

- *Be the Bridge, Be the Change* -
VYA Taiwan
International WorkCamp 2026



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1. What is VYA

Vision YouthAction(VYA) is a non-profit organization that promotes Service-Learning, community based volunteerism and international youth and cultural exchange in Taiwan and around the world. It was fund in 2002 as a National NPO and registered in 2003. The registration number of the Ministry of the Interior is No. 0920036225.

(1) VYA has been

- ※ The **Vice President of NVDA from 2010 to 2014/01 and 2018/02-2020/02.**
- ※ The **Executive committee of IAVE-IRC** (International Association for Volunteer Effort's International Resource Center, IAVE-IRC) from 2005 to 2008.
- ※ **Full Member of NVDA** (Network for Voluntary development in Asia) since 2007.
- ※ **Full Member of CCIVS under UNESCO** (Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service) since 2008.
- ※ **Official Partner Organization of Alliance** (Alliance of European Voluntary Organizations) since 2009.
- ※ **Official Partner Organization of SCI int (Service Civil International)since 2011.**



(2) VYA at a glance (2002-2023)

- ※ 743436: Over 743,436 youths have gotten involved in our voluntary activities since 2002 to 2023.
- ※ 754,000 : Over 19,000 youths have served as volunteers, devoting more than 754,000 hours to social services.
- ※ 6051: Has trained 6,051 youth leaders.
- ※ 700: Has cooperated with over 700 NGOs around the world.
- ※ 38 : Has supported 38 Taiwanese young leaders to intern at NGOs in Washington D.C., USA.



(3) Brief History

Vision YouthAction was founded in 2002 by 30 young leaders who participated in an international volunteer exchange project between Taiwan and U.S.A. From 2002 to 2007, VYA has been successful in setting up a regional youth volunteer center to promote community service projects that lasted from a day to a week. Over 7,000 youths served as volunteers, donating more than 260,000 hours to social services from 2006- 2008. In August 2007, in collaboration with NICE Japan, the first international workcamp in Taiwan was held in a small fishing village in the mid-western coast of Taiwan. Since then, VYA has been developing rapidly and diversely, catering to the large need of projects & motivations of people!



(4) Our Missions and Future Prospects

- ※ To promote youth engagement in public affairs and international voluntary services: We encourage and help youths participate in various kinds of voluntary services. Through voluntary services, cultural exchange, global understanding and friendship amongst world youth and local people have grown naturally through living, working, talking, and laughing together.
- ※ To nurture future young social entrepreneurs: We assist youth in running NPOs with the concept of social enterprise and venture capital, solving social problems efficiently based on a new

business model.

(5) **Activities**

To achieve our missions and future prospects mentioned above, VYA runs the following activities:

- ※ Global Youth Service Day: Working with the National Youth Commission, VYA encourages Taiwanese youths to get involved in community voluntary services. Every year, at least 2,000 youth volunteers are involved in VYA VSTCSP and initiate more than 130 community service projects by themselves.
- ※ Taiwan International WorkCamp: VYA organizes workcamps that bridge the gap between local and overseas NGOs for Taiwanese volunteers. The first Taiwan international workcamp was held in 2007 in cooperation with NVDA and NICE. From 2007 to 2012, the number of projects grew from 1 to 21, the number of international volunteers from 8 to 157, the number of local volunteers from 10 to 619, and the number of countries from 3 to 24.
- ※ VolunteerMatch.org.tw: the first professional online IT system for volunteer management in Taiwan. This website offers NGOs & youth volunteers training courses, applications for service certificates, a database of volunteering opportunities, and consultancy of volunteer management.
- ※ Training Projects for Young Social Entrepreneurs: VYA maps out a series of training projects for young people developing a long-term career in non-profit organizations. By doing so, we cultivate young social entrepreneurs to be equipped with global perspectives, leadership skills, civil values, and the capability of organization and management.

(6) **WorkCamps and Volunteers**

Workcamps are generally for 7-day to 2-week duration enrolling a participation of 5-10 Int volunteers without extra fee. They should be adults (18+). Workcamps are held all over Taiwan.

The work involves creative arts & paintings, cross Generation cultural exchange, teaching children, renovation of traditional house, animal conservation and environmental projects.

MTV project is related on community fundraising and community tourism which is welcoming volunteer who can stay for 6 months or at least 3 months without extra fee.

Special projects for 4 days only, which are related with organic agriculture and creative arts with extra fee USD 150 for supporting local activities.



(7) **Members and Partners**

VYA is completely independent from any political, religious, or economic power. There is 2 full-time staff working for VYA and **10-20** regular volunteers as assistants. The General Assembly/Executive Committee of VYA meets twice a year.

VYA has:

- ※ 2442 members around the world and 672 volunteers in Taiwan.
- ※ 32 local partners and has built partnership with more than 200 local NPOs around Taiwan to promote voluntary service.



(8) **Finance**

VYA is a nongovernmental/non-profit organization, independent from any political and commercial entities.

- ※ Income: 77.57% of our operating expense was generated by the projects and service income, 2.37% from government donations and 19.89% from membership fee in 2019.
- ※ Expense: 4.1% was used in daily office operation, 79.66% was spent on projects, and 16.24% in Staff salary.
- ※ Project cost of workcamps in other Asian countries and weekend workcamps are paid mainly by volunteers.
- ※ Project cost (food, accommodation, etc.) of international workcamps in Taiwan are mainly supported by VYA and local partners (financial source includes NGO partners' budgets, local governments, sponsor foundations, etc.)
In 2023:
Income: Euro 661,072
Expense: Euro 680,777
Surplus: (Euro -19,705)

(9) **Focus Issues of VYA WorkCamp**

- WorkCamp in Taichung City: partnership with Taichung City Hall
- Xiluo WorkCamp: Arts and Renovation of heritage houses in Community
- DZ/XS/DX WorkCamp: Cross-Generation, Cultural and Festival, and Kids camp
- CYCU WorkCamp: Arts, Youth and cultural exchange
- Wuqi WorkCamp: Environmental sustainable, Renovation of heritage houses in Community
- Taisi WorkCamp: Arts, Children Education and Renovation

(10) **Project Areas of VYA WorkCamp**

- North Taiwan: Taipei City, New Taipei City and Keelung City
- Central Taiwan: Yunlin County, Changhua County, Taichung City and Nantou County
- Southern Taiwan: Tainan City, Kaohsiung City and Pingtung County
- Island(2011-2016): **Penghu Island, Matsu Island**

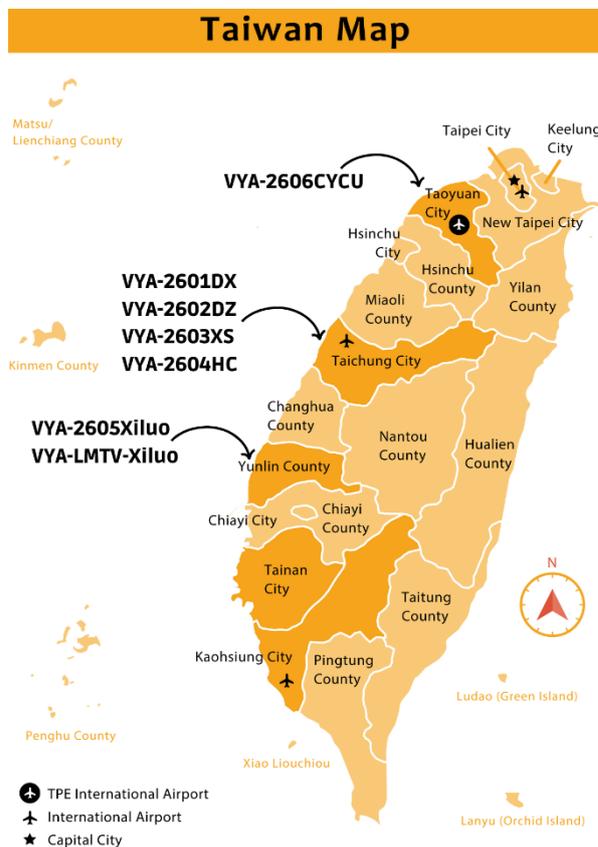
2. Project : Taiwan International Workcamp

(1) Introduction

You're cordially invited to join workcamps in Taiwan! The beauty and diversity of Taiwan await you! Come to experience the hospitality of the Taiwanese people. Here you will have unforgettable memories and make lifelong friends, as all campsites are full of good-natured and warm people.

