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I. After school projects (Cusco)

Project SE.9

Description:	An after-school project for poor children. Every day about 120 children visit the project, whose ages range from 3-17. There is a small library where children can do their homework and three other rooms where various workshops are organized, on topics such as medicinal plants, cooking or painting. In the mornings the project organizes an Early Stimulation Program for children up to 5 years old. In the afternoons older kids attend.
Activities:	Help children with their homework, play with them, organize recreational and creative activities and assist in workshops. Most help is needed in the Early Stimulation program.
Requirements:	Able to work independently with enthusiasm for working with children.
Minimum:	12 weeks (4 weeks possible for helping in the library)
Availability:	This project is closed the first two weeks of January.
Spanish:	Intermediate
Schedule:	Monday to Friday from 8:30am till 12:30pm or 4:30pm till 8:00pm
Capacity:	2 volunteers at a time

Project SE. 12 *Temporarily on hold until further notice.*

Description:	An after-school project organized in different classrooms for children between 3-16 years old. Most of the children come from families whose parents work at the market or sell on the street. The institution offers education and helps the children with their homework as well as other activities. There is also a drop-in center for the elderly; they take part in activities like art, music, and exercises.
Activities:	Due to a shortage of money, they cannot pay the salaries to all the personnel needed. Volunteers are needed to help the children with their (English) homework, organize creative workshops and teach the children about other cultures. Volunteers can also organize activities for the elderly.
Requirements:	Enthusiasm in working with children. Preference is given to volunteers with experience in working with children, such as teachers.
Minimum:	4 weeks
Availability:	Open all year
Spanish:	Intermediate
Schedule:	Variable, either mornings or afternoons from Monday through Friday
Capacity:	4 volunteers at a time



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Project SE. 62 *Temporarily on hold until further notice.*

Description:	This after school project began a little over four years ago. It´s a small place and every afternoon children from 3-12 years old come to the project to do homework, play and do creative activities like handicrafts, theater and dance. The children generally come from the poor urban areas of Cusco.
Activities:	Help children with their homework, organize physical or creative activities and take them for walks. Teach them English.
Requirements:	Motivation and enthusiasm in working with children and an ability to work independently.
Minimum:	4 weeks
Availability:	Open all year. Between mid-December and March public schools in Cusco are closed and many more children attend this project.
Spanish:	Intermediate
Schedule:	Monday to Friday from 2:30pm till 5:30pm
Capacity:	2 volunteers at a time



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Project SE. 66

Description:	A home dedicated to the growth and rehabilitation of abandoned children and their mothers. The younger children, teenagers, and mothers live in a house constructed by the leaders of the project on the outskirts of Cusco, approximately 45 minutes away from the center. Right now they are housing about 20 children and several of their mothers. There are dormitory rooms, a library and study room and a play area for the younger children. Volunteers are needed to encourage children with homework and activities, along with educating children in self-esteem and self-discipline.
Activities:	Volunteers can help both the children and mothers by organizing different artistic and creative activities, helping the children with their homework, participating in housework and providing encouraging self-motivating activities.
Requirements:	Strong personality and enthusiasm working with people of all ages, babies to adults.
Minimum:	4 weeks
Availability:	Open all year.
Spanish:	Intermediate
Schedule:	Monday to Friday from 2:30pm till 5:30pm
Capacity:	Minimum 2 volunteers at a time

Project SE. 68

Description:	This Christian organization was founded about 13 years ago, and in 2008 a regular children's club was started. Located on the outskirts of Cusco, about 50 disadvantaged families live nearby. On average 25-30 enthusiastic but under-privileged children attend, benefiting from educational and play opportunities which aid their development. The directors, pastors of a local church, along with volunteer coordinator Carrie Kleinschmidt, have divided the children into three age groups, developed an English program, refurbished the club room and constructed a sports field and kitchen. This is a growing project and volunteers are making a big contribution to its development and to the future of the children in this community.
Activities:	There is an organized but flexible timetable which consists of English teaching through arts, crafts, games and songs; educational games; help with homework; pre-school activities; sports and skills workshops (e.g. jewelry, music, art) for the older children. This project is open to volunteers with an interest in any of these areas.
Requirements:	Motivation and enthusiasm to work with children of varying ages, and an ability to work both independently and with other leaders.
Minimum:	4 weeks
Availability:	Open all year; closed for a few weeks during the Holiday season
Spanish:	Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced
Schedule:	Tuesday through Friday from 3:30 – 6:30 pm
Capacity:	Up to 8 volunteers per week, due to the different age groups, work areas and 1-on-1



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Project SE. 94 *Temporarily on hold until further notice.*

Description:	This Peruvian, non-profit organization works with children in the District of Oropesa, about 45 minutes outside of the center of Cusco. The project began in November 2010 with the objective of providing educational support to the children so that they will have better opportunities in the future. They currently work with approximately 45 children between the ages of 5 and 13 years old.
Activities:	Support the children through homework help, reading comprehension, mathematics, traditional dance, physical education, English classes and art programs. Teach them about your country and culture.
Requirements:	Volunteers who have the ability to work independently, have plenty of patience and the enthusiasm to work with children of different age groups.
Minimum:	4 weeks
Availability:	Open all year.
Spanish:	Intermediate
Schedule:	Monday to Friday from 2:00pm till 5:00pm
Capacity:	2 volunteers at a time

II. Centers of Physical or mental rehabilitation for adults (Cusco)

Project SE. 14

Description:	Home for elderly people. The home is run by a religious order with friendly nuns who love having volunteers around.
Activities:	Various kinds of work related to the care of elderly people: personal attention, physical therapy, serving meals, and aiding in the maintenance of the residence. The elderly people love having foreigners around and start smiling the moment you walk in the door. The volunteers' desire to help out is very much appreciated by the nuns and the residents.
Requirements:	Motivation and enthusiasm for working with elderly people.
Minimum:	4 weeks
Availability:	Open all year.
Spanish:	Intermediate
Schedule:	Variable, either mornings or afternoons, from Monday through Friday
Capacity:	3 volunteers at a time



