristics to international volunteers to communicate with each other.

### W:

1. To encourage the elderly to participate in community activities, the community one day a day for the care of the elderly stronghold, health promotion activities, led by volunteers to experience the different cultures, stimulate curiosity and mobility.
2. Hope that through the international volunteer lion head and painting, experience traditional Chinese ghost festival ceremony, into the community culture so that residents can also enjoy the international volunteer ideas but also enrich the community experience.
3. Combining community martial arts teachers and craftsmen to make the international volunteers and the community residents make the experience together, let the international volunteers make the lion's head and painting, train the lion's skill and experience the community Song Jiangzhen, the official will be the first, Painting folk art, the results show back points, the front is an important community culture, to take this opportunity to carry forward and exchange.
4. And then practice the lions, and finally to the elders of acceptance acceptance performance exchange.
5. There are Japanese schools and Aboriginal schools in the community, hoping to share the experience with international volunteers and experience the folk life experiences of different countries.
6. 60% of the community is engaged in agriculture. During this period, we also invite international volunteers



to experience the farmer's experience in the farmland. We also learned about vegetable and fruit harvesting during the summer season in Taiwan and volunteered to serve as food for the volunteers.

**7. Invite international volunteers to experience farmers in the farmland, organize the 13th 寮 social park, and pull the grass and know vegetables and fruit trees.**

**AD:**

The center is equipped with bathroom facilities, kitchen utensils, working days or free day meals can be self-cooking fire (food can be near to the Market procurement).

**L:**

**Taichung City, Taoya District, near the Chingchuankang International Airport, about 15 minutes by car. About 20 minutes drive from Taichung city**

**Google Map Website: 428 Taichung District, Taichung City Xiushanli Activity Center**

**<https://www.google.com.tw/maps/@24.2226806,120.6322903,3a,75y,198.12h,91.03t/data=!3m6!1e1!3m4!1sh7-rjWDMumq2cY3aCu5aCw!2e0!7i13312!8i6656!6m1!1e1>**

**T:**

- 1) Taoyuan International Airport. Then take the bus or train to Taichung City, then turn to ride the CityBus to Taichung City Xiushan community**
- 2) Taichung Chingchuankang International Airport, take the bus to Taichung City Daya District Xiushan community about (CityBus about 10-15 minutes).**

**LA:**

- 1) Taichung Metropolitan park**
- 2) Biking Trail links to Tanzi District about 10 km in length**
- 3) Fenjia sightseeing night market**

**SR:**

- 1) Those who have special skills or interests in folk art, like performing people and experiencing new business.**
- 2) Please volunteer to bring home small traditional folk clothing, children's play, and community cultural exchanges.**



**Make it colorful and beautification for Sanjiao Village**  
**VYA-2009SJ, Taichung, Taiwan, Jul.10th-Jul. 21st; ARTS/CULT; 6Vols**



**Background of Project:**

This work camp is mainly designed and implemented by Triangle Community Development Association of the Shengang District of Taichung City, Taiwan. In addition, it is executed in Triangle Community. From the perspectives of environmental resources, there is a platform for international volunteer cooperation. In Triangle Community, people would like to implement many projects while the place has been lacked of talent and human resources. There are many old factories, natural pastoral scenery, and Tan Ya Shen Green Park Road which is the most popular spot in the community. Since the location of the community is at the border of the adjacent area, it is very likely be less recognizable and unnoticeable by people. The largest tourist crowd mainly depends on the cyclists on the Green Park Road. In order to make the community active, we invite international volunteers to join the community project. This time, we plan to put everyone's efforts into building a farm in the community and we hope to promote the good crops of the old farmers.

Through the power of international volunteers, it not only develops the community's international perspective, but also allows volunteers to integrate into the community. We invite our volunteers to dine with the local family and we recommend families to take a walk together. Small communities can be injected with new energy. Most importantly, we hope to attract more local young people returning to their hometowns make tourists better understanding the community, develop a community tourism image, expand new horizons, and regenerate capabilities for residents. There is a bundle of new possibilities in this old-fashioned community.

**Aims:**

1. Help more community farmers to market agricultural products through community farms.
2. Integrate the production and the marketing of community-specific agricultural products.
3. Through interactive construction, create more topics and possibilities for young people and young people nearby.
4. Let more people know the good people and things in the old community through the deeper thinking and marketing.

**Achievements over the past year:**

- 1) 2018, Eight volunteers work together to complete large-scale painted works on the community stage and biking trail.
- 2) 2019, 11 volunteers organized and painted the community kitchen space together

**W :**

- 1- We will enter the community together, and under the leadership of a professional teacher, we will complete the construction of the community farm.
- 2- How to use traditional bamboo to create a community-friendly, full-featured and friendly space for crop promotion



**AD:**

The accommodation is currently located in the pigpen space of the community. Camping mainly on grass. You must bring your own sleeping bag. The food mainly consists of volunteers taking turns and sharing dinners with community families.

**L:**

This place is located in Taichung City, Taiwan, and the triangular community of Shengang District, adjacent to Taichung City.

**Google Map:**

No. 18, Lane 102 Zhongxing Road, Shengang District, Taichung City

<https://www.google.com.tw/maps/place/%E7%94%B0%E4%B8%AD%E9%96%93%E8%B1%AC%E5%AE%A4%E7%B9%AA%E7%A4%BE/@24.2394949,120.691368,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x34691749416c7201:0xcd508c45e709f5ae!8m2!3d24.23949!4d120.693562>

**T:**

Proximity to Taichung International Airport, approximately 25 minutes from the airport to accommodation, taxi fare of approximately NT 500

**LA:**

1. Gaomei Wetland
2. Fen Jia Sightseeing Night Market

**SR:**

If you have painting or woodworking experience in volunteer work, we welcome you to lead community partners to create beautiful homes.

**Global Village in Rinan Community**

**VYA-2010RN; Taichung City, Taiwan; Aug.23<sup>rd</sup> – Sep. 5<sup>th</sup> ; ECO+CUL+COM ; 8 Vols**



**Background and Host Org:**

Rinan Community of Dajia District which is located in the northernmost part of Taichung city. Before development of industrial zones, most of residents was developing agriculture production. They planted rice and taro, fed ducks and chickens etc. After the development of industrial zone, factories hire a lot of foreign workers to produce labor work. But at the same time, the population of the prime outflowed seriously, and many elderly and children still in the community. Our community become lacking vitality and creativity. Also, our community is in the rural areas, few foreigners can enter the community and interact with the residents. We hope that the joining of volunteers will make the community more vital and enable young people in the community to expand their international outlook.