< All workcamps share the following features (unless mentioned in each project description) >

- ※ Age limit: 18 at least (No maximum). In some projects, we accept children with their parents and in some cases, volunteers ages 16-17 are welcome as well.
- ※ Language: English (Mandarin or Taiwanese is not necessarily required, but welcome!)
- ※ Insurance: We provide limited amount of insurance up to 2 million New Taiwanese Dollars only for accidents during workcamps IN Taiwan.
- ※ Accommodations: There are mostly showers, kitchens and toilets. Basic, but enjoyable enough.
- ※ Study Theme: All workcamps are designed for youths around the world to learn and work on a better future for the global community.



(2) How to apply for Taiwan WorkCamps?

A: Apply through our workcamp partners or NVDA!

Volunteers living outside of Taiwan have to apply through local workcamp NGO partners (members of Alliance Europe, SCI, CCIVS and NVDA) of their own countries instead of VYA (if there are no such NGO partners there, please apply through NVDA (<http://nvda-asia.org/>) (secretariat.nvda@gmail.com)). Only people in Taiwan can send their applications to VYA directly and pay the fees through the following account:

Name of account: Vision Youth Action, CHEN YI-TZU 願景青年行動網協會陳羿足
Name of Bank: Taipei Fubon Bank, Kuting Branch
Bank Address: No.100, Roosevelt Rd., Sec. 3, Taipei City 100, Taiwan
Account Number: 390210-586272

[For more information of our workcamp NGO partners around the world]

Members of Alliance <http://www.alliance-network.eu/>

Members of CCIVS: <http://www.ccivs.org>

Members of NVDA: <http://nvda-asia.org/>

Members of SCI: <https://sci.ngo/>

B: How much should volunteers pay?

- a. **Transportation fee:** Volunteers have to pay for the transportation fee to and from workcamp sites by themselves.
- b. **Registration fee:** volunteers pay the registration fee to VYA according to the following situations. **Food and accommodation during the projects are provided** by VYA & the local partners;

a) From organizations charging no fee to VYA vols.	: No fee
b) From organizations charging some fee to VYA vols.	: US\$300 per workcamp (+)
c) Individual applicants who are living in Taiwan	: NTD5,000 per workcamp (++)
*to encourage more local youth gets involved in workcamp, all of them are free of charge	

* Most of the European/North American/Japanese/Korean partners are a);

Most of the Asian/African/Latin American are b, but in some case we still offer free of charge place for active volunteer from those partner, so please feel free to ask us. .

+ This depends on the agreement with each NGO partner. We usually charge the same amount as they do. However, we may consider reduction/exemption for the partners in “less developed” (developing) countries.

++ People originally from “less expense” countries (GDP: below US\$5,000) receive a reduction to US\$160 or it could be free of charge.

C: Detailed information of the project

1-2 months before the projects begin, volunteers will receive “Information Sheets” (details of the project: what to bring, the meeting place, how to get there, etc.) together with the “Acceptance Letter” and “VYA Volunteers’ Guide” through the partner/sending organizations.

D: Book the flights as soon as your acceptance!

Don’t wait for the Information Sheets; otherwise you may miss the budget flight!

In all the workcamps in Taiwan, volunteers will meet at a bus station or train station in the afternoon of the first camp day. Also, all workcamps end in the morning of the last day.

Some projects are located quite far from the airports and the inexpensive route takes much time. We advise volunteers to arrive at/leave Taiwan at least one day before/after the projects begins/ends. Volunteers should not expect much sightseeing during the projects; please do so before/after the workcamp!

E: Cancellation Policy

Project cancellation due to COVID-19 or other situation in the force majeure clauses, will follow the policy which announced by central government of Taiwan

Please notice that we do request all volunteers to join the entire schedule until the end of the project; if a volunteer leaves earlier, no matter one day or two days...etc, the volunteer has to pay USD300 to cover all the accommodation, food and project cost during their stay in the camp house. If the volunteer stays until the end, we will host the volunteer for free (please follow the registration fee policy) during the project period.

Furthermore, **it will not be possible for the local host or VYA to provide accommodation if you arrive before the start of the project or wish to stay after.** There is hostel information provided in the info. sheet, so please wait for the info. sheet!

(3) Summary and Abbreviation List

3-1 STV / WorkCamp

NO	Type	Code	Title	Location	Dates	Vols	ages
1	CULT/ELD/KID	VYA-2601DX	Folk Culture and Community stories exchange	Taichung	Jul.21 st -28 th	6	18+
2	CULT/FEST/KID	VYA-2602DZ	TAIWAN HALLOWEEN	Taichung	Jul.16 th -26 th	6	18+
3	CULT/ELD/KID	VYA-2603XS	Experience the folk culture of Xisanliao Village	Taichung	Jul.9 th -18 th	8	18+
4	ENVI/RENO	VYA-2604HC	Make River and Old Houses Smile Again	Taichung	Aug. 10 th -28 th	8	18+
5	RENO/COM	VYA-2605Xiluo	Old House Reconstruction	Yunlin	July. 7 th -18 th	10	18+
6	CULT/COM	VYA-2606CYCU	The charm of the old town	Taoyuan	Jul.21 st -28 th	8	18+

3-2-LMTV : Old House Renovation and Culture Exchange in Xiluo

NO	Code	Dates	Vols.
M1	VYA-LMTV-Xiluo-2601	MAR 24th- at least 3-6 months	2
M2	VYA-LMTV-Xiluo-2602	JUN 24th- at least 3-6 months	2
M3	VYA-LMTV-Xiluo-2603	Sep. 24th- at least 3-6 months	2
M4	VYA-LMTV-Xiluo-2604	Dec. 24th- at least 3-6 months	2

(4) General Qualification

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ※ Strong motivation for voluntary work (Special skills and abilities are not necessary) ※ Responsibility to follow rules of VYA & its partners and full cooperation to run the workcamp ※ Great efforts to understand and respect cultures of the hosts and other volunteers ※ An open mind to make friends, speak English (in the groups) and the local language ※ To adapt to and enjoy simple living conditions
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While the workcamp is fun and refreshing, but if you're just looking for pure entertainment during your vacation, please don't apply; we recommend you go on your own. If you're there to enjoy volunteering, contribute to building a better world, and connect with local residents and other volunteers, you're warmly welcome!

