Volunteering Opportunities in India (2023-24)

SMILE NGO, India

(Medium and Long term Projects)
Organization Background Details:-

SMILE Society (Situational Management & Inter Learning Establishment Society) is a registered Non profit working for these underprivileged communities around the state of West Bengal since 2003. On August 31, 2003, a team of volunteers led by Mr. Debabrata Chakraborty (Renowned Social Activist), formed SMILE Society. SMILE mission is to provide volunteers with a customised program (workcamp, medium term, long term) that will enable them to make an important contribution to these poor and needy kids from refugee families. Our foremost goal is to "Bring Smile around". We ensure that all volunteers are provided with a safe and enriching experience. Our flexible approach means that you will be given a placement to suit your needs and time scale. All international students are also welcome to take part in our Programme. Our unique placements could become the trip of a lifetime.

LOCATION:

MADHYAMGRAM (8 km from Kolkata Airport)

INDIA is an amazing country with diverse culture and tradition. Interesting people! Explore the country with exciting diversity. Kolkata, the city of joy was known before as Calcutta since the colonial time. This ancient city was used to be the capital of British colonial period. Madhyamgram is a suburb with full of heart. All modern amenities are available in the suburb. Local people are basically belongs to the middle, lower middle and poor class. City Kolkata is known for its busy traffic, huge population, warm weather and poverty around the street corners! It is a great place to visit for every tourist coming to India. Kolkata itself is a great tourist place with its historical value is well connected with many famous and attractive tourist places.

SMILE NGO Long, Medium term Projects & Codes:

1. Refugee Children Informal School (SMILE MLTV01)
2. Street Children Welfare (SMILE MLTV02)
3. Underprivileged Girls Empowerment (SMILE MLTV03)
4. Stray Dogs Welfare (SMILE MLTV04)
5. Urban Organic farming & Nursery development (SMILE MLTV05)
6. Yoga Workshop and community kids teaching (SMILE MLTV06)
7. Girls Self Defence Trainer (SMILE MLTV07)
8. Foreign language teaching (SMILE MLTV08)
9. Intercultural and Language Exchange (SMILE MLTV09)
10. Art and craft teaching to underprivileged kids (SMILE MLTV10)
11. Online Promotional Assistant (SMILE MLTV11)
12. Refugee children project Assistant (SMILE MLTV12)
13. Underprivileged Girls project Assistant (SMILE MLTV13)
14. Experimental Living at Indian host family (SMILE MLTV14)
15. Web content and blog writing Assistant (SMILE MLTV15)
16. Computer literacy Program Assistant (SMILE MLTV16)
17. Dance and Music Teaching Assistant (SMILE MLTV17)
18. Climate Justice Project Assistant (SMILE MLTV18)
19. Youth development program Assistant (SMILE MLTV19)
20. Aquaculture and Pearl farming project Assistant (SMILE MLTV20)

Participation fees:

**Euro 400/head/month (Minimum duration 1 month and maximum 12 months)**

(It is a non-refundable and non-transferable fee that REQUIRED to pay in advance via PayPal (www.paypal.me/kamalasahta) for the full term applied to local host representative, please add 5% extra for PayPal and bank transaction charge).

**Fees includes:** 3 times tasty home made local food, shared dorm room at local host family, public transportation (train/bus) to and fro Project if required, Airport transfer on arrival and departure between 8 am- 6 pm, drinking mineral water, orientation, Limited 24/7 wifi connectivity, training if required (Mon-Fri), Pre departure orientation, emergency support, local language training, Project Supervisor support.

**Fees excluded:** Flight ticket, visa, medical cost, if any personal cost, weekends trip, special trip at the end of the camp, gift, any special food/drinks, insurances, vaccination.

**Date of Joining:** Anytime of the year.
Age: 16 +

Duration: 1-12 months

Services that will be offered to all volunteers:—

1. 3 times local food (organized by the local host family).

2. Shared/dormitory accommodation, non Air cond. (simple type living standard either at hotel/guest house/school building/community house/host family as per available on arrival organized through the local service providers).

3. Airport pickup (volunteers are requested to meet our rep at the meeting point on time. Meeting details would be given through this info sheet. Train station pickup or hotel pickup are not available. Pickup service and accommodation may not available in case of early arrival. If any volunteer comes late then he/she should contact our office (email preferred) in advance and wait for our next available pickup service. Sometimes pickup service may not available on the same day if anyone miss their meeting time and in these cases volunteers are requested to wait for the next day pickup service. Volunteers are requested to stay at the airport lounge if they arrive at night. If any volunteer wish they can stay at any nearby hotel also. (There are plenty of hotels available on the road called V.I.P road, within 2 k.m from the airport gate). Any cab driver can easily drop the volunteer at any nearby hotel. In these cases volunteers are requested to purchase prepaid taxi from the airport inside only.