**Achievements over the past year:**

Painted 22 pieces of public walls that topic about local train station in community with 15 volunteers from Hong Kong, Vietnam, Thailand in 2019.

**Objective:**

- 1) Get to know more information about Rina community and help with designing our community's logo and draw the well.
- 2) Volunteers can do some health promotion activities with the elders.
- 3) We hope that the young generation in the community can introduce our features to international volunteers, and they can be much more interested in participating in activities in our community during and after the volunteering workcamp.

**Work:**

- 1) Accompany with the elder: our community hold health activities once a week. We expect the volunteers to take part, design interesting activities, so that the elder can experience different cultures, have fun, and learn new things from different perspectives.
- 2) Help to clean the environment: our community live a lot of elders, some of them need help to clean their house. Also, we will go Tieh-Chen mountain to see the view, at the same time we will clean the mountain area.
- 3) Do some art works: Observing our community and design a symbolic logo for our community. And use your imagination and ability to paint to draw a well.
- 4) Cultural exchange activities: we will have a time let volunteers to show their culture tradition with each other. To let the activities smoothly, volunteers can prepare some activities to let us know more about your cultures.

**Accommodation and Food:**

- 1) All the volunteers will stay in the **community center** together. Volunteers need to bring toiletries by themselves.
- 2) Most of food will be provided by community, and some time we will combine activities (for example: visit night market) with meal, at that time we will provide pocket money to volunteers.

**Location:**

[Rinan Community Activity Center](#)

(Address: 437 No.3 lane, You 2<sup>nd</sup> -Qing 3<sup>rd</sup>, Dajia district, Taichung city)

Google Map: [Rinan Community Activity Center](#)

<https://www.google.com.tw/maps/place/%E6%97%A5%E5%8D%97%E7%A4%BE%E5%8D%80>

<https://www.google.com/maps/@24.4050059,120.6431832,16z/data=!4m8!1m2!2m1!1z5pel5Y2X56S-5Y2A!3m4!1s0x34690eea12494cfb:0x54f59bd99d766db2!8m2!3d24.4050059!4d120.6475606?hl=zh-TW>

Terminal:

- (1) Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport (Recommended)
- (2) Taichung International Airport (Nearest)

LA:

- 1- Tieh-Chen Mountain
- 2- Fen Jia Sightseeing Night Market
- 3- Gao Mei Wetland
- 4- Jenn Lann Temple-National Monument

SR:

Need to bring sleeping bag, love to engage with local people and different culture.

### LOHAS in Jianan Village

VYA-2011JN, Taichung, Taiwan, Aug. 8<sup>th</sup>- Aug. 15<sup>th</sup> ; ARTS+CULT; 4-6Vols



#### Project Background:

The residents here are warm and friendly. However, Jianan community has lack of educational resources, job opportunities and other supports because of the geographical restriction. Therefore, Jianan Community provides various projects to help local children and families, including financial supports, child protection services, parenting education, community services, etc.

One of these projects, "LOHAS in Jianan Village" International Workcamp, can provide opportunities for the children of Jianan Community to broaden their views and build connection with the world. Jianan Community is a traditional agricultural community, which has few job opportunities and less leisure and entertainment. In order to get a job, some of residents are forced to leave their homes. Meanwhile, their children still stay in the Jianan community to study and live with their grandparents, lead to the increase of skipped generation families. Not to mention the slow pace of life and limited information result in narrow horizon and weak intention of students.

#### Aims

1. To help elder's caring
2. To promote students' English ability and broaden their global vision
3. To enhance students' aesthetic well-being, and raise environmental protection awareness
4. To give volunteers an in-depth understanding of Taiwan's local culture
5. To help Jianan community to accumulate the power of transformation and renewal

## Works

1. English Summer Camp: cultural exchange; Introduce national traditions & celebrations.
2. Community care experience: accompany and care elders
3. Exchange of opinions about Jianan community: Evaluation and sharing.

## Food & Accommodations:

- 1) During project, volunteers will stay at share room within Chying Chyuan Junior High School .
- 2) Volunteers need to bring own sleeping bag
- 3) We provide a living room with a small kitchen and a bathroom.
- 4) Volunteers can hang clothes to dry on the first floor.

## Location:

No. 27-2, Lin-Hai Rd., Qingshui Dist., Taichung City 436, Taiwan

## Google Map:

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/%E6%B8%85%E6%B3%89%E5%9C%8B%E4%B8%AD/@24.3058279,120.5903313,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x346913b41fcf6d47:0x58924b10ba4db6!8m2!3d24.305823!4d120.59252>

## LA:

1 Gaomei Wetland

1. Fen Jia Sightseeing Night Market

## SR:

We expect for participants who are passionate and love life in countryside!

## Taste of rice and Listen stories of Old House

VYA-2012MM; Taichung; Aug.4<sup>th</sup>- Aug. 10<sup>th</sup>; Edu+Agri+Reno; 10 Vols



Local youth hand in hand with interational volunteers to carry forward the culture of the rice cultivation culture, the hundreds year ancient houses of the community, the community residences, the language application for kids and the cultural understanding improving. To make the urban kids love local culture and enjoy the international.

Ma-Ming Elementary School, located in a remote area plays a vital role in the community. It is the community's cultural inheritance and education center. The elders and kids have the Diversified Curriculum in the school such as traditional farming, nutrition education, the English studying club with the native teacher and so on. It not only inheritance the culture but also satisfied the learning opportunity for kids.

Ma-Ming village, regarded as a traditional Agricultural village which locates in the Waipu district.

Ma-Ming village has good weather, farmland, and irrigation water sources for rice, taro and water bamboo cultivation. The community remains the traditional house for a hundred years. To carry forward and inherit the traditional culture, we are going to arrange international volunteers to give assistance to plant rice seedling and community beautification for the community culture promotion. To see the beauty of the Ma-Ming community.

The community is located in the remote area therefore it is a lake in the entire education resource. Students are facing the challenge of the unequal learning opportunity condition which influences the education opportunity. International volunteers who can assist with the English camping course. To emphasize language learning of kids and Borden the international horizon.

**Aims:**

To assist the traditional plant rice seedling to maintain the traditional farming culture. To improve the interest in English learning and Borden the horizon. To enrich the studying resource for cultural interaction. To build positive and mutual help cultural experience.

**W:**

- 1- The international volunteers carry out the work plant rice seedling to inheritance the farming culture.
- 2- The international volunteers assist with the hundred years old house decoration and beautification. The beauty of the ancient house reappearance to be the place of the cultural inheritance.
- 3- The International volunteers participate in the English summer campaign to teach students English and international culture.