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Project SE. 17

Description:	Hospital for patients with psychological problems.
Activities:	Assist in creative workshops like painting, drawing, pottery making and drama. Converse with the patients. Go out on trips. For psychologists or psychology students there is the possibility to work with one of the psychologists. One of the psychologists takes the volunteers under his care and teaches them as much as possible. Psychology students have been very enthusiastic working here.
Requirements:	If interested in psychology or social work in this project, you must have sufficient education and experience.
Minimum:	4 weeks, preferably longer if you want to work with the psychologists. 4 weeks for volunteers that help in the creative workshops organized by the hospital.
Availability:	Open all year.
Spanish:	Intermediate
Schedule:	Flexible, Monday to Friday between 8:00am and 4:00pm
Capacity:	2 volunteers at a time

III. Centers of Physical or mental rehabilitation for children (Cusco)

Project SE. 1

Description:	Organization that offers special education for handicapped children at a primary and elementary level, as well as practical training for older children and adults in skills such as carpentry and dressmaking.
Activities:	Assist in a class working with deaf and mentally disabled children. Help develop educational materials and recreational activities. Assist in practical projects such as teaching kids how to wash and iron clothes, cook, sew, weave, work in the garden and grocery shop. There is also the possibility to work as physiotherapist, psychologist, social worker or speech therapist.
Requirements:	Enthusiasm in working with handicapped children.
Minimum:	4 weeks
Availability:	This Project is closed from mid-December through January 20.
Spanish:	Intermediate
Schedule:	Monday through Friday, from 8:00am till 1:00pm
Capacity:	The institution is able to accommodate up to 2 volunteers



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Project SE. 13

Description:	This is a re-education project for boys between the ages of 10 and 18 who have committed a crime (drug abuse, killed, robbed...). The boys participate in different workshops, such as carpentry, tailoring, shoemaking, helping out on the land and caring for animals. Sports are very important to them and lots of physical activities are organized.
Activities:	Teach English, organize sports and creative workshops. There is also the possibility to work as a psychologist or social worker.
Requirements:	Enthusiasm to teach; maturity and understanding needed to handle this challenging environment.
Minimum:	8 weeks
Availability:	Open all year.
Spanish:	Intermediate
Schedule:	Monday to Friday, approximately 4 hours per day.
Capacity:	3 volunteers at a time

Project SE. 15

Description:	A clinic run by a religious order that offers free medical treatment (or for a symbolic fee such as a bag of rice or corn) to poor people. They also have a home for mentally and physically disabled children. The institute is mostly self-sufficient in that they grow their own corn, potatoes and vegetables in greenhouses and have numerous animals that they keep for their own consumption.
Activities:	They need a lot of help with the kids. Volunteers play with the children and feed them, giving them as much attention as possible. Volunteers can also help with organizing fun activities for the children in order to stimulate creativity and necessary skills. Volunteers with medical experience can assist in the hospital in various areas such as general medicine, ophthalmology, and physical therapy.
Requirements:	Able to work independently, enthusiasm to work with mentally and physically disabled children. Volunteers need to buy or bring a hospital uniform.
Minimum:	4 weeks
Availability:	Open all year.
Spanish:	Intermediate
Schedule:	Flexible, from Monday to Friday. They need a lot of help around lunch and dinner time
Capacity:	Up to 4 volunteers (2 in the morning and 2 in the afternoon)



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Project SE. 31 *Temporarily on hold until further notice.*

Description:	A project exclusively dedicated to the nutritional rehabilitation of undernourished or malnourished children. Most of the children are 6 months to 3 years old and come from poor families. Mothers also attend. The children come from around 9:00am until 3:00pm. The center has created classrooms where the children receive a sort of preparation before they start kindergarten. The institution is sustained economically by the municipality of Cusco.
Activities:	Assist children and their teachers in the organized activities. Play with the children, organize recreational and creative activities, assist in preparing meals and help feed the children.
Requirements:	Self-motivation and enthusiasm for working with small children.
Minimum:	4 weeks
Availability:	Open all year.
Spanish:	Intermediate
Schedule:	Monday to Friday, from 9:00am till 1:00pm
Capacity:	2 volunteers at a time

Project SE. 88 *Temporarily on hold until further notice.*

Description:	A rehabilitation center for young girls who are the victims of commercial sexual exploitation. Up to 20 girls around 15 years old live for about 7 months in the center and they are not allowed to leave without supervision. Objectives: restore self-esteem, improve the way they think about themselves, teach the girls about the values of society and either reintegrate them into their families or find a way for them to be financially independent.
Activities:	Talk with the girls, teach them, organize activities and assist in workshops and social gatherings.
Requirements:	Able to work independently NOTE: only women can work in this project
Minimum:	4 weeks
Availability:	Open all year.
Spanish:	Intermediate
Schedule:	Varies, depending on the time of the year and the girls' school schedule
Capacity:	2 volunteers at a time



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Project SE. 89

Description:	Institute for children who are deaf or hard of hearing, the project is run by Catholic nuns. The children attend school in the mornings from March to December and a number of them live in the institute. The teachers are trained on special education and the nuns are educators with catholic principles and values and they give them all the love they can. The project is situated in the city center, very close to the school.
Activities:	In the morning, volunteers will aid the teachers in the classrooms. This will involve helping with daily activities, providing support to individual students or groups of students during assignments, aiding with classroom control, collaborating with the teacher, etc.
Requirements:	Patience and happy disposition. Experience in or affinity with deaf children is desirable.
Minimum:	4 weeks
Availability:	Open all year.
Spanish:	Intermediate
Schedule:	Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm
Capacity:	2 volunteers at a time