(5) WorkCamp Detail Information

General info of project description

Abbreviation List

W : Type of voluntary work S : Study theme AD : Accommodation and food L : Location GM : Google Map LINK	T : Terminal (The closest big international airport) LA : Leisure Activities WS : Weekly schedule SR : Special Remarks PF : Participation Fees
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5-1 Workcapms

Folk Culture and Community stories exchange

VYA-2601DX, Dongxin; Taichung, Taiwan

21/07/2026–28/07/2026; SOC, DIS, ELDER, KIDS, CULT; 6–10 Vols.



Dongxin Story Exchange workcamp 2026 is an 8-day international volunteer workcamp hosted by Taichung City Chang-You Caring Association in Taichung City.

The workcamp combines three local services—(1) community care for the elderly and meal service, (2) day care services for people with disabilities, and (3) a community supply bank (providing matching donations for disadvantaged families)—with a special program called “Ocean Dreams”: accompanying children and their families on an overnight program at the National Museum of Marine Biology & Aquarium. Through companionship, simple logistical support, and story-based cultural exchange, volunteers help build an inclusive community where seniors, people with disabilities, children, and international youth can learn from and grow together.

The schedule will be planned based on the community's daily services and children's after-school photo schedule. On the fourth day (Friday), the community will host an International Cultural Night and a Marine Dream Pledge Ceremony, where seniors, children's families, and residents will gather to enhance team cohesion and prepare for their early departure on the fifth day.

Achievements over the past years (highlights):

1. Provide ongoing elderly care services, including regular community meals, gatherings, and events.
2. Operate a day care service for people with disabilities and a community supply depot (sorting and distributing donated goods).
3. Organize international cultural exchange activities in collaboration with local temples and community partners.

Aims:

1. Silver Age Vitality: Support senior citizen programs and achieve over 100 participants during the camp.
2. Storytelling Book: Collaborate on the creation of a bilingual community storybook (mini-magazine/PDF) and a 60-90 second engaging video (with consent).
3. Ocean Dreams: Accompany approximately 30 children through an overnight experience at the Ocean Museum, enhancing their confidence and global awareness.

4. Community Inclusion: Attract 50-80 residents to a intercultural exchange evening, strengthening local and international solidarity.

W: Type of voluntary work

Volunteers will assist with various daily community services, including:

1. Assisting with meal preparation, venue setup, and activities at elderly care centers;
2. Participating in community story collection and interviews, and writing stories in English;
3. Supporting daycare program for people with disabilities (excluding personal care) and organizing donated items in the supply warehouse;
4. Organizing and hosting International Cultural Night (including cultural booths, story walls, and greeting cards);
5. Accompanying children and their families on the "Ocean Dream Journey" (including roll call, assisting with group activities, and arranging logistical support for learning activities).

Scope of service: Supportive work only; does not involve medical procedures, personal care, or one-on-one contact with children.

S: Study theme

Community integration in an aging society: elderly well-being, disability inclusion, child care, and community support. Participants exchanged community care practices from their respective countries through informal discussions and story sharing.

AD: Accommodation and food

Accommodation: Dormitory-style rooms at the host community in Taiping District (with shower/toilet). And volunteers are advised to bring their own sleeping bags (more detail will be confirmed on infosheet).

Meals: Lunch is usually provided by the community; dinner will be prepared together or provided by the community or experience local food. And there will be cultural exchange activities where volunteers can cook their national dishes and share them with local.

Breakfast can be self-arranged or provided by the community.



L: Location

Taichung City, Taiwan. Accommodation is in Taiping District; activities are taking place in East District. Taichung is a major city in central Taiwan with convenient railway/HSR connections.

GM: Google Map LINK

Main base (Taiping): <https://maps.app.goo.gl/E7n263U3phBm6sGQ7>

Community activity site (Dongxin/East District): <https://maps.app.goo.gl/Q8fQ3drX4yhLhKKx7>

T: Terminal (The closest big international airport)

Taiwan Taoyuan CKS International Airport (TPE). Or Taichung International Airport.

Meeting point: Taichung Railway Station (suggested) and/or **Taichung High Speed Rail Station, between 1 PM and 5 PM on the first day (to be confirmed)**. Please confirm your arrival information in advance for pick-up and drop-off.

LA: Leisure Activities

Local temple and community culture visits (e.g., Lecheng Temple area), Taichung night markets, and local sightseeing

WS: Draft Weekly schedule (TBC)

Day / Date	Event
Day 1 (Tue 7/21)	Arrival, orientation, team building, welcome dinner
Day 2 (Wed 7/22)	Elderly care service + community walk + story collection
Day 3 (Thu 7/23)	Temple/community exchange + disability day-care/material bank support + Drum Aerobics (drumming fitness) class
Day 4 (Fri 7/24)	Elderly singing exchange + Children Ocean Dreams briefing/safety drill + International Cultural Night & Oath Ceremony (ends by 20:30)
Day 5 (Sat 7/25)	Move to Pingtung with children; Marine Museum visiting; overnight program
Day 6 (Sun 7/26)	Intertidal Ecosystem Exploration; return to Taichung; Buffet dinner
Day 7 (Mon 7/27)	Final evaluation, story book with photos; disability day-care support; relaxation class and farewell night
Day 8 (Tue 7/28)	Cleanup; departures/transfer to station

SR: Special Remarks

1. We hope participants will be passionate about community work, respect local culture, enjoy interacting with seniors and children, and possess a strong team spirit.
July weather is hot and rainy – please bring breathable clothing, rain gear, sunscreen, and mosquito repellent.
2. **Child interaction guidelines:** One-on-one contact with children is prohibited. Roll call will be taken. Respect children's permission and privacy regarding the use of photos/videos.

3. Emergency plan: In case of a typhoon or heavy rain during the event, the "Ocean Dream" project will be changed to an indoor educational visit (museum/creative workshop) in Taichung, along with additional story creation/presentation sessions.

PF: Participation Fees

1. There is no participation fee for this program. We will cover the costs of accommodation, meals, and all activity materials. However, please note that you are responsible for your own transportation to the meeting point and any personal expenses.
2. Participants should purchase their own overseas travel insurance that covers the entire trip.

Local Host organization: Taichung City Chang-You Caring Association (Taichung, Taiwan).

Taiwan Halloween

VYA-2602DZ; July. 16th -26th ; Taichung City; CULT+FEST+COM; 6Vols



Taichung Port, located in the Wuqi District of Taichung, is the second-largest international commercial port in Taiwan and the 97th largest in the world. MITSUI OUTLET PARK is the first seaport-themed shopping mall in the Taichung port district of Taiwan.

Our community, Dazhuang Community, is situated in the Taichung port district and is the largest community in Wuqi District with a strong agricultural culture. The blend of urban and traditional cultures makes Dazhuang Community a unique cultural feature in the area. It also has the highest population of both elderly and young people, with one out of every nine residents being an elder. As a result, Dazhuang Community has been dedicated to taking care of the elderly and will organize more plans and activities for teenagers in 2019. With more volunteers joining the community, we hope to offer better care and education to the elderly and young people and infuse much vigor into the community.

Goals:

1. Learn about the culture of Chinese Temple in Taiwan.
2. Volunteers can participate in health promotion activities with elders and share their exotic cultures with children to broaden horizons and give local people unique country experiences.
3. We hope that the younger generation in the community will be able to introduce our unique features to international volunteers, making them more interested in participating in our community activities during and after the camp.

