

TEACHER WORKSHOP PROGRAMME : THAILAND : AUGUST 2010

VESL is an overseas volunteer charity looking for people with teaching experience to run a series of workshops for teachers in rural Thai schools

Volunteers will run a series of workshops in rural communities across Thailand, offering a forum for Thai and UK teachers to share ideas and teaching experiences. Volunteers will get the opportunity to live in a local community and experience working in rural Thai schools in addition to gaining a unique travel experience in a beautiful country whilst helping to make a real and lasting difference.

Who are we looking for?

- Volunteers with **teaching experience**
– PGCE inc. NQT, GTP, BEd & TEFL / TESOL qualified
- Volunteers looking for a **challenging & worthwhile** experience during the **summer holidays in August 2010**
- Email enquiries@vesl.org or visit www.vesl.org to **download application form**

What's in it for you?

- Work with a **team of teachers** and **use your teaching skills** to help **make a real difference** in rural Thailand
- Excellent **professional development**, gaining an **insight into education** in Thailand and form **links with overseas schools**
- A fantastic opportunity to **travel through Thailand**, led by an **experienced co-ordinator**, and take part in this **exciting cultural exchange**

Subsidised Programme Costs - VESL is a charity (no 1117908) and every step is taken to keep costs to a minimum, however, we do need to ask volunteers to contribute towards the cost of the programme.

We are asking volunteers to contribute **£750** towards the 2010 programme.

This heavily subsidised contribution covers **training, all internal travel (inc. internal flights), your accommodation, comprehensive travel, medical & liabilities insurance, co-ordination costs & in-country support.** *Please note - Volunteers must cover their own return flights & visa.*

Funding Your Placement

VESL provides a '**Guide to Fundraising**' including case studies and advice on how to make a success of fundraising and access resources such as the Just Giving website. Previous volunteers have successfully **raised their full contribution** through a variety of personal fundraising and applications to local teaching councils for CPD grants or to British Council funds. Many schools are also keen to support teachers' fundraising activities.

To find out more... and apply:

Interviews for the workshop programme will take place at events in **November, January & March**. Please apply early to avoid disappointment and don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Download the application form at www.vesl.org : email enquiries@vesl.org : call **0845 094 3727**

Programme Dates:

- 31st July ● Volunteers arrive in Bangkok.
- 1st August ● Volunteers fly to Chiang Rai for induction session
- 2nd - 6th August ● Workshop Programme (Chiang Rai) :
Volunteers will run 3 workshops for local teachers in the Chiang Rai province of Northern Thailand
- 7th - 8th August ● Weekend off to explore local tourist sites
- 9th - 13th August ● Workshop Programme (province TBC) :
Volunteers will run 3 workshops for local teachers
- 14th - 15th August ● End of project celebration & debriefing weekend

Optional extra – opportunity to live in a community and teach in a local school for a week (*pre / post workshop* – TBC).