

# Eden Social Welfare Foundation



2013 伊甸國際志工暑期營隊

## International Volunteer Project

Interested in meeting and working with other young people from different cultural backgrounds?

Interested in changing the world with love and care for the needy while making new friends?

Welcome to explore the beautiful Taiwan with volunteer work at Eden this summer!  
In Eden, we work hard and play hard!

Now is your chance to do international volunteer work and explore Taiwan, one of the most breathtaking islands in the world! Come join our volunteer team and meet the locals and Taiwanese culture as we work along the way. Let's together create the most amazing volunteer experience in the big family of Eden!

**Project duration: 2013/6/24~8/16**

Eligible volunteers: between the ages of 18 - 35 or 16 - 18 with legal guardian consent.

(Volunteers with physical disabilities are very welcome!)

Serving targets: children in need and youth with visual impairments

Work content: sharing native culture, accessible tourism exploration, and much more.

Volunteers are only responsible for the transportation expenses such as plane tickets as well as traveling expenses during off days. Free lunch will be provided at event venue. Successful candidates will have free insurance coverage.

**Prospective volunteers must apply by 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2013.**

**For more details, please contact Eden's staff members via**

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**Schedule for 2013 Summer International Volunteer Project**

Dates	Title/work content	Venue	Target population	Notes
6/24-7/16	1. Orientation 2. Volunteer Training	Eden Taipei Office	International Volunteers	
7/17-7/24	Multicultural Camp for Children of Recent Immigrant Families in Taipei City.	Bread of Life Christian Church in Taipei Guting Gospel Center	Children of Recent Immigrant Families	
7/26-8/2	Summer English Program in New Taipei City for persons with visual impairments	Ban-Cheng Taiwan Friends Church	Youth with visual impairments aged 15-20.	Estimated number of participants: 20
8/12-8/16	Summer English Program for children of recent immigrant families in Taipei City	Bread of Life Christian Church in Taipei Xiangshan Gospel Center	Children of Recent Immigrant Families	

**Volunteer work description:**

1. Eden Social Welfare Foundation is one of the largest NGOs in Taiwan serving communities at home and abroad with more than two thousand employees over the last thirty years. A Christian NGO, Eden remains steadfast over the years to our commitment to serving people with disabilities as well as other communities in need, including low-income families and survivors of natural disasters, to name just a few.
2. We start our volunteer programs every summer since 2009 with youth from all over the world to serve local communities in Taiwan.
3. Our summer volunteer programs in Taiwan include English tutoring for and home-culture sharing with local primary school children of recent immigrant families or other marginalized communities and special programs for students with visual impairments. Volunteers are expected to lead young participants in dances and gospel songs on each day of the program.
4. As members of underprivileged families or marginalized communities, where job opportunities are limited and skipped-generation families prevalent, many young participants of the programs have difficulties achieving academic success due to lack of support and resources at home. Students with visual impairments also face the same, if not greater, challenges.
5. Eden International Volunteer Project provides volunteers with the opportunity to teach English while sharing their home-cultures with young participants. With the

help of volunteers, a broader view of the world, the love for one's local community, and the ability to compete in the future can be achieved among young participants in our programs.

6. In addition to the purpose of continuing our services for the needy throughout many cities and counties on the island, the program also intends to introduce volunteers to the beauty of Taiwanese landscapes and cultures. We have built up close relationships with local communities in Taiwan throughout the years with which we present herein the following programs for the year of 2013 with the hope to make an impact on the lives of individuals in meaningful ways.

- a. Summer English Program in New Taipei City for persons with visual impairments,
- b. Multicultural Camp for children of recent immigrant families in Taipei City,
- c. Summer English Program for children of recent immigrant families in Taipei City.

**Special requirements:**

1. Successful candidates must participate in a 9-day orientation and volunteer training from 24<sup>th</sup> Jun. to 4<sup>th</sup> Jul. prior to working in the programs.
2. Prospective volunteers with disabilities are encouraged to sign up under the precondition that they must be capable of self-support and traveling alone and that Eden Social Welfare Foundation is not responsible for their travel and accommodations. Volunteers must have their travel plans and accommodations fully arranged on their own before arrival in Taiwan. Feel free to contact Eden Social Welfare Foundation for more information.
3. Applicants who are 20 y/o and above are preferred.
4. Members of Christian communities are encouraged to apply while applications from all prospective volunteers are considered regardless of religious affiliation.
5. Applicants with special skills in singing, dancing, performance art, cooking, storytelling, or team-building are preferred.
6. Potential candidates for our programs must demonstrate the following qualities to have their applications considered:  
respect for diversity,  
genuine appreciation of different cultures and values,  
good sense of responsibility, and  
excellent skills in teamwork and interpersonal communication
7. Please note that we cannot review an application until the names and contact information of at least two reference persons, who guarantee the good moral character of the applicant, are provided due to legal requirement for applicants to interact with the underage participants in our programs. Examples of references include professors at higher education institutes, volunteer supervisors, or pastor

or priest of your local congregation. "Police Record Certificate or Certificate of Good Conduct" must also be submitted if available.

8. Please submit proof of Chinese language proficiency (if available).
9. Each applicant must submit a statement of purpose/motivation letter.
10. Applicants will be contacted for an interview on Skype if passed initial evaluation.