Work:

1. Elders company: The community holds health activities five times a week. Volunteers will participate, design interesting games, and prepare performances so that elders can experience different country cultures, have fun, and learn new things from different perspectives.
2. Assist in preparing for local Halloween and Ghost Festival ceremony: Prepare for the annual **Zhongyuan** Festival (Ghost Festival) activities of Chinese Dao temples with community people and share ghost-related festive culture in your countries with everyone.
3. Organize cultural activities for children: Organizing various cultural sharing activities, including sharing national cultures, your hometown, games, music, dance, or food, to help local children learn about cultural diversity and broaden their horizons.

Accommodation:

1. All participants will stay in the community in dormitory. Boys and girls will live separately. **Wash machine and dry machine provided (TBC).**
2. -Breakfast: participants can choose in local shops. And the host will cover the meal expenses.
3. Lunch: will have lunch with elders on every Monday, Wednesday to Sunday. Participants need to prepare by group rotation and local host will provide ingredients.
4. Dinner: Participants need to prepare by group rotation.

Location: Dazhuang Community of Taichung City, Taiwan

No.1, Ln. 168, Wenhua St., Wuqi Dist., Taichung City 435, Taiwan

Google Map: 台中市梧棲區大庄社區發展 <https://maps.app.goo.gl/8ssD8RpdMAQEyKYn7>

Meeting point: Shalu TRA Railway Station(沙鹿車站)

(Participants must take Taiwan Railways, “not Taiwan High Speed Rail.”)

Notice: NOT TAICHUNG TRA STATION, either TAICHUNG High Speed Rail (HSR) Station!

TIME : First Day, between 1400-1600pm.

SR:

1. Please note that the schedule is subject to change due to potential inclement weather or geographical limitations. Please remain flexible.
2. Please be aware that volunteers are responsible for their own expenses at free time such as transportation, meals, and anything else.
3. We highly recommend volunteers to bring their own creative ideas for activities, such as traditional/local outfits, games, performances, snacks, arts and cultural items, and other special items to share with local people.
4. It would be great to have local ingredients/sauces that stands for your countries to share with.

PF:

3. There is no participation fee for this program. We will cover the costs of accommodation, meals, and all activity materials. However, please note that you are responsible for your own transportation to the meeting point and any personal expenses.
4. Basic insurance will be provided during project period, but we strongly recommend that you purchase overseas travel insurance covering the entire trip.



Experience the folk culture of Xisanliao Village

VYA-2603XS ; July 9th-18th, TaichungCity,Taiwan; ART, FEST, MUS, ELD; 10 Vols

After the **backgrounds** (partners, aims and histories) of the workcamps;



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Xisanliao Community is situated in Taichung City, in close proximity to Da-Du mountain. Although not located in the countryside, the community retains its rural charm with approximately 60 percent of the residents engaged in farming activities, predominantly cultivating crops such as wheat, rice, and other grains. Over the past decade, the establishment of the Central Taiwan Science Park adjacent to our community has prompted many young individuals to return to their roots.

Adding to the unique features of our community, Taichung International Airport, which was once the largest air force base in the Far East during the 1960s, is situated nearby. Additionally, there is a Japanese school within our community, enriching the cultural diversity of our surroundings. By embracing this diverse range of cultures, we aspire to create a thriving and cohesive Xiu-Shan Community for all its residents.



Aims:

- 1. Preservation Lion Head culture:** During the workcamp, volunteers will make their own lion head and painting. The lion head is an indispensable part of the traditional lion dance performance in Xiushan community. We believe that through hands-on participation in this activity, our community can transform into a vibrant folk art village, promoting our rich cultural heritage.
- 2. Community Health promotion:** Participate in community senior care service activities, with international volunteers leading seniors in health promotion activities (three days a week) to encourage seniors to leave their homes and enjoy their golden years.

- 3. Encourage youth engagement in local activities:** We hope that by having international volunteers participate in community activities, we can make community youth more interested in participating in community activities, have the opportunity to interact and exchange ideas with international youth, and understand cultural diversity.

W:

1. To encourage seniors to participate in community activities and attract them to participate in various community events, the community organizes senior care and support activities, health promotion activities, and cultural and artistic exchange activities five days a week. Volunteers will assist in arranging these activities and facilitating cultural exchanges with local seniors.
2. By experiencing and creating traditional handicrafts such as Songjiang lion head performances, lion head painting, and Ghost Festival rituals, international youth can learn about the local community's traditional culture, thereby protecting and promoting these cultures.
3. To protect the community's important cultural heritage and to take this opportunity to promote and exchange it, this project will invite community kung fu masters, local arts instructors, and craft experts to organize a series of community cultural activities. During the activities, international volunteers can create and paint lion heads in various styles, and experience Songjiang lion dance performances, Guanjiang hand gestures, and Bajiajiang facial mask painting.
4. The event will also facilitate multicultural exchange, as there are Japanese international schools and indigenous schools nearby. International cultural exchanges will take place with them during the event.
5. 60% of the community members are engaged in farming. During the program, international volunteers will also experience farming, weeding in the fields, learning about Taiwan's summer seasonal fruits and vegetables and harvesting, and cooking vegetable dishes to share with the community's elderly.
6. Assisting in the maintenance of the community garden and surrounding environment, including trail maintenance, weeding, and fruit tree maintenance.



Study theme: NO.

AD:

The accommodation is located inside a community activity center, with people sleeping on the floor, and can accommodate 20-30 people. Participants must bring their own toiletries and sleeping bags. The area has bathroom facilities and a kitchen. Three meals a day will be provided by the community, with support by participants or provided by the community host. There will be an international cultural night during the event, where volunteers can prepare international dishes to share with everyone.



L:428 台中市大雅區十三寮活動中心 428 臺中市大雅區平和南路 188 巷

Taichung City, Taoya District, near Taichung (Ching Chuan Kang) International Airport, about 15 minutes by car. It is about a 20-30 minutes drive from downtown Taichung.

Google Map Website: 428 Taichung District, Taichung City Xiushanli Activity Center

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/EJCbkadRGwQLQAUY9>

Meeting point: TRA Taichung Station (台中火車站). First Day at around 1400-1600PM

No.1, Sec. 1, Taiwan Blvd., Central Dist., Taichung City 400, Taiwan

※We will manage to pick you up from Taichung train station to our workcamp site by vans.

T:

- 1) Taoyuan International Airport. Take bus or train to Taichung City, then transfer to CityBus to Taichung City Xiushan community
- 2) Taichung (Ching Chuan Kang) International Airport, take local bus to Taichung City Daya District Xiushan community about (CityBus about 10-15 minutes).

LA:

- 1) Close to Taichung Metropolitan park (about 30 minutes by Bike)
- 2) Community Bicycle trail (Tan-Ya-Shen) links to Tanzi District about 10 km and 3 hours back and forth. (
- 3) Fengjia sightseeing night market

SR:

- 1) Enjoy learning about different cultures, have a strong interest in learning, and respect local cultures

- 2) Volunteers are encouraged to bring traditional children's toys and traditional clothing to share with the local community.
- 3) Volunteers are encouraged to bring small items for cultural exchange, such as music, dances, cultural performances, or introductions of their country's culture to interact with the community.
- 4) Volunteers are advised to bring approximately 10 small souvenirs from the country, such as small cards, trinkets, and local snacks, to interact with the locals on the cultural exchange events.