**Food & Accommodation:**

Will provide the classroom with wood floors, sleeping bags and three meals. It might be the school group meal or lunch box. Please prepare your toiletries and personal belonging.

**L:** A rural village in the remote area of Waipu district in the middle-western part of Taiwan close to the downtown of Dajia District.

**Google Map :**

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/%E9%A6%AC%E9%B3%B4%E5%9C%8B%E5%B0%8F/@24.3378606,120.6626819,18z/data=!4m12!1m6!3m5!1s0x34690e2a9c92303f:0x93b857078d282c70!2z6aas6bO05ZyL5bCP!8m2!3d24.3377167!4d120.664025!3m4!1s0x34690e2a9c92303f:0x93b857078d282c70!8m2!3d24.3377167!4d120.664025>

**LA:**

We will offer volunteers a tour of famous spots, including the Mazu traditional culture of Dajia Jenn Lann Temple, and Gao-mei Wetland.

## Food Bank of Rende Community

VYA-2013RD; Taichung; Aug. 10<sup>th</sup>- Aug. 25<sup>th</sup>; COM+CULT ; 8 Vols.



### Background and Host Org:

The WURI RENDE community in Taichung is an area of only 0.82 square kilometers and a population of about 9,000 people. This community has kindergartens, state schools, middle schools, and second-level middle schools, and has complete educational resources. There are markets in the community, and our resources and membership are very diverse.

Our market is a traditional market in the morning and a night market in the evening. A lot of food is wasted during these processes. Therefore, we expect to set up a food bank in 2020. Volunteers will collect foods that are not sold by stalls but are still fresh. And ugly but still delicious ingredients. These ingredients can still be turned into delicious meals after being processed by volunteers. Or through donations from various parties, we will also put them in the community's food bank and provide them to those who need them. But our food bank only has a simple iron frame and glass. At this time, international volunteers need to beautify the appearance of our food bank through the reuse of environmentally friendly recycled materials. We will also use recycled election flags to make environmentally-friendly cup bags or shopping bags available to market stalls to reduce waste generated during shopping. We want to promote the importance of recycling for the environment.

According to the lunar calendar, July is the month full of stories. Temple fairs in our community hold many activities within "lunar July". You can learn about the significance of it in Taiwan by participating in temple activities. After the sacrificial activities of temples or residents, many materials will be donated to community food bank also sorts materials into volunteer work.



### Aims:

- 1) Teach the elderly in the community to learn a simple English song. Even if they are over 90 years old and cannot go abroad, they can still feel the love of young people from all over the world.
- 2) Decorate the Community Food Bank with recycled items.
- 3) Use recycled election flags as environmentally-friendly cup bags and promote them to the local market to reduce the generation of garbage.
- 4) Participate in local temple activities and experience local festivals.
- 5) Activities with local students during the camp, learning Taiwanese together.

Achievements over the past year:

It will be the first year for Rende community to hold international workcamp.

### Works:

- 3) Accompany the elderly: Our community holds health activities every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday morning. We want volunteers to participate and design fun activities so that older people can experience different cultures, entertain and learn new things from different perspectives.
- 4) Help the decoration of food banks: Volunteers need to use recycled materials for decoration, so that everyone understands the importance of resource reuse.
- 5) Make ECO-friendly items: Use clean recyclables to make practical things such as bags.
- 6) Cultural exchange activities: We will have time for volunteers to show each other their cultural traditions. In order for the event to run smoothly, volunteers can prepare events that will allow us to learn more about your culture.

### Accommodation and Food:

- 1) All the volunteers will stay in share room of the **Community Center** together. Volunteers need to bring sleeping bag by themselves.
- 2) Most of food will be provided by community, and some time we will combine activities (for example: visit night market) with meal, at that time we will provide pocket money to volunteers.

### Location: [Rende Community Activity Center](#)

Adress: No. 116, Xinyi St., Wuri Dist., Taichung City 414, Taiwan

### Google Map: [Rende Community Activity Center](#)

<https://goo.gl/maps/68x1RK6mzDzZGj669>

### Terminal:

- 1- Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport (recommended)
- 2- Taichung International Airport

### Leisure Activities:

Volunteers can spend one day to travel around Taiwan by themselves (suggest go travel in groups, do not go by himself or herself), If facing some problem, volunteers can call to camp for help. In free day, volunteers should back to the camp at 9p.m.

### SR:

- 1- **Need to bring sleeping bags**
- 2- **Love to engage with local people and different culture.**



## Taiwan Halloween in Da Zhuang village

VYA-2014DZ; Taichung; Aug.8th – Aug. 23rd; EDU+FEST+KID; 8 Vols



### Background

Taichung Port, which is located in Wuqi District, Taichung, is the second largest international commercial port in Taiwan. It also ranks ninety-seventh in the world. MITSUI OUTLET PARK is the first seaport-themed shopping mall of its kind in Taichung port district in Taiwan. Our community, Dazhuang Community, is situated in Taichung port district. It has agricultural culture and is the largest community in Wuqi District. The impacts of the urban and traditional cultures made Dazhuang Community such a unique cultural feature. Of all communities in Wuqi District, Dazhuang Community has the most elderly and young population. One out of every nine people is an elder. Therefore, Dazhuang community has dedicated to taking care of the elderly for a long time, and is going to organize more plans and activities for teenagers in 2020. With more volunteers joining this work camp, we hope that they can offer the elderly and the young better care and education and breathe new life into this community.

\*Learn more about Taiwan: <http://eng.taiwan.net.tw/>

\*Learn more about Taichung: <http://travel.taichung.gov.tw/en-us/Home/Index>



### Aims:

- 1) Get to know the culture of Earth God and Earth God temples in Taiwan.
- 2) Get to know the festivals we celebrate in Taiwan throughout the year.
- 3) Volunteers can do some health promotion activities with elders and share their exotic cultures with children to let them gain special experience and broaden their horizons.
- 4) We hope that young generation in the community can introduce our features to international volunteers, and they can be much more interested in participating in activities in our community during and after the work camp.

### Works:

- 1) Accompany the elderly: Our community holds health activities three times a week. We expect volunteers to take part in, design some interesting games and prepare some performances, so the elders can experience different cultures, have fun, and learn new things from different perspectives.
- 2) To prepare an cultural event for the local elementary school students, bring the global view into their world, and intrigue them.
- 3) Get to know the typical culture of "God of Land" in Taiwan and share similar festival culture in your own countries with local.