4. Local member will be available at every project site.

5. Emergency telephonic assistance are available.

6. Emergency personal assistance available (in case of major medical emergency cases only).

Services that will not be offered to volunteers:—

1. Volunteers should not expect any special food, fruits or drinks.

2. Air conditioned room or personal room or room of your own choice or changing room or changing project would not be available.
3. Medical cost, hospitalization cost, medicine cost, personal cost, personal transportation, air ticket, visa fees, entry fees, vaccination fees, entertainment cost, weekends trip cost or any other that are not mentioned in the "service that will be offered "section will not be available. All volunteers are requested to have their own medical and travel insurances available up to date with them.

4. Personal physical assistance outside of the project site are not available. Weekends trips and transportation are not included unless specified as it would incurred an extra fee.

**Accommodation:** Dormitory basis in host family as per available on arrival (on cot with mattress/on floor with mattress, 2-4 volunteers in one room) shared accommodation (normally male & female separate room). You will get accommodation till 6 pm on the last day of your camp. We are unable to provide you any accommodation before or after these dates. Please arrange your own accommodation in case of early arrival or late departure. You are requested to meet our representative at the meeting place on exact time given above. If you arrive early then you can have your stay in any of the different hotels available nearby Airport, within 2-3 km on the road popularly called as V.I.P road. You are requested to take any cab to check in any of these hotels. If you arrive at earlier night then you are requested to stay inside the airport terminal and meet at the next morning with our representative at 12 noon.

**Food:** You will get 3 times local home made food from host family as per available on arrival. Please do not expect any kind of special dishes (veg/non veg) or cold drinks or special living room or air conditioned room during your term. You are requested to get ready for a simple and challenging life.

**Important Points:**

Please be careful about money and do not carry lots of money while going outside.

Please take the permission before taking any picture, respect all the given time schedule carefully and cooperate others in their work. Keep your luggage locked.

Smoking and alcohol are not allowed in and around the accommodation

Be careful about your camera, phone, valuables. Do not show your money and valuables.

Volunteers need to help the local members and respect local culture and tradition.

Giving gifts to any individual kid or any single family are not allowed, if you are interested to give any gift please contact with the project in charge and organize enough for all the kids/families. Please do not bring your camera while working in our projects. Photography in
project area are not allowed.

All kids are equal to us, please do not give any special attention to any particular kid.

Volunteers are requested to pay their living cost soon after they arrive our place.

During orientation all volunteers will go through all the points and explain all the details.

Please bargain a lot before purchasing anything from the local market. Please do not bring outsider at your accommodation or show your whereabouts to any unknown people. It is important for your safety and security.

Volunteers are requested to not to involve in any sexual relationship or hugging or kissing in their accommodation with their co volunteers or in work place with any girls or boys (above 6 yrs).

Please do not make quick friendship with unknown people that can be unsafe for you and always maintain the organization rules, system and the atmosphere of family during your stay with us. Please do not show your whereabouts to any unknown people. Volunteers are always welcome to inform the camp in charge about their problem if they found any. It is very important for us to know if any volunteer face any kind of problem, as early as we know about it, would be easier for us to solve it. We expect all volunteers’ kind cooperation during their stay in SMILE. Please be ready to adjust and flexible while staying in India.

All volunteers are requested to follow strictly the given time schedule for their projects, breakfast, lunch, dinner and returning time to the accommodation (if they go out) should be before 8 p.m if they do not need dinner or before 7 p.m if they need dinner. Entrance door will be closed at 8 p.m on every night.

Try to bring SMILE among all kids. While going out please always carry the accommodation address and organization contact number with you. Please remember that there will be no guide from the organization during your free hour. In emergency you are requested to contact our contact number.

You are requested to bring required docs like passport copies, visa copies, 2 copies of your recent photos etc. which you requested to submit on your arrival to our representative.

**What to bring:** You can follow traditional packing lists, but here are several items that would be particularly helpful for this volunteer experience:

- A bed sheet
- Malaria medication
- Flashlight
umbrella
mosquito repellent with DEET
sunscreen
alarm clock OR watch with alarm clock
journal
sleeping bag
Any games or craft items like Origami would be great for the kids
Rain coat
Snacks from your country
Music/ dress / special souvenir from your country
Medicine and first aid supplies for emergency personal use
Any special games or study material for kindergarten standard kids.

**Clothing:**  - fibrous (ex: linen or cotton or anything that is COOL and dries fast in natural sun)
  - for women, bring conservative clothing that covers the shoulders (ex: shirts with capped sleeves) NO shorts, bikinis, sleeveless clothes outside your own bed room (strictly).
  sandals
  head covering (bandanas, hat)
  towel that dries FAST.

**Laundry and water:** you can use water for washing once in a day . Drinking water and 2 hours/day wifi available ( maximum 4 person at a time) are available in house. Please cooperate with the local members.

**Vaccination:** Please consult with your local hospital. You can check [www.cdc.org](http://www.cdc.org) for more information. Should have Covid 19 vaccination.

**Medical:** All volunteers are requested to look after their own medical expenses and other personal expenses (transportation, medical cost, medicine cost, communicational cost, gift, toilet papers, laundry, drinks or anything that are not mentioned in the living cost section will be volunteers’ own responsibility). Volunteers are also requested to carry your own medical and travel insurances.
Water: Please do not waste water / electricity.