PF:

1. There is no participation fee for this program. We will cover the costs of accommodation, meals, and all activity materials. However, please note that you are responsible for your own transportation to the meeting point and any personal expenses.
2. Basic insurance will be provided during project period, but we strongly recommend that you purchase overseas travel insurance covering the entire trip.
3. There will be one or two rest day (free day) during the planning period.; please note that you are responsible for all expenses related to activities and meals on free day.



Make River and Old House Smile Again

VYA-2604HC; AUG. 10th–28th ; Taichung, ENVI+RENO+COM; 8 Vols



Wuqi District is located on a plain between the Da'an River and the Dadu River, bordering Qingshui District to the north, Shalu District to the east, Longjing District to the south, and the Taiwan Strait to the west. Today, Wuqi's coastline is connected to Taichung Port. As a coastal town, Wuqi's development history is inextricably linked to the rise and fall of its port.

Wuqi was formerly known as Zhuofaxie and Wuqi Port. During the Daoguang period of the Qing Dynasty, it was called Ao Xi. In the Guangxu period of the Qing Dynasty (1891), it was renamed Wuqi Port, meaning "the phoenix does not perch on places other than Wuqi, does not drink from springs other than the sacred spring, and does not eat bamboo".

On December 25, 2010, Wuqi Township was upgraded to Wuqi District as part of the merger of Taichung County and City into a special municipality. Although the administrative area is not vast, it still has a deep cultural tourism potential, especially its rich cultural assets, such as local historical relics, historical buildings, and local folk culture, which are all worth seeing.

In the past few years of its prosperous years, temples have also become ubiquitous buildings in Wuqi, reflecting the piety of the ancestors to religion and their expectations for life. When the northeast monsoon blows, local eels migrate, leading to a proliferation of seafood restaurants in Wuqi. These restaurants not only satisfy the palates of locals but also allow visitors to experience the daily life of this land.

Aims:

The coastal area of Taichung boasts numerous traditional buildings and is a region where population migration and folk activities flourish. The purpose of this activity is to understand the importance of preserving the environment of the port area and to learn about the historical buildings in the port area of Taichung City, such as the traditional houses in Wuqi Old Street. Participants will learn about traditional architecture and its reuse methods. Furthermore, this activity will allow participants to experience the local customs, industries, and lifestyle of Taichung Port.

W:

1. Cleaning up the waterways in the port area

We will clean up the waterways in the port area to improve the environment and make it a more pleasant recreational area. This work requires physical labor and teamwork.

2. Restoring old buildings and creating new spaces

We will dedicate ourselves to restoring old buildings in the port area and creating new spaces for the community. This work requires creativity and a passion for preserving local history and culture.

We especially welcome participants with backgrounds in visual arts, architecture, landscape design, and spatial planning. These skills are crucial to the success of the project.

We believe these projects have the potential to bring real change to the community. We look forward to working with you to achieve great things! We hope you can join us this summer!

AD:

Accommodation for this event will be provided in shared rooms within the community. Participants are required to bring their own sleeping bags and mosquito repellent. Daily meals will be provided by the community; please inform us in advance of any special requests. Participants can also enjoy local Wuqi cuisine, especially seafood, during their free time.

L: No. 14, Aoxi Rd., Wuqi Dist., Taichung City 435, Taiwan

435 臺中市梧棲區鰲西路 14 號

Google MAP: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/ztADMvWeFE6gpeiu8>

Meeting point: No. 14, Aoxi Rd., Wuqi Dist., Taichung City 435059 , Taiwan

TIME: first day between 1400-1600 pm

Transportation details will be provided on infosheet, which will be sent one month before the project

SR:

We prefer participants who are interested in community service, old house restoration, and space creation, particularly those with relevant background experience in visual arts, architectural design, landscape architecture, and space planning.

PF: NO participant fee.

5. There is no participation fee for this program. We will cover the costs of accommodation, meals, and all activity materials. However, please note that participants are responsible for their own transportation to the meeting point and any personal expenses.

6. Basic insurance will be provided during project period, but we strongly recommend that you purchase overseas travel insurance covering the entire trip.



Old House Reconstruction & Artistic creation in Rural Village

VYA-2605 Xiluo; Jul. 7th-18th; Xiluo, Yunlin County; RENO+ART+Cul+COM; 10 Vols



Project Background and Objectives

This project is initiated in response to the gradual decline of historic town centers in rural Taiwan, where rich cultural landscapes face challenges caused by urban migration, aging populations, and the abandonment of traditional buildings. Xiluo Township, located in central Taiwan, is a representative example of this situation. With a history of more than 360 years, Xiluo was once an important agricultural and commercial hub closely connected to river transportation and regional trade. However, as transportation routes shifted and younger generations moved to major cities, many historic streets and houses were left vacant and deteriorating.

Yanping Historical Street is the cultural heart center of Xiluo. During the Japanese colonial period, the town was planned as a modern model city. Between 1925 and 1945, a large number of buildings were constructed along Yanping Street, forming a unique streetscape characterized by Art Deco facades and hybrid architectural styles. These buildings reflect not only architectural trends of the time but also the economic prosperity and daily life of the town's residents. Today, although 142 historic houses still stand along the street, many of them are empty, weathered, and disconnected from everyday community life.

The purpose behind this project is not only to repair physical structures, but also to restore the relationship between people, space, and local culture. Heritage preservation, in this context, is understood as a living process rather than a static display. Old houses regain meaning only when people enter them, work in them, and create new memories within them.

The project is organized by the Louyoung Education and Culture Foundation, whose mission is to promote cultural preservation, community education, and local revitalization in Yunlin County. The foundation has already undertaken numerous activities, including the restoration of historic buildings, international workshops, and long-term artist residency programs.

We also run the Community college, which focuses on lifelong learning, civic engagement, and community-based education. Through courses and public programs, it encourages residents to actively participate in shaping their local environment and cultural future.

Achievements over the past year

The Lou-young Education and Culture Foundation has collaborated with VYA Taiwan since 2009,

organizing a total of **19 international volunteer camps** to date. Participants have come from **Japan, South Korea, Vietnam, Hong Kong, China, Thailand, Italy, France, Spain, Belgium, the United States, the Czech Republic, and Germany**. Over the years, **300 more** international young people have taken part in the revitalization of Xiluo Township, becoming important partners in local community development.

With the continued support and participation of the volunteer camp, **the Luoyang Education and Culture Foundation launched cultural projects such as the Xiluo Contemporary Art Festival and the Xiluo Old Street Folk Art Festival**. Volunteers also participated in the creation of public art benches next to historical buildings, as well as the restoration and renovation of several historical buildings. These projects transformed historical spaces into open learning venues, making hands-on practice a form of collective education.



Before the restoration of the historic house



International volunteers participating in the restoration of historic houses



restored historic house by volunteers

Voluntary work:

1. The foundation will provide all participants with work gloves and dust masks. Under the guidance of professional instructors, volunteers will participate in environmental cleaning, moving large furniture, and basic bricklaying and painting. These activities will focus on the restoration and revitalization of the historic buildings at No. 110 and No. 112, helping to revitalize the old community and lay the foundation for creating shared learning spaces in the future.

2. The event will take place during Taiwan's summer vacation, when the weather is hot and there is no air conditioning in the historic buildings. Participants are advised to stay hydrated and take precautions against sunburn.
3. Participants will have the opportunity to learn about various organic vegetables and their production process, and experience farm life.
4. We will collaborate with local residents to create public art pieces and improve the community environment.