IV. Centers for social rehabilitation for adults (Cusco)

Project SE. 43

Description:	This institute is for, and run by, blind people with the aim of bringing blind people in the Cusco region together. The institute would also like to teach new professionals how to start and manage a project in order to stimulate independence. The facility has a room for massage therapy and physiotherapy as well as a computer room. The institute is also interested in organizing courses such as marketing, English and accounting to further promote job opportunities.
Activities:	Volunteers are expected to organize workshops or courses for blind people in all kinds of fields, like English, marketing, music, pastry making, massage therapy, automation, agronomy, etc. In addition to this, the institution needs eye specialists and dentists to give medical treatment.
Requirements:	This project is especially suitable for people with experience in one of the fields mentioned above. The organization needs medical help (such as general practitioners, dental hygienists, and medics) and assistance with workshops on creating jobs. Furthermore, they have five computers and are receiving a software donation which will enable them to talk to the computers and work with them.
Minimum:	4 weeks
Availability:	Open all year.
Spanish:	Intermediate
Schedule:	Flexible
Capacity:	2 volunteers at a time



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Project SE. 61

Description:	This is a rehabilitation center for drug addicts and alcoholics coming from the lowest band of society. It is run by rehabilitated drug addicts. The center has a rigid schedule, as what these people need is discipline and order in their lives. Lots of participants are not allowed to leave the center during their rehabilitation process. Needs are numerous as the center does not receive any official funding. Nevertheless, the project has high hopes for the future; they want to organize lectures in colleges and universities to talk about addiction, which is still taboo in Peruvian society. This project is located 40 minutes by public transport from the city center.
Activities:	Most people live in the center and despite the daily schedule, don't have much to do. Distraction during both the mentally and physically painful process of rehabilitation is very important for these people. Volunteers are needed to create this distraction by conversing with them or by organizing activities. Volunteers are also able to teach English classes if they are willing and able.
Requirements:	A strong character, patience and kindness. Also a background in psychology, social work, therapy, or similar backgrounds, would be useful.
Minimum:	4 weeks
Availability	Open all year.
Spanish:	Intermediate
Schedule:	Monday to Friday, varies depending on the volunteer
Capacity:	2 volunteers at a time

Project SE. 69

Description:	This is an organization that works in developing the more urban and rural areas that have a higher percentage of poverty. The people in these areas often come from extreme poverty and are learning how to grow in self-esteem, self-identity and in creating a more hopeful future for themselves. This project deals mostly with adults who are working towards their future through manual labor (constructing highways and gardens) and classes dealing with education in specific areas, such as creativity, sciences and psychology.
Activities:	Volunteers can help with construction or work in creating a special class or workshop for the people. These classes should deal namely with developing further self-esteem or education in a specific area dealing with creativity, work, health, etc. Volunteers also take care of the kids whose mothers are helping with the construction and with the organization of sports tournaments for the people.
Requirements:	Able to work independently along with enthusiasm for creating workshops dealing with particular themes that aid in self-development. Volunteers with experience in social sciences, anthropology and psychology are very useful.
Minimum:	12 weeks
Availability	Open all year.
Spanish:	Intermediate
Schedule:	Monday to Friday from 8:30am till 12:30pm or 4.30pm till 8:00pm
Capacity:	No minimum number of volunteers



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Project SE. 100 *Temporarily on hold until further notice.*

Description:	This is a center which provides training and education for poor families and families that have troubles with violence and alcoholism. They run workshops in textiles, woodwork, beauty and computers. They have a psychologist as well.
Activities:	Volunteers are greatly needed to help look after the young children who come to the project with their mothers, so that the mothers can attend the workshops with fewer distractions. Volunteers with relevant skills could assist in the workshops.
Requirements:	Motivation and enthusiasm in working with children and an ability to work independently.
Minimum:	4 weeks
Availability:	Open all year.
Spanish:	Beginner-advanced
Schedule:	Monday to Friday from 2:00pm till 4:00 pm.
Capacity:	2 volunteers at a time

V. Food Centers (Cusco)

Project SE. 83

Description:	This Christian organization was founded in 1968 and directs its work to those people in Cusco that are in the most need. They have executed the following initiatives: Feeding Centers, Social Assistance Centers, Primary and Secondary Schools and Technical Capacitating Centers. Currently they provide eight food centers. Many inhabitants of Andean communities are undernourished, so this organization provides both adults and children with breakfast and lunch in the feeding center.
Activities:	Assist the people in the food center – serve adults and kids their meals, help in the kitchen, talk to the people and give them some attention. Also support them with hygiene.
Requirements:	Able to work independently, motivation and enthusiasm to work with kids as well as with adults.
Minimum:	4 weeks
Availability:	Open all year.
Spanish:	Intermediate
Schedule:	Monday to Friday from 11:00am till 2:00pm; on Sundays volunteers can help with breakfast
Capacity:	2 volunteers at a time



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VI. Orphanages (Cusco)

Project SE. 42

Description:	An orphanage for 40-50 girls between the ages of 10-17. These girls have come from broken homes, abandonment and abuse. This home serves as an environment where they can be cared for, educated, and encouraged in self-esteem and morality. The home is large with dormitories for the girls divided by age groups. There are small classrooms which are used for sewing, teaching English, knitting and making different artisan products to sell in the city.
Activities:	The orphanage is in need of volunteers who are willing to help organize a teaching program for learning English and to help in the encouragement of self-esteem and morality as well as assist in the sewing and knitting classes. Workshops in these fields are also greatly appreciated.
Requirements:	Enthusiasm for working with children with difficult backgrounds.
Minimum:	4 weeks
Availability:	Open all year.
Spanish:	Intermediate
Schedule:	Variable, either mornings or afternoons from Monday to Friday
Capacity:	2 volunteers at a time

Project SE. 76

Description:	It is a home for young boys aged 6 to 16 who come from troubled or broken homes. They are looked after by this home that is supported by the state. They feed and clothe the boys and work on therapy with their families as well. The building consists of dormitories, a sport field, a computer room, offices and a common area. They also give the boys workshops in weaving and shoemaking (If there is a teacher available)
Activities:	Helping the kids with their homework, giving computer classes, doing sport, teaching English and all kinds of other activities.
Requirements:	Patience and enthusiasm working with children who have gone and are going through a challenging childhood. After the volunteer observes for the first week, the director requires a general work plan for what the volunteer would like to do for the remainder of his/her time volunteering.
Minimum:	6 weeks
Availability:	Open all year.
Spanish:	High-Intermediate
Schedule:	Monday to Friday from 8:00am till 12:00pm or 2:30pm till 5:30pm
Capacity:	The amount of volunteers in coordination with the director