Weekends: Free, You are welcome to travel nearby places but you are requested to return home before getting dark( 5 pm in winter/ 6 pm in summer). Night stay outside during project duration is not permitted due to the safety and security reason. Please cooperate.

Hospitals: There are many good hospitals available near center kolkata ie: Woodlands [24567075-89]; Bell vue Nursing Home[Ph: 2472321].

Railway Booking centre: Foreigner Reservation Counter at Fairlie place near BBD Bag, very near from Esplanade area, Ph: 22206811 ;

Airport: Netaji Suvash Chandra International Airport, Kolkata[ 8 km away from SMILE office and your accommodation].

Head Office location: It is located at Madhyamgram, which is around 20 k.m away from the centre kolkata but just 8 km away from the Airport.

Accommodation: Madhyamgram ( 20 km away from center kolkata, 8 km away from the Kolkata (Cc)u) Airport).

Visa: E-Tourist visa is easy and quick as long as you are a short term visitor and purpose of visit is Tourism. If you wish to volunteer for long term then you should apply for Employment Visa for Volunteering purpose in registered NGO like SMILE Society. You should apply in advance. Indian visa duration starts from the date of visa issued, so make your plan accordingly. You required some documents from our side which our partner or our Volunteer Coordination Incharge will explain you. If any documents hard copy required to send for visa then you required cover the delivery charges on arrival by cash as well. For some country visa on arrival also available for short term Volunteers.

COVID Protocol: Please be sure to follow COVID guidelines implemented by the Indian Govt.

Our all projects are open already. You are welcome to participate in India.

Nearest Rail Station: Madhyamgram

Bus stand: Madhyamgram

Nearest Market: Just 1.5 km away from the accommodation. There are some western type of markets also available ie: A.C Market, Forum, city centre, New Market around Esplanade and park street etc.

Tourist places: Museum, Victoria Memorial Hall, Kali ghat [ Goddess kali temple], Maidan, Howrah Bridge, Ganges River [Most pious river among Hindus] etc.

Internet & Phone: There are many internet café and phone booth at city centre. At accommodation, limited WiFi connection available for free.
Transportation: You will have to use the local available group transportation organised for the camp during your term. Airport transfer would be available as per information.

Emergency What’s App Number: 00919830150249

Email: smilengo.kamala@gmail.com,

Orientation: Soon after the Volunteer arrive, they will be taken to host family place to get refresh and take bit of rest before the orientation meeting take place. After the Orientation meeting volunteer will be allowed to participate in the project only.

Our Social Link details:

www.smilengo.org,
www.volunteerwork.in,
www.workcampindia.org,
www.smilengo.in,
www.youtube.com/smilengo1,
www.flickr.com/photos/smilengo,
www.facebook.com/workcamp,
www.twitter.com/smilengo_india,
http://smilengo1.blogspot.in,
Skype:smilengo.india,
ph:0091-9830150249, (Only What’s App)

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Medium & Long term Project Details :-

1. Refugee Children Informal School (SMILE MLTV01)

Target Group for these camps: Helping Children (3-7 years) from the street (mostly refugees) to get basic education, vocational and hygienic training etc. It's an informal school for kids.

Project Background: India having uncountable numbers of street and slum dwellers. There are thousands of poor refugees coming every year from nearby countries and from different small towns and villages to the big cities and most of these families are living in a very poorly condition at slums or on street corners like insects. Normal societies are so busy to deal with their personal daily problems, so have little time for these unfortunate people. So it is really a shame of the so called civilised societies. We have got our few projects for these unfortunate street children at the different locations of big cities. Now there are opportunities available to help and support these unfortunate girls and mothers of the street children in and around Kolkata (ccu) city. Our target to bring smile on children face.

Work & Activities:

* Hygiene education
* Introducing basic English
* Story telling
* Art & craft
* Playing (indoor games only)

Example Daily Schedule:

Wake up early morning: 9 am

Breakfast: 9:30 am

Manual Activities: 10-12 am (painting, cleaning, nursery work etc.)

Lunch at 1 p.m

After lunch: 2-3 pm (Lesson plan preparation)

Late afternoon project activities with Children: 3:30 - 6:30 pm

Dinner: 7 – 7:30 pm (Volunteers required help themselves in serving, washing)

After 7:30 pm exit door would be closed. No one allowed to go out or come in the accommodation after 7:30 pm everyday including weekends.

10 pm bed time
** Please remember that programme schedule or project site can be changed or altered by the Project In-charge if required and all volunteers are requested to cooperate with our local members and partners. All schedule should be followed and mandatory for everyone to participate and contribute **

2. Street Children Welfare (SMILE MLTV02)

**Target Group for these camps:** Helping Children (8-12 years) from the street (mostly refugees) to get basic education, vocational and hygienic training etc. It’s an English teaching session.

**Project Back ground:** India having uncountable numbers of street and slum dwellers. There are thousands of poor refugees coming every year from nearby countries and from different small towns and villages to the big cities and most of these families are living in a very poorly condition at slums or on street corners like insects. Normal societies are so busy to deal with their personal daily problems, so have little time for these unfortunate people. So it is really a shame of the so-called civilised societies. We have got our few projects for these unfortunate street children at the different locations of big cities.