Accommodation and food

We will stay in Xiluo Backpacker House (No.81). The house is close to Xiluo Cultural Museum and features comfortable beds, air conditioner, toilet, hot shower and kitchen in the House . Volunteers are sure to have a wonderful time here. The backpacker house belongs to Rotary Club of Xiluo. They always welcome the volunteers and as return, we need to maintain good management (to always keep clean, no smoking indoors, etc.).

During the project, we will mainly use bicycles for transportation, so please ensure you are proficient at cycling. We will be cooking our own meals, but there will also be opportunities to eat at local restaurants or purchase packed meals.

Internet access is available at the Lou-young Foundation office, the backpacker house, and the Volunteer House.

Breakfast and Lunch will be provided communally during the camp, and volunteers can dine with local community members. For dinner, a daily allowance will be provided, and volunteers can choose to cook their own meals or explore local cuisine and dining options.

Location and Meeting point

1. Meeting Point : Xiluo Ecological Museum (No. 92, Yanping Rd., Xiluo Township, Yunlin County)
Xiluo Township is a historic town in Yunlin County, located in central Taiwan. It is approximately 50 minutes by bus from Taichung City and 3 to 4.5 hours by bus from Taipei City. More transportation details will be provided in the *Infosheet*
2. Meeting Time: Between 2 P.M. and 5 P.M. of the project first day

Google Map:

Louyoung Cultural & Education Foundation 財團法人雲林縣螺陽文教基金會/西螺生態博物館
<https://reurl.cc/dq8YOM>

Terminal: Taiwan Tao-Yuan CKS International Airport

Leisure Activities:

We'll plan a variety of activities, including short trips, gatherings with locals, Kung Fu (Traditional Martial Arts), puppet shows, cycling, and exploring night markets during free time.

There will be 2 day-off as free day within project. Participants can arrange their own schedules.

Special Remarks:

Please bring your traditional clothing with you as there will be special events such as cultural night and farewell party where at least one volunteer will have the opportunity to showcase their country's traditional attire. This will undoubtedly leave a lasting impression on the locals. The project is expected to conclude on the last day around 12:00 pm, after the accommodation is cleaned and the final evaluation is reviewed.

Please bring your traditional clothing, as there will be special events such as a cultural night and a farewell party, and volunteers are welcome to showcase their country's traditional attire. This will undoubtedly leave a lasting impression on the locals. The project is expected to conclude around noon on the last day, at which time the accommodations will be cleaned and the final evaluation will be completed.

Participation Fees

1. There is no participation fee for this program. Host organization will cover the costs of accommodation, meals, and all activity materials. However, please note that you are responsible for your own transportation to the meeting point and any personal expenses.
2. Basic insurance will be provided during project period, but we strongly recommend that you purchase overseas travel insurance covering the entire trip.
3. There will be one or two rest day (free day) during the free day period.; please note that you are responsible for all expenses related to activities and meals on this day.

More info about Xiluo & Louyoung Foundation

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/louyoung.ngo>

Website: <http://www.louyoung.org.tw/>

Youtube: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLp1FCq_jLJuHYejB_o50FoKbMDwIKPX-P



The Charm of the old town

VYA-CYCU-2606 ; July. 21st -28th; CUL,KIDS ; 5~15 Vols.



Zhongli District in Taoyuan City was originally a Hakka settlement. In Hakka, the valley is called "Li," and the area surrounded by the Laojie River and Xinjie River was called "Jianzai." During the Japanese occupation, this area was renamed "Zhongli Street," becoming a major thoroughfare connecting the north and south.

The area along the Laojie River(老街溪) is known as the "Old Street Area," preserving Japanese-style architecture, century-old shops, and a rich Hakka culture. The Laojie River itself has profoundly influenced the lifestyle of the local residents. However, with the passage of time, many local youths and immigrants are no longer familiar with the historical background of this area. To protect this unique cultural heritage, we hope to raise awareness and interest in the history of the Zhongli Old Street area, thereby achieving the goal of cultural preservation.

Host Organization

Chung Yuan Christian University(中原大學), upholding the Christian ideal of universal love, is committed to the development of higher education with unwavering faith, hope, and love. To encourage faculty and students to participate in society with "love and expertise" and to empower students to apply knowledge in practice through "practical learning," the university established the "Service Learning Program Office" in March 2007. This program was renamed the "Service Learning Center" in March 2008, aiming to systematically and continuously promote service learning courses and programs. The Center encourages students to participate in community service, fulfill their civic responsibilities, and cultivate the core competencies needed for future employment.

In 2019, we expanded our scope of work by taking over the "Taoyuan Youth Volunteer Service Center" from the Youth Development Administration of the Ministry of Education. Our goal is to create a youth-friendly volunteer service platform in Taoyuan and to collaborate with schools, community groups, and organizations to encourage youth participation in volunteer service and enhance the vitality of youth volunteer services in Taoyuan.

Our website : <https://sl.cycu.edu.tw>

Aims:

1. To promote cultural exchange between local and international youth, enhancing their understanding and appreciation of the history and culture of Zhongli Old Street.
2. To foster exchange between different international cultures and broaden children's global perspectives.



Achievements over the past year:

1. Since 2017, the Chung Yuan Christian University Service Learning Center has held numerous one-day local cultural experience workshops to help young volunteers gain a deeper understanding of the local culture.
2. In 2022, we will focus on the Zhongli Old Town (Laojie District), organizing a three-day, two-night local international workshop centered around three themes: "Laojie River", "Historical Shops," and "Historical Buildings." This will allow international students to interact with local youth, thereby gaining a better understanding of Zhongli's history and unique characteristics. Related links are below.

- Laojie River https://youtu.be/yTLu_7XObXs
- Historical Shops <https://youtu.be/F-EnNRDPeS0>
- Historical Buildings <https://youtu.be/aSylPyxDWtw>

3. From 2023 to 2024, we assisted the "46 Lane" cultural sharing space in renovating the first floor space to host arts and cultural activities and exhibitions.

- cultural activities <https://reurl.cc/kMp9Or>
- cultural exhibitions <https://reurl.cc/p9p89b>

4. In 2025, we collaborated with volunteers to integrate Hakka bamboo weaving techniques into the corridors and courtyards of "46 Lanes," blending traditional craftsmanship with historical architecture.

- W:** Participate in community services provided by local communities or non-governmental organizations, and assist in old house renovations and Laojie Rive cleanup work.



S: The Culture of Zhongli Laojie District

AD:

1. Accommodated in volunteer house, where you will sleep on the floor with a mat provided. And Volunteers need to bring their own sleeping bags
2. Meals will be provided by the Chung Yuan Service and Learning Center, but there will be cultural exchange activities where volunteers can cook their national dishes and share them with everyone.
3. In case of any emergency, a local clinic is a 10-minute walk from the accommodation.

L: Zhongli District, Taoyuan City.

GM : 中原大學 <https://goo.gl/maps/BsqLpfBAavbzdSP8>

Meeting point: More detail will be informed on infosheet

PLACE: A22 Laojie River Station (A 22), Taoyuan Metro MRT

TIME: 2:00~3:00pm on first day

Google Map: 320 桃園市中壢區中豐路 289 號

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/JxkxkwuoBjakDFQ66>

T: Tao-Yuan international airport. (<http://www.taoyuan-airport.com>)

LA:

If you are interested in exploring the local culture, we recommend visiting the Longgan Zhongzhen Market or the Daxi Old Street. You can also visit the Taoyuan City Library or the Taoyuan City Library-Longgan Branch. For more detailed information on these and other cultural attractions in Taoyuan, please visit the Taoyuan Tourism Guide website at <https://travel.tycg.gov.tw/en>.