4) To experience folk belief of Taiwan: Introduce “Din Tao”, which is described a type of religious team in Taiwan. Din Tao was adapted for a movie and it moved many foreigners to tear. It revealed parts of Taiwan’s culture and also told local touching stories in Taiwan. The purpose of this movie was also to convey the “Din Tao” culture to the world.

#### **Accommodations:**

- 1) All the volunteers will stay in the community center together. Volunteers need to bring toiletry and summer sleeping bag by themselves.
- 2) Everyone will have a cabinet to deposit his/her luggage.
- 3) Volunteers can hang and dry their clothes at the designated place on the third floor.
- 4) We offer hangers, brushes, and washing soap. Volunteers can prepare these things by themselves if needed.

#### **Location:**

Dazhuang Community of Taichung City, Taiwan  
No.1, Ln. 168, Wenhua St., Wuqi Dist., Taichung City 435, Taiwan

#### **Google Map:**

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/%E5%8F%B0%E4%B8%AD%E7%B8%A3%E6%A2%A7%E6%A3%B2%E9%8E%AE%E5%A4%A7%E5%BA%84%E7%A4%BE%E5%8D%80%E7%99%BC%E5%B1%95%E5%8D%94%E6%9C%83%E7%BC%88%E9%95%B7%E5%A3%BD%E4%BF%B1%E6%A8%82%E9%83%A8%E7%BC%89/@24.2467169,120.5407153,17z/data=!3m1!4m5!3m4!1s0x346914db2e4c6917:0x1b4db9fa3d9e49bd!8m2!3d24.2467169!4d120.542904>

#### **Terminal**

- 1- Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport (recommended)
- 2- Taichung International Airport

SR

- 1- **Need to bring sleeping bags**
- 2- **Love to engage with local people and different culture.**

### **Renovating Heritage Houses in Xiluo Town**

**VYA-2015Xiluo; Yunlin County; Jul. 21st – Aug. 1st; RENO+CUL+COM; 10Vols**



#### **Background:**

**We would like to invite all volunteers to get deeply involve into the renovation of historical Yenping town street, and to "touch" local atmosphere by *clean the old houses & Make fruit liquid* within 12 days in Xiluo Township!**

As a 360-year long town, Xiluo Township, located in the middle of Taiwan, is the most northern

district of Yunlin County. Xiluo is the nearest township by the Zhuo Shui River, the longest river of Taiwan, is famous and rich in production of rice, fruits and vegetables. Nearby river was used to transport people and goods for more than 100 years.

During the colonial era by Japanese government, Xiluo has planned to be a modern and role model town. For cooperating with the street-widening process, architectural facades were removed and building's heights were altered. During the 1925-1945 periods, there were many stylish buildings on Yenping Street, with various unique and architectural styles and in few years, an 840 meters stretch of street saw the construction of hundreds of Art Deco houses, which contain the essence of Xiluo's history and Culture.

Today, walking along the Yenping Historical Street, you can see 142 decorated historical houses. Most of them were built more than 90 years ago. Century ago Yenping Street was the "downtown", shops there were busy with visitors, but nowadays, many houses are empty and old. The residents moved with their family to other cities away from Xiluo and Yenping Street became quiet.

Because of the "Community Renaissance" movement conducting by the Luoyoung Foundation and local government, the street becomes fabulous! In the past 7 years, we have invited many cultural groups and artists to long stay in Xiluo, and host different performances. We also hosted 7 international work camps which were focused on renovate heritage houses.

During the first week we will visit a winery in Gukeng to make fruit wine and help to clean a forest. After, we will repair another old house on Yenping road - clean the old street & we will Make Bamboo art creation.

We would like to invite international friends come to join us. It's not just only about voluntary work but also about learning Taiwanese culture and joining a different life experience.



## Aims

- \* Help us to clean old houses on Yenping road
- \* Create some art work in other community.
- \* Create a local cultural Workshop and to support the cultural development in Xiluo.
- \* Get close with locals of lovely Taiwan!

## Main Works:

1. **Greeting meeting** : 21 Jul. Prepare an introduction about yourself. ( about 5 mins, you can make a brief PowerPoint to present yourself
2. **Work A** : Make fruit liquid and help us to clean the forest in Gukeng  
**Work B** : Help us to clean the old houses  
**Work C** : Make Bamboo art creation
3. **Culture Night** : Please prepare one dish from your country, a PowerPoint to introduce your Country

and any activities or gifts to share with community and volunteers.

4. You can plan your own schedule on Free Day, and the Kung-Fu learning is free joining.

5. Volunteers will prepare dinner by turns, and you can get the opportunity to visit traditional market.



#### **Accommodation:**

We will stay in Xiluo International Volunteer House (No.72). The house is near Xiluo Cultural Museum, there are comfortable beds, air conditioner, toilet, hot shower (only one, so we suggest boys can go to No.81 which is the Xiluo backpacker house.) and kitchen in the House. Volunteer will have a great time here for sure. The backpacker house is just near by the working place. And the backpacker house belongs to Rotary Club of Xiluo. They always welcome the volunteers and because of their kindness, we have to keep good management (to always keep clean, no smoking inside building, etc.). We will ride bike as main transportation way during the project, **so please make sure you have no problem with bike riding.**

\* We will cook by ourselves but still have opportunity to eat in the local restaurants or packed meals.

\* Internet is available in Luoyong Foundation office, backpacker house and Volunteer House.

**Location:** Xiluo Township, a historical place in Yun-Lin County, located in central Taiwan. 50 minutes to Taichung City by bus, 2.5-3.5 hrs by bus from Taipei City.

**Google Map:** [Louyoung Cultural & Education Foundation 財團法人雲林縣螺陽文教基金會](https://www.google.com/maps/place/Louyoung+Cultural+%26+Education+Foundation%E8%B2%A1%E5%9C%98%E6%B3%95%E4%BA%BA%E9%9B%B2%E6%9E%97%E7%B8%A3%E8%9E%BA%E9%99%BD%E6%96%87%E6%95%99%E5%9F%BA%E9%87%91%E6%9C%83/@23.801842,120.4602953,17z/data=!3m1!4m5!3m4!1s0x346eb43f1cc0d15b:0xd873ab569fc9fcc2!8m2!3d23.801842!4d120.462484)

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**Meeting Point:** [Louyoung Cultural & Education Foundation](#) (螺陽文教基金會)

No.92, Yenping Rd., Xiluo Township, 648 Yunlin County, Taiwan

**Terminal:** After arriving at **Tao-Yuan international airport**, volunteers need to take a shuttle bus to **Taipei Bus Station** first (50 min. ,NT\$ 110-140.) . Then transfer with Kuo-Kuang Motor Transportation (國光客運)from Taipei West Bus Station, Terminal B (台北西站)to Xiluo (3 hours, NT\$350)。

**LA:** Excursion, exchange parties with local people, Kung Fu exercise, Puppet show, Bike riding, Night market (free day optional), etc.