**Work & Activities:**

* Basic English and math teaching
* General knowledge improvement activities
* Encouraging in hand made items
* Teach about Our World
* Hygiene program
* Food distribution Assistance

**Example Daily Schedule:**

Wake up early morning: 9am

Breakfast: 9:30 am

Manual Activities: 10-12 am (painting, cleaning, nursery work etc.)

Lunch at 1 p.m

After lunch: 2-3 pm (Lesson plan preparation)

late afternoon project activities with Children: 3:30 - 6:30 pm

Dinner: 7 – 7:30 pm (volunteers required help themselves in serving, washing)

After 7:30 pm exit door would be closed. No one allowed to go out or come in the accommodation after 7:30 pm everyday including weekends.

9:30 bed time

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3. Underprivileged Girls Empowerment (SMILE MLTV03)

Target Group for these camps: Empowering Girls from refugee families. These girls get basic education, vocational and handmade product training etc. It's an informal training center for girls.

Project Background: India having uncountable numbers of street and slum dwellers. There are thousands of poor refugees coming every year from nearby countries and from different small towns and villages to the big cities and most of these families are living in a very poorly condition at slums or on street corners like insects. Often these families bring their children to help them in begging, household work, rag picking activities, even some girls been forcibly thrown to the dark life of prostitution. So it is really a shame of the so called civilised societies. We have got our few projects for these unfortunate street girls to train them and bring confidence in them at our different locations of big cities. Now there are opportunities available to help and support these unfortunate girls of the street in and around Kolkata (ccu) city. Our target to bring smile on ever girls too. Kolkata, the city of joy was known before as Calcutta since the colonial time. This ancient city was used to be the capital of British colonial period. This city has full of heart, people are basically belongs to the middle class. There are also rich and poor people all around. City Kolkata is know for its busy traffic, huge population, warm welcome and poverty around the street corners! It is a great place to visit for every tourist coming to India.

Work & Activities:

* Spoken English
* General knowledge improvement activities
* Teach about Our World
* Help girls to learn how to make handmade products
* Hygiene program

Example Daily Schedule:

Wake up early morning: 9 am

Breakfast: 9:30 am

Manual Activities: 10-12 am (painting, cleaning, nursery work etc.)

Lunch at 1 p.m

After lunch: 2-3:30 pm (Lesson plan preparation)

Late afternoon project activities with Children: 4:30 - 6:30 pm

Dinner: 7 – 7:30 pm (volunteers required help themselves in serving, washing)
After 7:30 pm exit door would be closed. No one allowed to go out or come in the accommodation after 7:30 pm everyday including weekends.

10pm bed time

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4. Stray Dogs Welfare (SMILE MLTV04)

Target :- Welfare activities like food distribution, health care, grooming to cats and dogs from SMILE NGO Domestic Animal Shelter.

Project background details:-

In India dogs and cats are every where on the street living under unprotected and abandoned life. In SMILE family we have a big love for domestic animals basically dogs, cats and so we made a small shelter in 2009 where we take care of few dogs and cats on regular basis. There are huge number of street dogs and cats who are roaming unprotected and struggling for the life and shelter. There are almost no management system from local government available for these animals. There are long and short term volunteering opportunities available every year for these poor needy animals.

Work Activities:-

* Food distribution
* Cleaning and washing shelter
* Grooming stray dogs
* Care giving to stray dogs

Example Daily Schedule:

Wake up early morning: 9 am
Breakfast: 9:30 am (required to prepared by own)

Work hour: 10-12 pm

Lunch at 12:30-1 p.m

late afternoon: 2pm – 5pm,

Dinner: 7-7:30 pm (volunteers required help themselves in serving, washing)

After 8 pm exit door would be closed. No one allowed to go out or come in the accommodation after 8 pm everyday including weekends.
9:30 bed time

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5. Urban Organic farming & Nursery development (SMILE MLTV05)

**Target** :- Encourage Urban organic farming among city dwellers and training youth volunteers.

**Work Background:-**

Exciting sustainable environmental project at SMILE NGO, India!! Save the mother planet. Our taget to develop the Nursery where we make saplings for community distribution. To grow vegetable for street and refugee children everyday food requirement and to aware city dwellers how to grow vegetable even living in small apartment or lawn or even on the roof!! Volunteer Group with motivated youth are welcome!! This project can help to grow organic vegetable and fruit. Let's help us to bring revolution in horticulture and floriculture. International volunteer would have learn how to grow vegetable in urban area where open space not available. Through organic way of farming an farming backyard/roof/lawn or any other place available in any urban house. This project could resolve the food problem among urban based poor and lower middle class people. Also through our rooftop and vertical farming can bring down the carbon footprint. Even a person living on street can grow enough vegetable for him. This project can bring down environmental pollution level in cities if we can spread it around and creat proper awareness. There would be painting activities as well as cultural exchange programme!! Energetic youth group for short or long term would be valuable in this project.