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Project SE. 90 *Temporarily on hold until further notice.*

Description:	This is a home for boys from 6 to 17 years. These boys found themselves in serious harm and abandonment, and most of them are orphans. As these children had received serious maltreatment, the program 'padrinazgo' was started. This enables people from Peru and abroad to sponsor a child and help with his or her education. They have a nice building with a game room, a sickbay, a little chapel and garden. Different workshops are held, such as carpentry, shoemaking, tailoring and baking.
Activities:	Helping with homework, taking them out to play, teaching English or teaching them a trade such as carpentry, bakery, drawing etc.
Requirements:	Enthusiasm, self-motivation.
Minimum:	4 weeks
Availability:	Open all year.
Spanish:	Intermediate
Schedule:	Mornings or afternoons, depending on the number of volunteers at the project
Capacity:	2 volunteers at a time

Project SE. 91 *Temporarily on hold until further notice*

Description:	This project is located close to the airport and is a home for girls from 6 to 16 years old. These girls found themselves in serious harm and abandonment, and most of them are orphans. They have a nice building that consists of dormitories, small classrooms, a kitchen, a dining room, offices as well as a playground and a garden. They also have some animals.
Activities:	Helping with homework, playing and giving them a lot of love and attention.
Requirements:	Enthusiasm, self-motivation and ability to work independently.
Minimum:	4 weeks
Availability:	Open all year.
Spanish:	Intermediate
Schedule:	Flexible
Capacity:	2 volunteers at a time



Project SE. 102

Description:	This is an orphanage founded in 1985 that is part of the 'Fundación por los niños del Perú' ('Foundation for the children of Peru') whose objective is to support Peruvian youth by offering them basic needs and a family. One of the reasons that these orphanages were started was due to the terrorist organization 'Shining Path' that affected many children's lives and left many children without a family. Currently, there are 53 boys and girls living here, between the ages of 6 months and 17 years old. The children are mostly divided in all-boys or all-girls houses which they call 'casitas'. There are six 'casitas' in total and 5 to 8 boys or girls live together in each with a 'mom' or 'tutor'. The moms live at the site as well as the director, Visitacion. One day a week – which can be any day- the moms have a day off to spend time with their family. On these days a 'tia' (aunt) will come in to take care of the kids.
Activities:	During the school year, the kids arrive from school around 1:00pm and have lunch. They finish lunch around 2:30pm. At 3:00pm, the volunteers will come in and will help the kids out with their homework. After homework time, volunteers have the option of organizing different activities like arts and crafts (they LOVE to draw), games (UNO, Connect Four, etc.) and maybe conducting an English class. It is important to always consult the mom before engaging in any activity as the children are not allowed to go outside without permission from the mom. The volunteer can also help by doing some household chores. You can help the moms with the cooking (or make your own favorite dish and stay for dinner!), cleaning, washing and sometimes bathing the kids.
Requirements:	Motivation and enthusiasm to work with children and to work individually.
Minimum:	4 weeks
Availability:	All year
Spanish:	Beginner
Schedule:	3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Capacity:	2 volunteers



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VII. Orphanages (Sacred Valley)

Project SE. 81

Description:	This is a home for boys and girls between 6 and 17 years old. In this orphanage about 10 children find shelter. The house is located in the village of Huayllabamba, about 10 minutes from Urubamba in the Sacred Valley. There is a big garden and some animals including mules and chickens. In the mornings the boys and girls are in school and afterwards come back for lunch. Most times, due to the distance from Cusco and the opportunity to help out at the orphanage throughout the day, volunteers stay on site. The volunteer's room is private and has its own bathroom.
Activities:	Help the children with their homework, organize physical and creative activities, teach English, take them for walks, play soccer, help with the animals and also in the garden.
Requirements:	Motivation and enthusiasm for working with children and an ability to work independently.
Minimum:	4 weeks
Availability:	Open all year.
Spanish:	Basic to Intermediate level of Spanish
Schedule:	Monday to Friday from 3:00pm till 6:00pm
Capacity:	2 volunteers at a time

VIII. Street kids Projects (Cusco)

Project SE. 10

Description:	Project for street children and working children, situated very close to the city center. Most of the children sell sweets and postcards or work as shoe-shiners. Not all of them go to school. In the project they can allow themselves to be a child, relax, eat (if food is available) and learn.
Activities:	Help children with their homework, teach them some English, but more importantly, play with them and organize recreational and creative activities.
Requirements:	Flexibility and ability to work independently.
Minimum:	4 weeks
Availability:	Open all year.
Spanish:	Intermediate
Schedule:	Monday to Friday from 3:00pm to 6:30pm
Capacity:	2 volunteers at a time



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Project SE. 63

Description:	This project is located about 45 minutes outside the center of Cusco and is both a home for boys and girls who are living on the street as well as an after school project. This is a small project with two dormitories for the boys, a room for learning and activities, a small kitchen and an outside bathroom. Volunteers are needed to help with construction and other projects. This project is located in the town of Oropesa, the bread capital of Peru and is a much smaller town than Cusco. The ages of the children range from 7-16 and there are about 15 kids there now. These boys have either been abandoned and found on the streets or come from very poor backgrounds. The main themes that this project promotes are health, education and home.
Activities:	This project needs volunteers both for manual labor to help continue constructing the orphanage, and to assist in activities such as teaching English, helping with homework, art activities, and organizing sport activities.
Requirements:	Motivation and enthusiasm in working with children and an ability to work independently and in a sparsely populated environment. Willing to travel about 45 minutes to the project (via bus) and/or ability to handle labored construction.
Minimum:	4 weeks
Availability:	Open all year.
Spanish:	High Beginner to Intermediate Spanish
Schedule:	Flexible, can be discussed with the person in charge.
Capacity:	For labored volunteer work there is not a minimum number for volunteers. For those who work directly with the children, there is a maximum of 2 volunteers.



EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS

I. Playschools & Kindergartens (Cusco)

Project SE.2

Description:	Kindergarten for about 80 children between the ages of 3 and 5. The school consists of three classrooms and a small playground. Most children come from small, poor communities close to the school.
Activities:	Assist in classes, organize physical activities and teach very basic English classes.
Requirements:	Enthusiasm for working with small children.
Minimum:	4 weeks
Availability:	This project is closed from mid-December until March, and from mid-July till mid-August.
Spanish:	Intermediate
Schedule:	From 8:30/9:00am till 12:30pm
Capacity:	Maximum of 3 volunteers at a time.

Project SE.4

Description:	Kindergarten for 4-5 year old children. There is a small playground and there are two classrooms, both of which can fit about 35 children each. A class assistant is needed to help the teachers. There are a lot of class materials on hand.
Activities:	Assist the children and their teachers.
Requirements:	You must be creative, patient and enthusiastic when working with children.
Minimum:	4 weeks
Availability:	This project is closed from mid-December until March, and from mid-July till mid-August.
Spanish:	Intermediate
Schedule:	Monday to Friday, from 8:45am till 12:30pm
Capacity:	2 volunteers at a time, 1 in each classroom.



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Project SE. 11

Description:	This is a pre-school for 3-5 year old children and it was founded especially to help single mothers take care of their little ones while they go to work. The school consists of a playground, a classroom/ lunchroom, a kitchen and a bathroom. The children are given breakfast and lunch when possible.
Activities:	Help the teachers and assistants, teach the children songs and games, take care of them, and help feed them.
Requirements:	Enthusiasm to work with small children.
Minimum:	4 weeks
Availability:	This project is closed from mid-December until February, and from mid-July till mid-
Spanish:	Intermediate
Schedule:	Monday to Friday from 9:00am till 1:00pm
Capacity:	1 volunteer at a time

Project SE. 36

Description:	This is a kindergarten that has children between 4 and 5 years old. They have a little kitchen and a dining room and give the children food at 10:00am. The building materials were bought with donations from a wealthy family, but it was the parents of the children who did the building work. This project needs a psychologist and enthusiastic people that can assist with the classes.
Activities:	Class assistants, teaching the little children games, taking care of them and helping with the food.
Requirements:	Enthusiasm, innovation, and commitment to this kind of work. An ability to work independently. A person with a degree in psychology is also needed.
Minimum:	4 weeks
Availability:	This project is closed from mid-December until March, and from mid-July till mid-August.
Spanish:	Intermediate
Schedule:	From 8:30am till 1:00pm
Capacity:	Up to 2 volunteers at a time



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Project SE. 77

Description:	In this kindergarten there are 75 kids between 3 and 5 years. This place is for children who come from poor or broken homes and have problems in their families with alcoholism, divorce and abuse. For those reasons they are aggressive in some cases. Five people work in the kindergarten, provide the materials and teach the kids.
Activities:	Assist the children and their teachers.
Requirements:	Volunteers who have patience and have the enthusiasm to work with children.
Minimum:	4 weeks
Availability:	This project is closed from mid-December until March, and from mid-July till mid-August.
Spanish:	Intermediate
Schedule:	Monday to Friday from 8:30am till 12:30pm
Capacity:	2 volunteers at a time

Project SE. 86 *Temporarily on hold until further notice.*

Description:	This kindergarten was founded in 1980 and at the moment 190 children between 3 and 5 years attend. It consists of 7 classrooms (two for the 3 years old and two for the 4 years old; three for the 5 years old) and every teacher has about 25-30 children in the class. This project needs a psychologist, because they also have problematic kids, as well as teachers, nutritionists and all enthusiastic people that can assist with the classes and like to work with children.
Activities:	Help the teachers and assistants, read with the children, teach them songs and games as well as English. Share your culture and customs. Organize and participate in excursions with an educative character.
Requirements:	Volunteers who have the patience and the enthusiasm to work with little children.
Minimum:	4 weeks
Availability:	This project is closed from mid-December until March, and from mid-July till mid-August.
Spanish:	Intermediate
Schedule:	Monday to Friday from 9:00am till 12:30pm
Capacity:	3 volunteers at a time



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Project SE. 92 *Temporarily on hold until further notice.*

Description:	Kindergarten for 3-5 year old children. It consists of one classroom, a little sports field close by and one teacher that takes care of and teaches all the kids. That´s why she needs a lot of help from the volunteers. The children´s parents do not have the money to pay for a school uniform and all the materials are given to them from other kindergartens. So there they have a place to bring and educate the kids. The mothers rotate in preparing lunch.
Activities:	Assist the children and the teacher. Plan different kinds of activities depending on your skills and knowledge.
Requirements:	Enthusiasm for working with small children.
Minimum:	4 weeks
Availability:	This project is closed from mid-December until March, and from mid-July till mid-August.
Spanish:	Intermediate
Schedule:	Monday to Friday, from 8:45am till 12:30pm
Capacity:	1 volunteer at a time

II. Primary & Secondary Schools (Cusco)

Project SE. 74

Description:	This is a school for children from ages 4 to 16. It is located at quite a distance from the city center and the kids come from the rural areas around the school. Most of them come from homes that deal with a lot of violence and poverty as well.
Activities:	Help the teachers with the daily routine. There is an opportunity to teach as well, for example, Math or English. It is also possible to do other types of activities such as sports, music, sharing your culture, organizing workshops or construction.
Requirements:	Volunteers who are patient, like to teach and have the enthusiasm to work with children.
Minimum:	4 weeks
Availability:	This project is closed from mid-December until March, and from mid-July till mid-August.
Spanish:	Intermediate
Schedule:	Monday to Friday from 8:00am till 12:30 pm
Capacity:	2 volunteers at a time