**SR:** Please bring your traditional national clothes with you, at least once volunteer will have to dress with their own country clothes in some special events, for instance, Opening, culture

night and farewell party or whatever when and where, just as you wish. That will be very impressive to the local people.

On the last day, we may finish the project around 12:00 (after cleaning the accommodation and reviewing the final evaluation), so we recommend you to book a flight at 19:00 at earliest (we recommend you to leave on the 13th or even some days later if you have a time.)

## Eco life with Seediq Indigenous Tribe in Alan-Tongan

VYA-2016Seediq; Nantou County; Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Aug. 18<sup>th</sup>; ENVI+CULT+HERI; 8 Vols



### Project Background:

The reason of implement this project is: first, aboriginal traditional culture gradually faded. Second, environment and economic being depression after natural disaster. Third, the butterflies habitats and resources are damaged severely. To avoid getting worse, Alan-Tongan residents needs that volunteers assists, to propagate Seediq culture, replanting aboriginal plants, and rebuild the butterflies ecosystem. To inherit tribal culture and achieve harmonious coexistence between human and natural.

### Aims:

- 1) Help our community as a tour guide to oral expound of ecological Species, Sadek cultural and farm planting.
- 2) Help our community as a director to teach our guest doing correctly and safety in farming activities and handmade DIY.
- 3) Help our community grow plants and complete plant transplants.

### WORKS:

Sustainable industry and biodiversity, the target of 《Satoyama Initiative》, ecology and economy both are important targets for nature conservation and local development.

The Alang Tongan is a focal point resource area for butterflies, also the location of Seediq tribe. However, due to the natural disaster and culture decline, many species getting decrease. So, building natural environment is primary goal.

During these 16 days, we'll going to transplant the aboriginal plants or Endemic plants that tribe planting into natural forest. To implement replanting plants and enhance agricultural economic output.

### Farmer-Experience Activities:

We need you to learn the farmer-experience activities ( Tribal cuisine, egg harvesting, planting, plant handling...etc) in the first two days. We hope you could direct or teach our guest to complete DIY working, or be a tour-guide to introduce our activities as possible in last days.

**A:**

Guest house of Alang Tongan association. Sleep in shared room with wooden bed. Showers and toilets are available. Food will be offered by association.

**L:**

Location: No. 80, Songyuan Ln., Ren'ai Township, Nantou County 546, Taiwan .

(南投縣仁愛鄉松原巷80號)

**Google Map: N:24°00'52.7" E:121°05'22.2"**

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/546%E5%8D%97%E6%8A%95%E7%B8%A3%E4%BB%81%E6%84%9B%E9%84%89%E6%9D%BE%E5%8E%9F%E5%B7%B780%E8%99%9F/@24.0070916,121.0854944,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x3468c349ca15799d:0x63c1758a447b5fe4!8m2!3d24.0070916!4d121.0876831>

**LA:** Excursion, culture exchange events with local people, eco-tourism (optional), etc. Volunteers should cover the transportation and living expenses by themselves during free time.

**SR:**

- 1) The main transportation in community will be bicycle so participants have to be able to ride a bike.
- 2) High motivation for learning and respect to local culture.



**Agro-living Wellness at “Dragon Lake” Town**  
VYA-2017SH; Taoyuan County; July 20<sup>th</sup>-July 31<sup>st</sup>; ENVI+CULT+COM; 10 Vols.



**Project Date:**

**20(Mon.) - 31(Fri.) July, 2020**

17(Mon.) - 28(Fri.) August, 2020

**Project Overview:**

We picked Sanhe village to be the place to promote sustainability and satoyama initiative because in this agricultural community where there's no convenient public transportation connecting to the metropolis., but the people believing in all beings are equal; realizing that people already have plenty and we can give more to our habitat, the earth! The township is known for the Buddhist temple in the center of Longtan Lake. It was voted the most distinctive town in Taiwan 2015.

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**Aims:**

With Agro-living Wellness, we aim to achieve 3 Growths & 2 Gives:

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Achievements in 2019: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QQMN\\_jivYks](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QQMN_jivYks)

**Environmental Work:**

- ◆ Inheriting Natural building techniques, we built 100 bricks.



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## 5-2 VSTV / Mini Camps



# 【Urban Farmer @ Houli】 Volunteer Holiday

Come to feel the Mother Earth.

ENJOY A JOURNEY MEETS SOCIAL ENTERPRISE of HYDROPONICS, HYDROVEGE.

【Project Info】

<b>W</b>	Type of voluntary work	<b>T</b>	Terminal (The closest big international airport)
<b>S</b>	Study theme	<b>LA</b>	Leisure Activities
<b>A</b>	Accommodation	<b>PF</b>	Participation Fees
<b>L</b>	Location	<b>SR</b>	Special Remarks

## New schedule from March 2019 to December 2019

IHV091 (2020/01/02-05)	IHV092 (2020/01/16-19)	IHV093 (2020/01/30-02/02)
IHV094 (2020/02/13-16)	IHV095 (2020/02/20-23)	IHV096 (2020/03/19-22)
IHV097 (2020/03/26-29)	IHV098 (2020/04/09-12)	IHV099 (2020/05/07-10)
IHV101 (2020/06/04-07)	IHV102 (2020/06/18-21)	IHV103 (2020/07/02-05)
IHV104 (2020/07/09-12)	IHV105 (2020/08/06-09)	IHV106 (2020/08/13-16)
IHV107 (2020/08/27-30)	IHV108 (2020/09/03-06)	IHV109 (2020/09/24-27)
IHV110 (2020/11/05-08)	IHV111 (2020/11/19-22)	IHV112 (2020/12/03-06)
IHV113 (2020/12/10-13)		

## 【Our Story】

Since 2009, Meishan Christian Church has taken care of kids from underprivileged families free of charge. Now there are 30 kids in total from elementary school to high school. In 2016, HYDROVEGE, a new social enterprise, with an economic point of view, got involved. With new farming ideas and techniques, HYDROVEGE was established a social purposes towards a financially sustainable way.

In each project, there will be some high school students take the leadership for helping and leading the group.

The profits from the project will be used part as their part-time allowances and support their families.

Part of the profits will be used for supporting Meishan Christian Church organizing the after school project for local kids.

Join us and take a look at how we share these values to our kids and see how these values influence their future.