Your volunteers as individuals or groups welcome.

**Work Activities:-**

* Clay preparation
* Watering
* Organic fertilizer preparation
* Care taking of the Nursery
* Growing sapling
* Germination assistance
* Manual activities

**Example Daily Schedule:**

Wake up early morning: 9 am

Breakfast: 9:30 am (required to prepared by own)

Morning Project hour: 10am -12:30pm (or as per project In charge.)
Lunch at 1–2 p.m
late afternoon: 3:30 - 6:30 pm, language, yoga & cultural exchange time for volunteers with marginalized community children.
Dinner: 7 pm (volunteers required help themselves in serving, washing)

**After 7:30 pm exit door would be closed. No one allowed to go out or come in the accommodation after 8 pm everyday including weekends.

10 pm bed time

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**6. Yoga Workshop and community kids teaching (SMILE MLTV06)**

**Target**: Energetic youth from round the world gathered together to learn Indian yoga and meditation to bring Enlightenment in their life and Cure them and learn each other culture.

**Work Details:**

India is always been famous for yoga & meditation. While volunteering for neglected children, international youth can have chance to interact with Indian culture. Volunteers and local family together exchange the culture. Youth volunteers have golden chance to know about the ethnic heritage of East Indian tradition. It would a great fun filled time for groups.

In this project volunteers from round the world would have chance to exchange culture, language, food etc. Yoga and meditation class would be the main part of this project. It would be fun fill entertainment project where Indian family and international youth can have a platform to each other culture and life style. Project would take place in the suburb call Madhyamgram which is just 8 km from Kolkata Airport. Transportation, electricity, shopping places are all around. Nearest rail and bus station is with in 2 km. Life is very simple and peaceful around.

**Tentative Daily Schedule:**

Wake up early morning: 9 am

Breakfast: 9:30 am (required to prepared by own)

Meditation time: 10-12 noon

Lunch at 1-2 p.m

late afternoon activity: 3:30-6:30 pm (Helping underprivileged refugee children in basic education and practicing Yoga with them)

Diner: 7:30 pm (volunteers required help themselves in serving, washing)
After 7:30 pm exit door would be closed. No one allowed to go out or come in the accommodation after 7:30 pm everyday including weekends.

9:30 bed time

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7. Girls Self defence trainer (SMILE MLTV07)

**Target Group** :- Helping girls above 8+ years old (mostly refugees girls) of India to get basic education about self defense and awareness. Daily grown up girls receives support at our center.

**Work details** :- Girls living on street and slum always been victims of the cruelties of the societies. We are looking for energetic youth female volunteers to train our girls the basic and advance self defence. **We welcome only female volunteers in this project.**

**Tentative Daily Schedule:**

Wake up early morning: 9 am

Breakfast: 9:30 am (required to prepared by own)

Manual Activities time: 10-12 noon (Painting, Nursery work, Other manual action)

Lunch at 1-2 p.m

Late afternoon activity: 3-5 pm (Helping underprivileged refugee girls in basic education and practicing self defense with them)

Diner: 7:30 pm (volunteers required help themselves in serving, washing)

After 7:30 pm exit door would be closed. No one allowed to go out or come in the accommodation after 7:30 pm everyday including weekends.

9:30 bed time

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8. Foreign language teaching (SMILE MLTV08)

**Target Group** :- Helping Children between 8-14 years old (mostly from destitute families) of India to
get basic education, vocational and hygienic training etc. Daily more than 200+ families receives support at our different centres around.

**Project Back ground** :- India having uncountable numbers of street and slum dwellers. There are thousands of poor refugees coming every year from nearby countries and from different small towns and villages to the big cities and most of these families are living in a very poorly condition at slums or on street corners. Often these families bring their children to help them in begging , house hold work , rag picking activities, even some girls been forcibly thrown to the dark life of prostitution. Volunteers have chance to teach their own mother tongue to these kids.

**Work & Activities** :- Most important target of the project is to bring smile among these children and provide confidence . Volunteer would use different way of informal education technique to present a unique and attractive way of education programs for these kids. Most of these kids speaks local Bengali /Hindi language but they are very smart and intelligent. so teaching them with the support of local coordinator would not be so difficult. just little bit of patience and involvement can solve this problem easily. All volunteers would go through orientation on arrival and two local language session during this camp. On every afternoon (after lunch) volunteers would prepare the lesson plan for kids. Volunteers would also help local coordinator in other activities like giving shower food distribution, organising drama, story telling and entertainment games for the children. whole action would be run under the supervision of very experienced local project coordinator.

**Example Daily Schedule:**

Wake up early morning: 9 am

Breakfast: 9:30 am

Manual Activities : 10-12 am (painting, cleaning, nursery work etc.)

Lunch at 12:30-1 p.m

After lunch : 1-2:45pm (Lesson plan preparation )

Late afternoon project activities with Children : 3 - 5:30pm

Dinner : 7 – 7:30 pm (volunteers required help themselves in serving , washing )

After 7:30 pm exit door would be closed. No one allowed to go out or come in the accommodation after 7:30 pm everyday including weekends.

