

# EDEN SOCIAL WELFARE FOUNDATION

## 2016 SUMMER INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER PROJECT



*Interested in meeting and working with young people from different cultural backgrounds?  
Interested in changing the world with love and care while making new friends?  
Welcome to Eden summer camp! Here 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 team and experience Taiwanese culture along  
the way. Together we can create the most amazing volunteer experience!*

**Project duration: 2016/8/1~8/17**

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 from new immigrant families & youths with visual impairments

Work content: Teaching English and sharing different cultural experiences through fun activities

**Prospective volunteers must apply by 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2016.**

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## Schedule for 2016 Summer International Volunteer Project

Dates	Camp Title	Venue	Target population	Fees
08/01-08/05 (Full Day)	1.Summer Camp for Youth with Visual Impairments	Banqiao Taiwan Friends Church	Youth with visual impairments aged	NT\$ 1,000
08/15~08/17 (Full Day)	2.Yilan Multicultural Summer Camp	San-fu Leisure Farm in Yilan	Children of Recent Immigrant Families	NT\$ 1,500

### Fees:

\*Camps 1 and 2 will require a fee to cover for the volunteer's own food, insurance and other administrative costs

\*There are two ways to be exempted from the charge: 1. Those travelling from outside of Taiwan to attend the camps if they provide us with their boarding passes and do not request Eden to facilitate their visa applications. 2. Those who become volunteer leaders in charge of initiating group discussions to design camp courses, creating, editing teaching materials and other administrative work

### Accommodations:

\*Camp 2 is outside of Taipei, and the accommodation has been arranged by Eden Social Welfare Foundation

\*Volunteers must find their own accommodations for Camp 1 in Taipei

### Volunteer work description:

1. Eden Social Welfare Foundation is one of the leading NGOs in Taiwan serving communities at home and abroad with more than two thousand employees over the last thirty-four years. As a Christian NGO, Eden remains steadfast over the years to our commitment to serve people with disabilities as well as other communities in need, including low-income families and survivors of disasters, to name a few.
2. Since 2009, Eden has held summer volunteer programs, inviting youths from all over the world to serve local communities in Taiwan.
3. Eden summer volunteer programs include English teaching and multicultural activities with local primary school children and teenagers from recent immigrant families, marginalized communities and students with visual impairments. (Volunteers are expected to work together to design creative activities such as singing, dancing, cooking or handcraft from their cultural backgrounds.)
4. As members of underprivileged families or marginalized communities, job opportunities are often limited for the parents, and children are often raised by their grandparents. Many

young participants of the program struggle in school due to the lack of support and resources at home. Students with visual impairments also face the same, if not greater, challenges.

5. Eden International Volunteer Project is designed to empower these children by giving them the opportunity to learn English and fun activities that would allow them to see different cultures around the world, thus motivating them to learn.
6. In addition to serving underprivileged communities in Taiwan, the program also aims to offer the volunteers a chance to experience Taiwanese culture. Throughout the years, Eden has established close relationships with local communities in Taiwan, and hope to make an impact on the lives of the volunteers.

### **Special requirements:**

1. Successful candidates must participate in an orientation and training prior to their camps.
2. Prospective volunteers with disabilities are encouraged to sign with the precondition that they are capable of independent travelling. Volunteers must have their travel plans and accommodations fully arranged before arriving in Taiwan. Eden Social Welfare Foundation can provide assistance where possible.
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 most welcome.
6. Potential candidates for our programs must demonstrate a respect for diversity, a genuine appreciation of different cultures and values, a strong sense of responsibility, and excellent skills in teamwork and interpersonal communication
7. Please note that we cannot review an application until we are given the names and contact information of at least two referees due to legal requirements. Your referee could be professors or teachers at higher education institutes, volunteer supervisors, or pastor or priest of your local congregation. A copy of "Police Record Certificate or Certificate of Good Conduct" should also be submitted if available.
8. Please submit proof of Chinese language proficiency (if available).
9. Each applicant must fill out the online registration form to be found at [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1dOJYb2WhQKDU8T1IJYCbRfGcLsmt83teQxHgKOTDCiw/edit?usp=forms\\_home](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1dOJYb2WhQKDU8T1IJYCbRfGcLsmt83teQxHgKOTDCiw/edit?usp=forms_home)
10. Applicants will be notified for an interview once they have passed the first stages of our evaluation.