**【Objective for project】**

To build an educational farmland of eco sustainable social business to support the local after school project.  
To share international culture to underprivileged families' kids and to make friends with local people  
To enjoy typical Taiwan lifestyle in Houli



**【Cross-Culture Education】**

We encourage all volunteers to share their culture to kids. With your accompany, the kids can broaden their horizons by knowing stories and experiencing cultures from different parts of the world. And of course your presence will give them the chance to use English.



**【HYDROPONICS × It's not a new technology, but a new IDEA.】**

Meet the pioneers changing the way of city farming! The social enterprise 'HYDROVEGE' comes from the words 'Hydroponic' and 'Vegetables'. Hydroponics is a method to grow plants without soil but water reaches as nutrients directly. Unlike other Hydroponics farms, our vegetables are grown in towers in order to deal with the limited farming areas in Taiwan.

Watch our stories here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0rkhCncdfw8>



### 【HYDROVEGE's Vision】

Our educational farmland includes traditional farming, chicken coop, ecological pool, herb garden, etc. We need you! Come to feel the Mother Earth and be part of us!



### 【Carpentry Workshop】

We start to teach kids to learn Carpentry skills since 2017 summer. We built chair, table, chicken coop and shelves by ourselves. This is the best way for kids to be creative and patience. You will make your own craft, too!



### 【HYDROVEGE Catering】

Food is our proud. We are getting in the spirit with fresh ingredients and spices. From either local market or the HYDROVEGE garden, 'dining with seasonality' is not only a slogan, but also a practice. Come to HYDROVEGE, where delicious food is integrated with good taste, farming lifestyle and values.



### 【Local Tourism】

Houli has many educational and cultural spots, such as Lien-Cheng Saxophone Museum, Yuemei Tourism Sugar Factory, etc. Participants will have opportunities to visit these enjoyable places, chat with local people and enjoy the passion of Taiwanese People.



**【something more of HYDROVEGE】**

Host Org: VYA Taiwan and HYDROVEGE

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/hydrovege.tw>

Website: <http://www.volunteermatch.org.tw/IW/Promotion/HydrVege.htm>

**Work**

1. Traditional agriculture work such as planting, weeding, harvesting, watering and etc.
2. Hydroponic agriculture area maintenance such as planting and harvesting and etc.
3. Carpentry Workshop, DIY Key chain for yourself.
4. Constructing new devices in farm.
5. After school, cultural and educational activity for children

(Remind: Every team will have different types of voluntary works based on local/season status.)

**S**

1. Agriculture / Hydroponics
2. Carpentry / Craft
3. After school project for local

**A**

1. At HYDROVEGE center. Sleep in shared room with wooden bed and mattress, **no need to bring your own blanket and pillow**, unless you have personal needs. Showers and toilets are available.
2. Please prepare enough clothes, or **the clothes need to be washed by hand**.
3. Paid Telephone for international call is available in 7-11 where is just nearby the accommodation in 5 minutes by walk.
4. First Aid: Local Hospital is nearby accommodation in 10 minutes by walk.
5. Accommodation is about 10 minutes drive distance from Houli Train Station.
6. **Emergency local call for 24 hours: Manwife, +886-975-668365 or Klaus Ding, +886-935-461760.**

**L**

1. HYDROVEGE center, a small farm in Houli, Taichung City where located in the middle of Taiwan.
2. Google Map: <https://goo.gl/ZI5EIs>

**T**

1. Taoyuan International Airport (IATA: TPE) (<http://www.taoyuan-airport.com>)
2. In case of Asia Countries, it could be in Taichung International airport, too. (<http://www.tca.gov.tw/eng/index.php>)

**LA**

1. Excursion, culture exchange events with local people, etc.
2. Volunteers should cover all the expenses by themselves of their free time/free day.

**PF**

1. USD 150. The fee includes three-day overnights accommodation, food (**excludes extra expense in Water Good Food Restaurant and all breakfast, but lunch and dinner**), snacks and drinks, excursion fee on Sunday in Houli and all activity materials. **The fee does not cover local**

transportation from terminal to meeting point.

2. We will provide basic insurance, but we highly recommend you to have your own insurance.
3. We ask our sending partner to collect the fee in advance and pay during global meeting or by Bank transfer. In case of Oversea youth, please pay the fee to the sending Org in advance.
4. All benefits of this project are used for supporting the after school project of HYDROVEGE.

**Cancellation policy** 1. If you can't join this project anymore, please cancel online or by email so that we can drop out your application without any extra charge. Without cancellation in advance or NO SHOW, we will charge USD150 to cover all administration cost.

1. And please notice that for last moment cancellation within 1 week before the project starts we will still charge 50% of fee.

- SR**
2. Strong motivation for learning and respects to local culture.
  3. HYDROVEGE keeps the right to refuse late application.
  4. Number of Volunteer: 10 foreign volunteers with and 10-14 local participants.
  5. Things to Bring: towels, toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, shower gel, tissue, slippers, clothes, working clothes, sunscreen, hat, water bottle, umbrella, pens or notebook and etc.

【A bird's eye overview Schedule】 Could be changed based on local needs.

	DAY1 Thursday	DAY2 Friday	DAY3 Saturday	DAY4 Sunday
<b>Breakfast</b>		* On your own expense	* On your own expense	*On your own expense
<b>Morning</b>		Orientation of Project Farm work I	2 days project orientation Farm work III	Houli Trip (LC Saxophone Museum, Yuemei Tourism Sugar Factory)
<b>Lunch</b>		Hydro GOOD FOOD	Hydro COLD NOODLE	Hydro PIZZA
<b>Afternoon</b>	Arrive at 3 PM (Houli Railway Station) Orientation of Living	Farm work II	Carpentry Workshop	Evaluation/POST CARD Departure at 3PM (Drop at Railway Station)
<b>Dinner</b>	Hydro GOOD FOOD	Hydro GOOD FOOD	Hydro BBQ	
<b>Evening</b>	Welcoming	Free	Hydro STORY HOUSE	

【Welcome to HYDROVEGE!】



## Become a Forester in Ali Mountain

VYA-mini-alishan01; Chiayi County; Sep. 9<sup>th</sup> – Sep. 12<sup>th</sup>; ENVI+ECO+CULT; 15 Vols.



Project Date: Sep. 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Host Organization: Association of Alishan 、 Gongsing community

Location : Bandit Hill Forest Park

Google Map: <https://reurl.cc/b6ARRv> ( Coordinate : 23°25'02.3"N 120°36'18.0"E )

Meeting Point : Chia Yi Station of Taiwan High Speed Rail.