9:30 bed time

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**9. Intercultural and Language Exchange ( SMILE MLTV09)**

**Target** :- Energetic youth from round the world gathered together to learn Indian culture, food and bring friendship and learn each other culture.
Project Background:

India is always been famous for its culture, tradition, language and food cuisine. Different culture, dress code, language and cooking style made the country like a continent! While volunteering in this project youth can have chance to interact with the East Indian (Bengali) culture and food. Volunteers and local family together exchange the culture and cook food. Youth volunteers have golden chance to know about the ethnic heritage of East Indian cuisine and tradition. It would a great fun filled time for groups.

Work Details:

In this camp volunteers from round the world would have chance to exchange culture, language, food etc. Local cooking lesson, local language class. It would be fun fill entertainment camp where Indian family and international youth can have a platform to each other culture and life style. Camp would take place in the suburb call Madhyamgram which is just 8 km from Kolkata Airport. Transportation, electricity, shopping places are all around. Nearest rail and bus station is with in 2 km. Life is very simple and peaceful around.

Tentative Daily Schedule:

Wake up early morning: 9 am

Breakfast: 9:30 am

Manual Activities: 10-12 am (painting, cleaning, nursery work etc.)

Lunch at 12:30-1 p.m

After lunch: 2-3 pm (Lesson plan preparation)

Late afternoon project activities with Children: 3:30-6:30 pm

Dinner: 7-7:30 pm (volunteers required help themselves in serving, washing)

After 7:30 pm exit door would be closed. No one allowed to go out or come in the accommodation after 7:30 pm everyday including weekends.

10 pm bed time

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10. Art and craft teaching to underprivileged kids (SMILE MLTV10)

Target Group: Helping Children and Youth to learn Art, craft and Painting. Daily more than 100 families receives support at our different centres around.

Project Background: There are thousands of poor refugees coming every year from nearby countries and from different small towns and villages to the big cities and most of these families are
living in a very poorly condition at slums or on street corners like insects. Normal societies are so busy to deal with their personal daily problems, so have little time for these unfortunate people. Often these families bring their children to help them in begging, household work, rag picking activities, even some girls been forcibly thrown to the dark life of prostitution. So it is really a shame of the so called civilised societies. We have got our few projects for these unfortunate street children at the different locations of big cities. Now there are opportunities available to help and support these unfortunate girls and boys in and around Kolkata (ccu) city. Our target to bring smile on every child.

Work details:

This project is all about bringing smile to all underprivileged refugee children & their mother from the street of kolkata. Providing informal basic education like teaching them different Art, craft and Painting for these children from this downtrodden community would be the main target of the volunteers in this camp.

Tentative Daily Schedule:

Wake up early morning: 9 am

Breakfast: 9:30 am

Manual Activities: 10-12 am (painting, cleaning, nursery work etc.)

Lunch at 12:30-1 p.m

After lunch: 1-2:45pm (Lesson plan preparation)

Late afternoon project activities with children: 3 - 5:30 pm

Dinner: 7 - 7:30 pm (volunteers required help themselves in serving, washing)

After 7:30 pm exit door would be closed. No one allowed to go out or come in the accommodation after 7:30 pm everyday including weekends.

9:30 bed time

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11. Online Promotional Assistant (SMILE MLTV11)

Target Group: Online Promotional activities.

Project Background: We are looking for volunteers who can help organisation in online promotion.

Work & Activities: We are looking for volunteers from different countries to help us in online promotion service online. Creative youth with passionate mind are best for the project. Due to charity status it is really difficult to go for paid advertising. Right now volunteers from native English
speaking countries or from other European and Asian countries are welcome to join the SMILE team as a promotional assistant.

**Example Daily Schedule:**

Wake up early morning: 9 am  
Breakfast: 9:30 am (required to prepared by own)  
Project hour: As per project In charge.  
Lunch at 12:30-1 p.m  
late afternoon: 2 pm - 5:30 pm  
Dinner: 7-7:30 pm (volunteers required help themselves in serving, washing)  
After 8 pm exit door would be closed. No one allowed to go out or come in the accommodation after 8 pm everyday including weekends.  
9:30 bed time

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**12. Refugee children project Assistant (SMILE MLTV12)**

**Target group:** Destitute children from the refugee community.

**Background:** Every year hundreds of thousands families coming from the neighbouring countries in search of food and shelter. There are huge number of children who are below 14 years and living in a very poor condition. No infrastructure or other help coming to these children for their education and health. Since 2003, SMILE is trying to help these kids in basic education and fundamental support through year long informal education and welfare. We require more hands to help these neglected children from destitute communities. It is our year long term goal since last 16 years. We need long term volunteers to help us in this project as project assistant to encourage and motivate this community to send their children in SMILE informal school for their basic education.

**Work Activities:**

* Field activities like making report, visiting community on regular basis.

* Preparing and maintaining background report of every child.

* Organising motivational activities for children and parents.