SR:

Enjoy learning about different cultures, have a strong interest in learning, and respect local cultures as well as the cultures of other international volunteers.

PF:

7. There is no participation fee for this program. We will cover the costs of accommodation, meals, and all activity materials. However, please note that you are responsible for your own transportation to the meeting point and any personal expenses.
8. Basic insurance will be provided during project period, but we strongly recommend that you purchase overseas travel insurance covering the entire trip.
9. There will be one rest day (free day) during the planning period.; please note that you are responsible for all expenses related to activities and meals on this day.

5-2 Mid/Long Term Volunteer Projects

Old House Renovation and Culture Exchange in Xiluo

VYA-LMTV-Xiluo, Xiluo Township, Yun-Lin County, Taiwan, RENO, ART, CULT, COM; 2vols.

Work: RENO/ Edu/KIDS

Vols: 2

Age: 25 - 40

Location: Xiluo Township, Yun-Lin County

Requirements: CGC + Application form + 2 references+ basic Chinese is welcome + Line or what's app interview

NO	Code	Dates	Vols.
M1	VYA-LMTV-Xiluo-2601	Start from MAR. ~ at least 3month	2
M2	VYA-LMTV-Xiluo-2602	Start from JUN. ~ at least 3 month	2
M3	VYA-LMTV-Xiluo-2603	Start from SEP. ~ at least 3 month	2
M4	VYA-LMTV-Xiluo-2604	Start from DEC. ~ at least 3 month	2

W : Type of voluntary work S : Study theme AD : Accommodation and food L : Location GM : Google Map	T : Terminal (The closest big international airport) LA : Leisure Activities SR : Special Remarks PF : Participation Fees SBN : Sleeping Bag is Not necessary
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* For Accommodation

, **CV** = Cooked by Volunteers **MP** = Meals are provided.

【 Project Background 】 Xiluo Township

Xiluo, located in the middle of Taiwan the northeast Township of Yunlin County, is situated in the Zhuoshui River alluvial fan valley which decrease progressively from the east to the south. The great Xiluo Bridge is one of the most famous landmarks in Taiwan and has been standing on the River for 68 years. You can not only admire the beautiful sunset, but also enjoy the historical atmosphere and the typical Taiwanese culture in Xiluo old street.



Night view of the Xiluo Bridge



The traditional Puppet show & musical



Chinese Kung Fu



handcraft experiencing

During your stay in Xiluo, you can also learn Mandarin Chinese speaking, and traditional Chinese Kung Fu, experience the Taiwanese Puppet show, learn some handcraft skills, of course, make friends with local people. Moreover, you might go to primary school to have Culture Exchange or teach English. Furthermore, we are also running a the community college. You might have chance to prove your friendship in Taiwan with local partners.

Between 1925 and 1940, nearly 200 western-style Street-Houses were built on Xiluo Old Street.

Throughout the past years, historical buildings of Yanping Road have witnessed the rise of business prosperity and the cultural development of Xiluo. Louyoung Culture and Education Foundation aims to protect those historical buildings and their identity and try to promote Xiluo's culture and art to improve the quality of life.

To improve the dynamic of the city, we would like to invite international friends to come join the social work. It is not only a voluntary work but also a great opportunity for cultural exchange and know more Taiwanese.

Participants will also have the opportunity to visit local artists, join local activities, experience ecotourism in their free days, exchange with local people and enjoy their warmth and friendliness.

【 About the Xiluo street 】

Yenping old street was widened by 15.5 meters, with brick sidewalks on either side, trees were planted and power lines were installed to improve the comfort of its inhabitants. During the 1925-1940 period, there were many styles visible on Yenping street house.

Nowadays, there are 142 elegant houses remaining from this period. Most of them were built 100 years ago. Back in that time, Yenping Historical Street was the town center, a busy street fill with various traditional shops but 15 years ago most of the houses were empty because. As a result, the economic activity of Yenping Street and its identity has gradually declined over the years.



【 About the foundation 】

Louyoung Foundation was founded in 1995, by a group of enthusiastic local cultural figures, who first organised tour guide groups, volunteer groups, a scout community, the Louyoung puppet theater troupe, and much more.

The first preparations to establish Louyoung Cultural and Educational Foundation were made in 1994 by a group of like-minded friends who organized local concerts, art exhibitions, lectures and seminars to bring more activities into the community. The idea of a cultural center was also supported by local people who enjoyed the community activities and wanted to promote and maintain local traditions.

Luckily, preparations were made one year later, and in 1995 the first National Art Festival was launched in the county. Yunlin Cultural Bureau wanted to hold the festival in Xiluo, and in order to promote the local heritage, the festival was called "Romance of Xiluo". Since at that time Louyoung Foundation was not known by Yunlin Cultural bureau, it officially applied to host the festival since



this event will be a great opportunity to make Louyoung Foundation known to the public. Therefore, the initiative of inviting reporters and social media was taken in hope to promote the foundation and to raise enough funds to set it up.

As a result of the previous actions and initiatives, the Louyoung Cultural and Educational Foundation was founded. The board of directors was established, being led by: Chairman Liao Deng Tang and CEO Lee Hong Yi, followed by Lai Mei Ru and Louise Ho as Executive Secretaries, Liao Sheng Long, Yang Yong Xiong and the volunteer community hoping they could make Xiluo a better place.

It is now the most important cultural center in the city, which provides space for artists and writers to display their work, and where visitors can learn more about the old town's history and traditions. The Board of Directors and volunteers at Louyoung Foundation work hard every day to contribute with their time and money to protect Xiluo's heritage and traditions.



【 Xiluo Eco Museum 】

Xiluo Eco Museum aims to protect local culture and heritage through the Louyoung Cultural and Educational Foundation. It locates at No. 92 of Yanping old street in the original Jie Fa Qian Ji Tea house, which was built in 1932. Xiluo Eco Museum maintains the building's original historical pattern and provides space for artists and writers to display their work. At the same time, it is also the headquarters of Yunlin Central Community College. Now, Xiluo Eco Museum is the most important cultural center and landmark in town, where visitors can learn a lot history and traditions of the old city.

【 About Yunlin Community College 】

Yunlin Central Community College was founded in 2020 by Louyoung Cultural and Educational Foundation, to develop emancipatory knowledge, social care, and to increase civic engagement. Five campus are located in Xiluo, Erlun, Lunbei, Taixi, and Mailiao. These communities are tightened with its local economies, such as agricultural and fish farming activities. However, the rural exodus of young people, the aging population, agricultural land abandonment, and the lack of self-confidence are long-standing problems that should face up and take action.

Thus, we adopt the three policies of "Elders & Youth Co-learning, Regional Revitalization, Cultural Ecology" as the guideline for Central Community College aim for reaching our teaching target, "Civilization Process@Central Community College". We hope that under this strategic goal to boost the self-confidence and civic consciousness of residents, assist in understanding Yunlin culture, and

solve the crux of the cultural weakness comprehensively from the relationship with the land, population, environment, and ecology, and make Yunlin Central Community College as a platform for learning from local culture and life wisdom.