### Background:

Gongsing community, at an altitude of 800 meters, has abundant resources in natural ecosystems and also commands the portrayal of Satoyama traits. In order to achieve the goal of surrounding environment sustainable use, "no develop zero damage" becomes the living index of Gongsing community. While learning in this international work camp, we share our living surroundings, not only you acquire the knowledge about the forest, but also you participate the-forest conservation work.



All these enable you to be professional tree doctors and possess the abilities of conservations the forests and caring the earth.

The forest conservation activities of the Gongsing community in Fanlu Township, Chiayi County originated in the 1990s, during which the residents combined state-owned forest land for cultivation, and developed community characteristics and economy with the concept of industrial symbiosis. For more than a decade, community residents have protected their homes with action.

In recent years, community residents have spontaneously organize an ecological patrol teams to guard the mountain areas rich natural resources. Five trails have been rebuilt in the past 10 years. However, with the aging of the community and the lack of manpower in forest maintenance work, we look forward to those who are interested in mountain forest work to come and learn.

Legend has it that the bandits in Chiayi Bandits Mountain have been living in this mountain area. Want to learn more about how bandits in Gongsing area love forests and forests coexist? Join our forest working holiday!

The features of international work camp are as follows:

1. Experience from nursery stock care to mature tree pruning management.
2. Camping experience the slow and quiet life experience in the mountains.
3. Experience the application of local ingredients, you can do it yourself.
4. Take the forest land as a seat, taste the local ingredients after sweating, making you a real mountain farmer.
5. Want to know how bandits use ecological resources? Ecological landscape ... can experience it.

**Work:**

We will assist the bandit hill forest farm management and train volunteers to experience Satolyama life, such as forest road maintenance, tree care, mowing, etc. The work will be divided into 3-4 groups to help the community maintain smooth traffic. Because working all day requires physical energy. In addition, will taking international exchanges with local residents in the forest farm mountain village.

**Accommodation:**

The accommodation is in a community learning center (semi-open space, well ventilated and not worried about rain), and at night enjoys an observation with the blue night sky stars. Meals are prepared by the community moms, and sometimes volunteer partners are cooked in turns.

**Study Theme:**

Alishan's local life, especially in forest management and road maintenance.

**Location:**

Below the Ali Mountain in Chiayi County, the four seasons are clear, and you can overlook the Chianan Plain on the west side of Taiwan. There are 6 houses in this community. Although there are few neighbours, the environment is relatively warm.

( Bandit Hill Forest Park, Coordinate Location: 23 ° 25'02.3 "N 120 ° 36'18.0" E )

**Special Requirement**

1. People with sound limbs who are interested in forestry.
2. Those who have the courage to challenge themselves and innovation.
3. Initiative to speak Chinese & Taiwanese with locals.

**Participation Fee:**

185 USD (include the accommodation, food, and pick-up & drop-off service from meeting point to project site.)



## 5-3 Mid/Long Term Volunteer Projects

### **FRIENDSHIP AMBASSADOR FOR XILUO HERITAGE STREET** VYA-Xiluo-MTV; Xiluo Town, Yun-Lin County, Taiwan; HERI, ART, RENO, 2 vols.

These positions are for 3-12 months.

Priority will be given to volunteers who can participate for 6 months.

**Work:** HERI/ ART/RENO

**Vols:** 2

**Age:** 25 - 40

**Location:** Xiluo Town, Yun-Lin County

**Requirements:** CGC + Application form + 2 references+ basic Chinese is welcome + Skype interview

<b>VYA-Xiluo-MTV20-01, Xiluo Township, Yun-Lin County,</b>	<b>To start in MARCH+</b>	<b>2VOL</b>
<b>VYA-Xiluo-MTV20-02, Xiluo Township, Yun-Lin County,</b>	<b>To start in JUN+</b>	<b>2VOL</b>
<b>VYA-Xiluo-MTV20-03, Xiluo Township, Yun-Lin County,</b>	<b>To start in Sep+</b>	<b>2VOL</b>
<b>VYA-Xiluo-MTV20-04, Xiluo Township, Yun-Lin County,</b>	<b>To start in Dec+</b>	<b>2VOL</b>
<b>VYA-Xiluo-MTV21-01, Xiluo Township, Yun-Lin County,</b>	<b>To start in March+</b>	<b>2VOL</b>

After the **backgrounds** (partners, aims and histories) of the workcamps;

<b>W</b> : Type of voluntary work	<b>T</b> : Terminal (The closest big international airport)
<b>S</b> : Study theme	<b>LA</b> : Leisure Activities
<b>AD</b> : Accommodation and food	<b>WS</b> : <b>Weekly schedule</b>
<b>L</b> : Location	<b>SR</b> : Special Remarks
<b>GM</b> : Google Map	<b>PF</b> : Participation Fees

\* For Accommodation, **CV** = Cooked by Volunteers    **MP** = Meals are provided.

**SB!** = Sleeping Bag is necessary/ **SBN** = Sleeping Bag is Not necessary

### **Project Background**

#### **Xiluo Township**

Xiluo, located in the middle of Taiwan, the northern Township of Yun-lin County .

Xiluo is the nearest township by the great Zhuo Shui River. The great Xiluo Bridge is one of the famous landmarks in Taiwan and stands on the River for 60 years until now. You can see the famous sunset view here. Not only the view but also Yenping historical houses are marvelous.

You can also enjoy the typical Taiwanese culture in Xiluo Old Street. Chinese Kon-Fu , Puppet show, Soy souse DIY, organic vegetable, even the sculpture park is nearby the great bridge.



Xiluo, as a historical city for 300 years, with 48,500 residents there. During the colonial era by Japan, Xiluo has been planned to be a modern Town, in order to cooperate with the street-widening process, architectural facades were removed and buildings' heights were altered. During the 1930-1945 periods, there were many styles visible on Yenping Street, with various unique architectural styles. Within a few years, an 840 meters stretch of street saw the construction of hundreds of Art Deco houses, which contain the essence of Xiluo's history and Culture.

In Yenping Old Street where have 142 elegant houses remain now. Most of them were built 80 years ago. At pass time, Yenping Street was town center, every shop was opening and busies very much .But now, most of houses are empty, and some are useless. The residents got away from here. Yenping Street become silence , People has no confidence .

So We try to promote the Xiluo culture and traditional article from here. We suppose to improve the live quality and self-respect here. We want to keep the social environment, classical and historical house.

We have done some repair work at sort term international workcamps, the first backpacker house was fixed at 2010 workcamp .Even it is reused but still need to maintain and management as well. The Grocery store is also repair and reused at 2011 by local volunteer. For improving the social environment, we would like to invite international friends come to join the social work. It is not only voluntary work but also exchange Culture diversity, join and experience a different live in Taiwan.