* Assisting project incharge
**Tentative Daily Schedule:**

Wake up early morning: 9 am

Breakfast: 9:30 am (required to be prepared by own)

Project Hour: As per project In charge.

Lunch at 12:30-1 p.m

Late afternoon: 2 pm - 5:30 pm

Dinner: 7-7:30 pm (volunteers required to help themselves in serving, washing)

After 8 pm exit door would be closed. No one allowed to go out or come in the accommodation after 8 pm everyday including weekends.

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**13. Underprivileged Girls project Assistant (SMILE MLTV13)**

**Target group:** Destitute girls from the downtrodden community.

**Background:** Every year hundreds of thousands of families coming from the neighbouring countries in search of food and shelter. There are huge number of girls who are below 18 years and living in a very poor condition. No infrastructure or other help coming to these children for their education and health. Since 2003 SMILE is trying to help these kids in basic education and fundamental support through year long informal education and welfare. We require more hands to help these neglected children from destitute communities. It is our year long term goal since last 16 years. We need long term volunteers to help us in this project as project assistant to encourage and motivate this community to send their children in SMILE informal school for their basic education.

**Work Activities:**

* Field activities like making report, visiting community on regular basis.

* Preparing and maintaining background report of every girl.

* Organising motivational activities for children and parents.

* Assisting project incharge

**Tentative Daily Schedule:**

Wake up early morning: 9 am
Breakfast: 9:30 am (required to prepared by own)

Project hour: As per project In charge.

Lunch at 12:30-1 p.m

Late afternoon: 2 pm - 5:30 pm

Dinner: 7-7:30 pm (volunteers required help themselves in serving, washing)

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14. Experimental Living at Indian host family (SMILE MLTV14)

Target Group: Cultural and language exchange

Project Background: SMILE always believes in family type of environment!! It is always been a house of volunteers. Organisation always trying bring all international Volunteers to live together with local volunteers as a big family. It is an experimental living initiative where volunteers living as an Indian family and follow Indian culture while helping poor children in needs. Such shelter would be our base point to bring smile around through volunteering. Presently shelter is going on under the observation and guidance of local family of volunteers. We welcome young energetic hard working international volunteers to participate in our mission!! We also welcome groups to come and help us in construction and painting while experiencing living as a family!!

Work details:

* Helping local host family in their daily lives.

* Practice local language (as per available)

* Practice Yoga and Meditation (as per available)

* Helping in painting/farming/dog shelter (as per available)

Tentative Daily Schedule:

Wake up early morning: 9 am

Breakfast: 9:30 am (required to prepared by own)

Project hour: As per project In charge.
Lunch at 12:30-1 p.m

late afternoon: 2 pm - 5:30 pm

Dinner : 7-7:30 pm ( volunteers required help themselves in serving ,washing )

After 8 pm exit door would be closed.No one allowed to go out or come in the accommodation after 8 pm everyday including weekends.

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15. Web content and blog writing Assistant ( SMILE MLTV15)

Target group: Helping Organisation in web content ,blog writing and other editing and writing testimonials of different volunteers.

Work & Activities : We are looking for volunteers from different countries to help us in web content ,blog writing, editing and volunteer testimonials writing activities . Creative youth with passionate mind are best for the project . Due to charity status it is really difficult to go for paid advertising. Right now volunteers from native English speaking countries or from other European and Asian countries are welcome to join the SMILE team as an office assistant to help organisation in web content, blog writing , testimonial preparing .

Tentative Daily Schedule:

Wake up early morning: 9 am

Breakfast: 9:30 am ( required to prepared by own)

Project hour : As per project In charge.

Lunch at 12:30-1 p.m

late afternoon: 2 pm - 5:30 pm

Dinner : 7-7:30 pm ( volunteers required help themselves in serving ,washing )

After 8 pm exit door would be closed.No one allowed to go out or come in the accommodation after 8 pm everyday including weekends.

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16. Computer literacy Teacher (SMILE MLTV16)

Target group:- Destitute children from neglected community.

Project Background:- We are looking for volunteers from different countries to help us in teaching basic computer to these poor children. Creative youth with passionate mind are best for the project. Due to charity status it is really difficult to go for professional teachers and computers. So we need volunteers to come with their laptop and teach these kids. Right now volunteers from native English speaking countries or from other European and Asian countries are welcome to join the SMILE team as an computer literacy program assistant to help organisation. Volunteer should bring their own laptop to teach.

Work details:

* Teaching basic computer
* Helping kids to learn and practice computer
* Organise Workshops
* Helping in other activities like painting, farming, dog shelter, cooking etc.

Tentative Daily Schedule:

Wake up early morning: 9 am

Breakfast: 9:30 am (required to prepared by own)

Project hour: As per project In charge.

Lunch at 12:30-1 p.m

Late afternoon: 2 pm - 5:30 pm

Dinner: 7-7:30 pm (volunteers required help themselves in serving, washing)

After 8 pm exit door would be closed. No one allowed to go out or come in the accommodation after 8 pm everyday including weekends.

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**17. Dance and Music Teaching Assistant (SMILE MLTV17)**

**Target Group:** Helping Children and Youth to learn Dance and Music. Daily more than 100 families receive support at our different centres around.