Sculpture Park



72ART

【 About Sculpture Park 】

The Sculpture park is the natives invited NTUA(National Taiwan University of Arts), NYUT(National Yunlin University of Science & Technology) and THU(TUNGHAI University) to use the past steel form Grand Xiluo bridge and creation some sculpture what represent Xiluo, it adding new life to waste. The most famous sculpture is name “Another View”, its let people can see another view thought out window.

Xiluo Cultural Museum hosts the since 2020. It the arts curriculum form Yunlin Central Community College. And not just a classroom, there also have some artwork form artist, it improve the vibes and make students more engaged.

【 About this Journey 】

Today, walking along the Yenping Historical Street, you can see 142 decorated historical houses in total. Most of them were built more than 90 years ago. A century ago, Yenping Street was the “downtown” with prosperity, but nowadays, as business gradually declined, the residents moved away from Xiluo and Yenping Street have become quieter. As a result, many houses have started to decay.

Because of the "Community Renaissance" movement conducted by Luoyoung Foundation and local government, the street becomes prosperous again! In the past 9 years, we have invited many cultural groups and artists to visit and stay in Xiluo, and host different performances. At the same time, we are committed to promoting the art of sculpture and reserve more than 40 pieces of public art for Xiluo. They are arranged at the head of the Grand Xiluo Bridge and the Sculpture Park. We also hosted 11 international work camps focusing on renovating heritage houses.

However, there are many sculptures that need to be refurbished, painted, maintained, and guaranteed. We hope to promote the transformation of Xiluo Bridge into a sculpture art gallery to prevent the sculptures from being worn out.

Now, we have also established community colleges to help residents better understand local culture and keep up with international standards.Welcome to make friends with students from

community colleges, Artistic creation ,teach English in elementary school, high school, or Yunlin Community College in Xiluo, and experienced traditional Taiwanese culture. Therefore, we would like to invite international friends to come join us. It is not only a voluntary work but also a precious opportunity to experience different culture and widen your horizons.



Aims

- 1) Creating international cultural exchange and supporting the development of Xiluo community.
- 2) Revitalizing Xiluo historical street.
- 3) Making friends with global backpackers.
- 4) Improving Xiluo's quality of life.

W: Xiluo LMTV workcamp is going to **assist** Xiluo Eco Museum (Louyoung foundation). Volunteer need to do the daily house cleaning in Xiluo Eco Museum and backpacker house, help the foundation manage and update our social media, website, blog or Facebook. Volunteer has to maintain the backpacker house with comfortable living conditions. Volunteer will also do some **gardening and join environmental community events** etc.... Local volunteers will support international volunteer to run this project as well.

For more informations of Louyoung Cultural & Educational Foundation and international workcamps, please browse:

<http://www.louyoung.org.tw>

<https://www.facebook.com/louyoung.ngo>

<https://www.facebook.com/siluo.yenping.museum/>

Description of Main Works:

- **Culture exchange:**

Volunteer will be hosting guests and assisting various duties on the reception desk in a rotating base. Volunteer will experience the culture of Xiluo, such as kung fu, hand puppet shows etc. We expect the volunteer would merge these experiences with the culture of their motherland and carry out creative ideas. We would be very grateful for any web content inputs from the volunteer, such as videos, graphics, or podcast in social media for the Cultural Museum and community colleges. Of course, the volunteer will have to maintain the garden in the Louyong foundation. (Something may be change, depend on your ability to arrange the work)



- **English Exchange in school:**

The volunteer will have the opportunity to participate in English teaching in schools or help Community College. He/she will also help to translate some chapters and document. (Something may be change, depend on your ability to arrange the work)



***If volunteers are interested in creativity in the art sector, you are very welcomed to volunteer in our foundation. In this case, let us know your interest and we could work out a plan together, in terms of financial supports and networking with local artists.**

Free Day: Volunteers will have 2 free days per week on Monday and Tuesday only. Weekend is always the busy day to run the backpacker house **and It is not allowed to take day off during the weekend.**

Culture Exchange: The locals would be more than happy to welcome you in Xiluo. Please use this opportunity to exchange experiences, to learn more about other social, cultural and political living conditions and to show yours in return. In order to promote this, we will have some special cultural event and celebrations at the temple in September and October. The volunteers will be able to present their countries and have fun with the locals.

WS: An example of a weekly schedule and program activities (Some may be changed!)

Both the work of be a culture exchanger or English teacher, have 30-32 working hours per week, at least 2 free days per week. Volunteers can switch their duty and exchange work if needed.

Works schedule: (A Bird's eye view schedule, Some may be changed)

Type	Work A (BH)	
	Morning 8:30-12:00	Afternoon 13:00-17:30
Monday	Free day	
Tuesday	Free day	
Wednesday	Work in foundation	Work in foundation
Thursday	Work in foundation	Work in foundation
Friday	Work in foundation	Work in foundation
Saturday	Work in foundation	Work in foundation
Sunday	Work in foundation	Work in foundation

S: Participants are encouraged to share and to join the discussion of community development and share their view and opinion on their motherland.

AD:

1. Accommodation is at Xiluo Backpacker's House. The address is: 2F, No.81 Yenping Road, located in town center. Volunteer can use bike for daily transportation and bus station, post office or 24h shop are just nearby.
2. **A comfortable blanket and pillow** will be provided so there is no need to bring a sleeping bag.
3. There will also be some "pocket money", around NT\$ 6000, to support daily food. Volunteer can cook by themselves or enjoy the delicious local food in Xiluo restaurants.

* Internet is always available both in working place and accommodation.

* There is a washing machine and refrigerator in the accommodation.

* The weather changes a lot during the season, temperature could vary from 10°C to 32°C, so please bring suitable clothes.

L: A traditional and typical Taiwanese town in Yun-Lin County, locating on the middle-western of Taiwan. 1hr to Taichung city, 2hrs to Tainan city and 3hrs to Taipei city by public bus.

Google Map : 64847 雲林縣西螺鎮延平路 92 號

(No. 92, Yanping Rd., Xiluo Township, Yunlin County 64847, Taiwan

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/AvQgyDQdx9TMWEER6>

T:

1. **Tao-Yuan international airport.**

2. **KUO-KUANG Bus:** Passengers need to transfer from Taipei, by KURO-KUANG Bus (國光客運) in Taipei Bus Station, to Xiluo Station. It takes 3 hours and a half from Taipei and costs around NTD\$350.

3. **THSR:** Passengers need to take the MRT from to THSR Taoyuan Stn. After arriving THSR Yunlin Stn., they can take a taxi to Xiluo. The journey takes about 1 hour and a half and costs around NT\$1200.

LA:

Excursion, events organized by the foundation with local people, eco-tourism (optional), etc. 1hr to Taichung city and 2hrs to Tainan city by public bus.

SR:

1. High motivation to learn and respect the local culture.

2. **CGC (Certificate for Good Conduct) + Application form + 2 references from school or company+ basic Chinese is welcome**

3. On-line Interview before acceptance is request.

4. Local host only offer limited insurance to cover third party accident, please make sure you have an insurance with you.

PF: NO.

Local Activities Photos:



Volunteers at Xiluo bridge



Riding on the Xiluo Bridge



LXiluo Culture Museum



Xiluo Old Street



Great night In the Historic house



Volunteers eating together



Community library



Your transportation- bike



Doing artwork



Paintwork



English Teaching



Playing hand puppet



Learning handcraft



Having fun in Xiluo



experiencing traditional Taiwanese kung fu



living room in the accommodation

Taiwan Map