Participants will also have opportunities to visit local artist, join local activities and have a eco-tourism in free schedule, chat with local people and enjoy the passions from them.

### Aims

To Creative exchange cultural and supporting the Xiluo community envelopment.

- 2) Help Xiluo old street social environment more spirit.
- 3) Make friendship with backpacker in global.
- 4) Improved live quality in the future.

**W:** Xiluo LMTV workcamp is going to **assist** Xiluo Cultural Museum(Louyoung foundation) (work A-LF) and Be a Manager in Grocery store(work B-GS). Volunteer will maintain the daily house clean (or Grocery store), the reception, update internet blog or FB. Volunteer has to maintain the backpacker house and Grocery store to offer the locals and visitor a comfortable living condition.

Volunteer will also do some **gardening and join community environmental events** etc....Local volunteer will support international volunteer to run this project as well.

For more information of Louyoung Cultural & Educational Foundation and find the Xiluo workcamp information, please browse: <http://www.louyoung.org.tw> ;

<https://www.facebook.com/louyoung.ngo> ; <https://www.facebook.com/siluo.yenping.museum/>

### Explain for work:

**Work A:** This is an international backpacker house and welcome people from all around the world. Therefore, volunteer has to be a kindly host and will be in charge of daily maintenance and management. Volunteers will be in charge of the daily house cleaning after the visitor check out (wash pillow cover, bed cover, clear the rooms) and they will be host when there's visitor. The volunteer will have to work also in the Louyoung foundation helping the maintain the garden and will be his/her duty to work in the reception.



**Work B:** Volunteer that will run communities old shop, will be in charge of the daily maintenance and management for the shop. He/she will do also some daily clean work for the store. The shop is ran by the local volunteer team and they need international volunteer to support the daily operation. The shop sells some antiques, some souvenirs and some goods crafted here in Xiluo.



**\*If Volunteer interested in doing some art works,he or she can tell us.we will support budget to buy their material.And Volunteer will have English teaching in the school.**

**Regular meeting :** With hosting (Louyoung foundation) staff and local volunteer leader .Discussion some of the working detail 。

**Free Day:** Volunteers will have 2 free days per week on Monday and Tuesday only. Weekend is always the bid day to run the backpacker house and Grocery store. It is not allowed to take holiday in weekend.

**Culture Exchange:** The locals would be more than happy to welcome you in Xiluo. Please use this opportunity to exchange experiences, to learn more about other social, cultural and political living conditions and to show them, in return yours. In order to promote that, we will have some special cultural event at September、October and some Celebrates from the temple. The volunteers will be able to present their countries and have fun together with the locals.

**WS:** Tentative weekly schedule and program activities (Some may be changed!)

We separate the work A and work B in the different way, 30-32 working hrs per week, 2 days free per week at least. In stead of free day in weekend, volunteer can only have **free days on Monday and Tuesday**. And volunteers will switch their duty and exchange work in the period if needed.

**Works schedule: (A Bird's eye view schedule, Some may be changed)**

Type	Work A (BH)			Work B(GS)		
	Date/time	Morning 9:00-12:00	Afternoon 12:00-16:00	Evening 19:00-21:00	Morning 10:00-12:00	Afternoon 13:00-17:00
Monday	Free day			Free day		
Tuesday	Free day			Free day		
Wednesday	Work in foundation	House clean/regular meeting	Reception/ Daily maintain+ blog(FB) update	Manage the shop	Manage the shop	Free
Thursday	Work in foundation	House clean (or English teaching)	Reception/ Daily maintain+ blog(FB) update	Manage the shop	Manage the shop(or English teaching)	Free
Friday	Work in foundation	House clean	Reception/ Daily maintain+	Manage the shop	Manage the shop	Community party/meeting

Type	Work A (BH)			Work B(GS)		
			blog(FB) update			
Saturday	Work in foundation	House clean	Reception/ Daily maintain+ blog(FB) update	Manage the shop	Manage the shop	Free
Sunday	Work in foundation	House clean	Reception/ Daily maintain+ blog(FB) update	Manage the shop	Manage the shop	free

**S:** participants are encouraged to share and to join the discussion of community development and share the future prospect of their motherland.

**AD:** Accommodation will in 72 ART . The address is: 2F, No.72 Yenping road (community library), located in town center. Volunteer can use bike for daily transportation and the bus station, post office or 24h shop are just nearby. **A comfortable blanket** will to offer. So there is no need to bring sleeping bag. **And there will be some packet money around NT\$ 5000 to support daily food, but volunteer has to cook by themselves, or enjoy the delicious local foods in local restaurants.**

\* Internet is always available both in working place and accommodation.

\* There is a washing machine in accommodation.

\* The weather is always changed in the season, temperature could be from 10°C - 30°C please bring the suitable clothes. And please bring the umbrella or raining cost with you.

**L:** A traditional Taiwan typical town in Yun-Lin County, locating on the middle-western of Taiwan. 1hr to Taichung city and 2hrs to Tainan city by public bus.

**Google Map :** 648 雲林縣西螺鎮延平路 92 號

**T: Tao-Yuan international airport.** Passengers need to transfer from Taipei, by King Bus(國光客運) in Taipei Bus Station), to Xiluo Station directly, and it takes 3 hours from Taipei to Xiluo and costs arund NTD\$350.

**LA:** Excursion, exchange parties with local people, eco-tourism (optional), etc. 1hr to Taichung city and 2hrs to Tainan city by public bus.

**SR:** High motivation for learning and respect to local culture. **CGC (Certificate for Good Conduct)+ Application form + 2 references from school or company+** basic Chinese is welcome + **Skype interview** are request. Please offer all documents when apply.

**PF:** Free (VYA and local host will provide meals & accommodations). Volunteers should cover the transportation and living expenses by themselves during free schedule. The local host will prepare **some packet money around NT\$ 5000 to support daily food, but volunteer has to cook by themselves, or enjoy the delicious local foods in local restaurants.**

**Insurance:** we only offer limit insurance to cover third party accident, please make sure you have enough insurance with you.



Volunteers at Xiluo bridge



Riding on the Xiluo Bridge



Xiluo Bridge & river



Louyang Cultural & Educational Foundation



Great night In the Historic house



Wonder Children Garden



Xiluo Old Street



Bike Rider Rest Area



Volunteer eating together



2011 Doing the Art work



The Painting working



English Teaching



backpacker house (work A)



Grocery store(work B)



Your transformation bike



Volunteers room



kitchen



Bath room



Community library



Grocery store

# Taiwan Map