**Project Background:** There are thousands of poor refugees coming every year from nearby countries and from different small towns and villages to the big cities and most of these families are living in a very poorly condition at slums or on street corners like insects. Normal societies are so busy to deal with their personal daily problems, so have little time for these unfortunate people. Often these families bring their children to help them in begging, household work, rag picking activities, even some girls been forcibly thrown to the dark life of prostitution. So it is really a shame of the so called civilised societies. We have got our few projects for these unfortunate street children at the different locations of big cities. Now there are opportunities available to help and support these unfortunate girls of the street children in and around Kolkata (ccu) city. Our target to bring smile on face.

**Work Details:**

* Teaching dance/music/playing musical instruments to school kids.

* Organising workshop and motivational activities.

* Helping in Painting/farming/manual actions (as per available).

**Tentative Daily Schedule:**

Wake up early morning: 9 am

Breakfast: 9:30 am (required to prepared by own)

Project hour: As per project In-charge.

Lunch at 12:30-1 p.m

Late afternoon: 2 pm - 5:30 pm

Dinner: 7-7:30 pm (volunteers required help themselves in serving, washing)

After 8 pm exit door would be closed. No one allowed to go out or come in the accommodation after 8 pm everyday including weekends.

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18. Climate Justice Project Assistant (SMILE MLTV18)

**Target:** Eliminating single use plastic, training youth to recycle plastic. Plant sapling growing and distribution to reduce carbon emission, encouraging people to use solar energy instead normal electricity.

**Project Background:** Exciting sustainable environmental project at SMILE NGO, India!! Save the mother planet. Our target to develop the Nursery where we make saplings for community distribution. To grow vegetable for street and refugee children everyday food requirement and to aware city dwellers how to grow vegetable even living in small apartment or lawn or even on the roof!! Eliminating single use plastic, training youth to recycle plastic. Plant sapling growing and distribution to reduce carbon emission, encouraging people to use solar energy instead normal electricity. Volunteer Group with motivated youth are welcome!! This project can help to grow organic vegetable and fruit. Let's help us to bring revolution in horticulture and floriculture. International volunteer would have learn how to grow vegetable in urban area where open space not available. There would be painting activities as well as cultural exchange programme!! Energetic youth group for short or long term would be valuable in this project. Your volunteers as individuals or groups welcome.

**Work details:**

- Helping in nursery development activities.
- Organising plastic recycling action.
- Organising workshop and slogan writing.
- Helping in rooftop farming.
- Conducting awareness program among school kids.

**Tentative Daily Schedule:**

- Wake up early morning: 9 am
- Breakfast: 9:30 am (required to prepared by own)
- Project hour: As per project in charge.
- Lunch at 12:30-1 p.m
- Late afternoon: 2 pm - 5:30 pm
- Dinner: 7-7:30 pm (volunteers required help themselves in serving, washing)

After 8 pm exit door would be closed. No one allowed to go out or come in the accommodation after 8 pm everyday including weekends.

- 9:30 bed time

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19. Youth development program Assistant ( SMILE MLTV19)

Target group: Destitute and neglected youth basically boys from the downtrodden community.

Background: Every year hundreds of thousands families coming from the neighbouring countries in search of food and shelter. There are huge number of boys who are below 18 years and living in a very poor condition. No infrastructure or other help coming to these children for their education and health. Since 2003 smile is trying to help these kids in basic education and fundamental support through year long informal education and welfare. We require more hands to help these neglected children from destitute communities. It is our year long term goal since last 16 years. We need long term volunteers to help us in this project as project assistant to encourage and motivate this community to send their children in smile informal school for their basic education.

Work Activities:

* Field activities like making report, visiting community on regular basis.
* Preparing and maintaining background report of every boys below 18 years.
* Organising motivational activities for children and parents.
* Assisting project incharge

Tentative Daily Schedule:

Wake up early morning: 9 am

Breakfast: 9:30 am (required to prepared by own)

Project hour: As per project In charge.

Lunch at 12:30-1 p.m

late afternoon: 2 pm - 5:30 pm

Dinner: 7-7:30 pm (volunteers required help themselves in serving, washing)

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20. Aquaculture and Pearl farming program Assistant (SMILE MLTV20)

Target group: Farmer and Youth Freshers from the downtrodden community.

Background: Aquaculture and Pearl Farming is an initiative to train and educate youth to generate employment.

Work Activities:

* Field activities like cleaning, water changing, food preparation and supply to farm.
* Assisting our coordinator in their activities on daily basis.
* Organising motivational activities during training session.
* Manual jobs are involved with water in water tank and carrying water.

Tentative Daily Schedule:

Wake up early morning: 6 am

Project hour: As per project In charge.

Breakfast: 9 am

Lunch: 1 p.m

late afternoon: 3 pm - 6 pm

Dinner: 7-7:30 pm (volunteers required help themselves in serving, washing)

After 8 pm exit door would be closed. No one allowed to go out or come in the accommodation after 8 pm everyday including weekends. 9:30 bed time

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