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Project SE. 79

Description:	This is a school for children between the ages of 6 and 17 years old. It is situated very close to the city center and about 3000 students attend the school. In the morning it is a primary school, in the afternoon a secondary school and at night children that work during the day go to school. They do not get a lot of help from the government, so all support is appreciated.
Activities:	Help the teachers with the daily routine. There is an opportunity to teach as well, for example, Math or English. Organize (cultural) workshops or do other types of activities such as sports, etc. You can also help with painting or construction work.
Requirements:	Volunteers who have patience, like to teach and have the enthusiasm to work with children.
Minimum:	4 weeks
Availability:	This project is closed from mid-December until March, and from mid-July till mid-August.
Spanish:	Intermediate
Schedule:	Monday to Friday from 8:30am till 1:00pm
Capacity:	2 volunteers at a time



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Project SE. 101

Description:	This is a publically-funded school in the northern foothills of Cusco, with roughly 200 students between the ages of 4 and 12 attending the school. Many of the students are from the outskirts of Cusco and do not always have access to many resources, including clean clothes and nutritious food. Having said that, the students still come to school with lots of energy and always with a smile on their face. There are opportunities to volunteer in each grade level, from kindergarten to sixth grade, and each class has about 25 students in each classroom. Volunteers are expected to stay in each class that they choose for at least one week, and will then rotate accordingly.
Activities:	Classroom management – help the teachers with the class activities which may consist of helping students with math, Spanish or art exercises. English class is also an ideal time for the volunteer to help out, with the possibility of them even leading the lesson if they feel comfortable enough. As there are many students and they have lots of energy, the current director would like volunteers to help with physical activities during recess as well as during physical education class. Any activities that the volunteers can come up with to help the students release some of their pent-up energy would be ideal.
Requirements:	Motivation and enthusiasm to work with children and an ability to work individually. Willing and able to juggle multiple tasks at once.
Minimum:	2 weeks
Availability:	This project is closed from mid-December until March and from mid-July until mid-August
Spanish:	Beginner
Schedule:	8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Capacity:	3 volunteers



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III. Primary & Secondary Schools (Sacred Valley)

Project SE. 70

Description:	This is an elementary school in the village of Coya. Coya is situated 10 minutes from Pisac and by foot it is 30 minutes away. There is a direct bus connection however between Cusco and Coya and it takes about an hour. The children who attend school are between the ages of 6 and 12 years old and the education level is from first to sixth grade. The children who attend the school are mostly from the rural areas around Pisac, and most of them speak Quechua as a first language.
Activities:	The volunteers can help by shaping up the garden and painting the wall that surrounds the school. The director would like to see educational art on the wall. Furthermore, volunteers can teach English and assist the teachers in their daily routine.
Requirements:	Enthusiasm for working with children.
Minimum:	4 weeks
Availability:	This project is closed from mid-December until March, and from mid-July till mid-August.
Spanish:	Intermediate
Schedule:	From 8:30am till 12:30pm
Capacity:	4 volunteers



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Project SE. 71

Description:	This is the biggest school in the Pisac region and it consists of an Elementary school and a High school. In total it has about 970 students. There is a direct bus connection between Cusco and Pisac and it takes about an hour. The children who attend school are between the age of 6 and 16 years old. The children who attend the school are mostly from the rural areas around Pisac. The school area is quite big and consists of 30 classrooms, an auditorium, bathrooms, a kitchen/dining area, an office and a big playground.
Activities:	The volunteers can help by shaping up the garden, painting the walls that need painting or repainting some of the images depicted on the walls in the whole school. Furthermore they can teach English in the elementary department, assist the teachers in their daily routine and participate in the program which focuses on teaching the kids certain things during sports activities.
Requirements:	Enthusiasm for working with children.
Minimum:	4 weeks
Availability:	This project is closed from mid-December until March, and from mid-July till mid-August.
Spanish:	Intermediate
Schedule:	From 9:00am till 12:30pm
Capacity:	4 volunteers

Project SE. 72

Description:	This is an elementary school in the village of Taray. <i>(Due to the heavy rains in the rainy season of 2010, they had to relocate to Pisac.)</i> The children who attend school are between the age of 6 and 12 years old and the education level is from first to sixth grade. The children who attend the school are mostly from Taray but a big part is from the rural areas around Pisac. The parents usually are poor and prefer this school because the school fee is only S/15 instead of the S/50 other schools charge. The children also get breakfast at school.
Activities:	The volunteers can help by shaping up the garden, painting the kitchen and the dining room, teaching English, assisting the teachers in their daily routine, paint and or repair the slides and swings that need fixing.
Requirements:	Enthusiasm for working with children.
Minimum:	4 weeks
Availability:	This project is closed from mid-December until March, and from mid-July till mid-August.
Spanish:	Intermediate
Schedule:	From 9:00am till 12:30pm
Capacity:	4 volunteers at a time



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Project SE. 80

Description:	This is a secondary school for children from 12 to 17 years old. This school is located in Yanahuara, close to our school in the Sacred Valley. They have around 200 students, most of which come from homes that deal with a lot of violence and poverty as well.
Activities:	Help the teachers with the daily routine. There is an opportunity to teach as well, for example, Math or English. It is also possible to do other types of activities with the kids, such as, sports, preparing materials, sharing your culture etc. Volunteers with relevant experience can also work as a psychologist.
Requirements:	Volunteers who have patience and the enthusiasm to work with children.
Minimum:	4 weeks
Availability:	This project is closed from mid-December until March, and from mid-July till mid-August.
Spanish:	Basic level of Spanish
Schedule:	Monday to Friday from 8:00am till 2:00pm
Capacity:	2 volunteers at a time

Project SE. 93

Description:	This is a primary school for children from 6 to 12 years old. This school is located in Yanahuara, close to our school in the Sacred Valley. They have around 150 students, most of which come from homes that deal with a lot of violence and poverty as well.
Activities:	Help the teachers with the daily routine. There is an opportunity to teach as well, for example, Math or English. It is also possible to do other types of activities with the kids such as sports, preparing materials, sharing your culture etc.
Requirements:	Volunteers who have patience and enthusiasm to work with children and who like teaching.
Minimum:	4 weeks
Availability:	This project is closed from mid-December until March, and from mid-July till mid-August.
Spanish:	Basic level of Spanish
Schedule:	Monday to Friday from 8:00am till 1:00pm
Capacity:	4 volunteers at a time



HEALTH PROJECTS

I. Hospitals & Clinics (Cusco)

Project SE. 95

Description:	A Dentist Clinic that provides services in orthodontics, teeth whitening, root canals, implants, and dentures. They have professionals for each of these areas that provide quality care to each patient.
Activities:	This clinic is only available for shadowing, as it is not in need of any financial nor social help. You will be able to observe and see how dentistry is done in Peru.
Requirements:	Studies in dentistry or related subjects.
Minimum:	Flexible, but preferably 4 weeks
Availability:	Open all year.
Spanish:	Intermediate-Advanced
Schedule:	Monday to Friday, either mornings or afternoons
Capacity:	1 observer at a time

Project SE. 99

Description:	A Parochial Medical Clinic based in a poorer area of Cusco which also serves villages outside of Cusco through outposts and a traveling clinic. They offer all sorts of medical treatments including general medicine, ophthalmology, maternity, alternative medicines, physiotherapy and psychology.
Activities:	Volunteers with relevant experience and qualifications will be able to work in their specialization. Based on qualifications and experience volunteers can also assist doctors in the traveling clinic which regularly visits poor communities outside of Cusco. General help in the hospital is also required.
Requirements:	Professionals, Pre-medical and medical students with interest in volunteering in the health sector.
Minimum:	4 weeks
Availability:	Open all year
Spanish:	Intermediate
Schedule:	Flexible
Capacity:	4 volunteers at a time (in different areas of the clinic)



CULTURAL PROJECTS

I. Cultural Centers & Museums (Cusco)

Project CT. 4

Description:	Museum in Cusco
Activities:	Translate and help with the development of educational plans, among other activities.
Requirements:	Experience in the cultural field.
Minimum:	4 weeks
Availability:	Open all year.
Spanish:	Intermediate
Schedule:	Flexible
Capacity:	Up to two volunteers at a time

Project CT. 8

Description:	This is an institution of Art and Culture founded in 1946. It plays a very important role regionally, nationally and even internationally. It is located in a gorgeous colonial building which used to house the famous Cusqueñan school in the 17th and 18th century. Nowadays it offers all types of courses, for example photography and ceramics, as well as official courses to train art teachers.
Activities:	Help give classes or assist in one of the 5 specialties: *Graphic design *Sculpture *Painting/drawing *Conservation and restoration of works of art *Smelting works The main idea is the exchange of knowledge between the volunteers and the institution. They are very open-minded towards techniques used in other countries.
Requirements:	Volunteers who are studying, or have studied, art or something art related. Enthusiasm for working with different kinds of people.
Minimum:	8 weeks
Availability:	Open all year.
Spanish:	Advanced
Schedule:	Monday to Friday from 8:00am till 12:00pm and 2:00pm till 8:00pm. The work hours will be discussed with the person in charge.
Capacity:	2 volunteers at a time



CULTURAL PROJECTS

Project CT. 12

Description:	A center that tries to rescue, preserve and promote traditional weaving techniques in the Cusco area. They market and give real value to the garments made by artisans using old weaving, knitting and dying techniques. Apart from the commercial aspect, they organize workshops and health and education campaigns within the different communities where they work.
Activities:	Depending on the skills and education of the volunteers, development of pamphlets and arranging the exhibitions in the centre. The design and publication of a catalogue for local and foreign customers is also needed. Volunteers can also participate in the workshops organized by the center in diverse communities of Cusco: workshops on designing, dying and general administration.
Requirements:	Knowledge of anthropology, sociology, marketing or handcraft techniques is appreciated.
Minimum:	12 weeks
Availability:	Open all year.
Spanish:	High-Intermediate
Schedule:	To be arranged with the director
Capacity:	2 volunteers at a time

Project CT. 13

Description:	This is a cultural centre that works with local communities to help sale their products. They are self-sufficient and could really use some help from volunteers. They also work with two other organizations which are focused on sustainable business for the farmers living in the rural areas of Cusco.
Activities:	Help improve the website and publicity. Manage and assist in accounting for the two artisanal stores. Most volunteer work is related to marketing and social media, but some volunteers may have the opportunity to work hand in hand with the communities and help them develop and sell their products.
Requirements:	Volunteers who are studying or have studied business management, drama, anthropology, social work or web design and IT. Enthusiasm to work with different kinds of people.
Minimum:	4 weeks
Availability:	Open all year.
Spanish:	Intermediate-Advanced
Schedule:	Monday to Friday from 9:00am till 1:00pm.
Capacity:	2 volunteers at a time



CULTURAL PROJECTS

ProjectCT.14

Description:	This is a small museum that works to educate people on the good uses of Coca leaves. The owners have many great ideas and good goals, including: entering into schools and giving educational presentations to kids, re-building a good reputation for the coca leaf, and selling delicious coca products. Many people have a misunderstanding of Coca because of the drug that has given it a bad name. The "Museo de Coca" aims to show the health benefits and good that comes from this plant.
Activities:	Helping with translations in the museum, creating attractive advertisements, preparing Coca products to be sold, along with other tasks within the museum.
Requirements:	Studies in international business, accounting, public relations, marketing or other business related degrees. The ability to be creative and flexible. A passion for helping restore the reputation of this important crop in Peru.
Minimum:	4 weeks
Availability:	All year long
Spanish:	Intermediate-Advanced
Schedule:	Monday through Friday. Flexible hours from 9:00 till 5:00.
Capacity:	1 volunteer at a time.

ProjectCT.15

Description:	This is a museum and store that displays the benefits of the medicinal and therapeutic plants of the Incas. It focuses on the shamanistic traditions and herbal plants of Peru, including: Coca, Tabaco, Willka, San Pedro Cactus and Avahuasca. The museum organizes scientific, cultural and artistic events.
Activities:	Helping with the marketing, finances, and administrative work of the museum and store. Working on translations and the attractiveness and professionalism of the displays.
Requirements:	Volunteers who are studying marketing, public relations, business, graphic design, and other related subjects to help this museum.
Minimum:	6 weeks
Availability:	Open all year.
Spanish:	Advanced
Schedule:	Monday to Friday, flexible.
Capacity:	1 volunteer at a time.



II. Sports (Cusco)

Project SE. 44

Description:	Local sports organization that offers facilities and training for a number of different sports to the whole population of Cusco. They offer sports such as are taekwondo, volleyball, gymnastics, athletics and basketball.
Activities:	Training, coaching and organizing sports tournaments for poor children from the different schools and projects that are invited to the sports fields of the club.
Requirements:	An enthusiasm both for sports and for teaching and training children.
Minimum:	4 weeks
Availability:	Open all year.
Spanish:	Intermediate
Schedule:	Flexible
Capacity:	3 volunteers at a tim



CULTURAL PROJECTS

III. Tourism & travel agencies (Cusco)

Project CT. 1

Description:	Work in Amauta Spanish School in Cusco
Activities:	Work as a Student Coordinator: to attend the general needs of students in the office, arrange airport pick-ups, organize and participate in student activities, organize orientation meetings and excursions. There is also a possibility to work in the Sacred Valley school.
Requirements:	Enthusiasm; organizational skills, good English skills, good communication skills (both oral and written), experience in customer service. Volunteers will need to bring their own laptop
Minimum:	2 months (bed and board may be provided.)
Spanish:	High intermediate
Schedule:	Variable
Capacity:	1 volunteer at a time

Project CT. 9

Description:	Work in Dos Manos Peru, the travel agency linked to the AMAUTA SPANISH SCHOOL. Specializing in cultural and educational tours in and around Cusco, including Machu Picchu. Also, help with sales of train tickets, airfares and other excursions.
Activities:	Office work (administration and telephone), promotional activities, sales of excursions to clients, participate in some excursions, organize transfers and pick-ups, e-mail correspondence, creation of new programs and developing new parts of the website.
Requirements:	Enthusiasm; good English skills, good communication skills (both oral and written), some experience in tourism/customer service. Volunteers will need to bring their own laptop
Minimum:	2 months
Availability:	Open all year.
Spanish:	Intermediate
Schedule:	Variable
Capacity:	1 volunteer at a time



ECOLOGICAL PROJECTS

I. Animal Shelters & Zoos (Cusco)

Project CT.16 *Temporarily on hold until further notice.*

Description:	A Zoo and center for Rescued wild animals, about 30-40 minutes bus ride outside of Cusco. This Zoo houses native species from the area, they also work to protect endangered species and care for injured animals.
Activities:	Volunteers will be involved in tasks such as preparing and distributing the food for the animals, cleaning the center and the enclosures and guiding groups.
Requirements:	Volunteers should feel comfortable with animals
Minimum:	4 weeks
Availability:	All year long
Spanish:	Intermediate
Schedule:	From 8am – 5pm
Capacity:	4 volunteers at a time.



ECOLOGICAL PROJECTS

Project CT.17

Description:	A relatively large dog shelter that is located about 30 to 40 minutes outside of the center of Cusco. The project was started in 2003 and currently houses 120 dogs, the majority of which have been either abused in some way or suffered some kind of injury during their short life. At the shelter the dogs are offered treatment, vaccinations and care until the moment that they get adopted into a new home. The owners work in many capacities, including protecting the animals and providing general care, educating Peruvian citizens, monitoring adopted dogs, informing and guiding new owners and much more.
Activities:	Much of the work at the shelter consists of passing out food and water, cleaning the pens and simply hanging out and petting the dogs. Depending on the amount of volunteers and the daily tasks, some volunteers may be asked to travel with management and certain dogs to the veterinarian for a checkup, but this is not common.
Requirements:	Motivation and enthusiasm to work with dogs and the ability to work together with other volunteers. Must not be afraid of dogs or getting dirty while on the job. Willing to travel to project via bus.
Minimum:	2 weeks
Availability:	All year
Spanish:	Beginner
Schedule:	8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Capacity:	3 volunteers



ECOLOGICAL PROJECTS

II. Conservation & Sustainability (Cusco)

Project CT.18

Description:	<p>This is a non-profit association involved in the struggle and relief from poverty, biodiversity management, recognition and strengthening of communal traditional rights on biocultural resources, and the promotion of institutional changes and policies relevant to conservation and development.</p> <p>The association works cooperatively with indigenous organizations at the communal level in the development of adaptive models of indigenous biocultural heritage that affirm the rights and responsibilities of the communities and strengthen food sovereignty and local sustainability.</p> <p>It is also a pioneer in the promotion and establishment of Biocultural Heritages Areas, based on an innovative strategy that combines conservation and sustainable use of agrobiodiversity and landscape in the development of new strategies of local sustenance and poverty reduction. The Potato Park project is an emblematic project of this new proposal of conservation-development.</p>
Activities:	<p>Volunteers will work primarily in an office setting assisting with several activities aimed at the marketing and promotion of the valuable services that ANDES provides. Some activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting the communications, development of agendas and budgets, and organization of visits • Preparing information and images for sharing on the web and social media • Maintaining website (update information and develop new articles) • Supporting the publication of annual print and e-newsletter • Design and print post cards, brochures, and other fundraising materials • Possible translation tasks (depending on language skills) • Possible opportunities to travel to Potato Park (Parque de la Papa) to work on the grounds
Requirements:	<p>Motivation and enthusiasm to work in an office setting to promote the association. Willing and able to juggle multiple tasks at once.</p>
Minimum:	<p>4 weeks</p>
Availability:	<p>All year</p>
Spanish:	<p>Beginner</p>
Schedule:	<p>9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.</p>
Capacity:	<p>2 volunteers</p>