

- *Be the Bridge, Be the Change* -  
**VYA Taiwan**  
**International WorkCamp 2024**



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# 1. What is VYA

Vision YouthAction(VYA) is a non-profit voluntary organization that promotes volunteerism and international exchange in Taiwan and around the world.

## (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 since 2011.**



## (2) VYA at a glance

- ※ 743436: Over 743,436 youths have gotten involved in our voluntary activities since 2002 to 2020.
- ※ 754,000 : Over 19,000 youths have served as volunteers, devoting more than 754,000 hours to social services.
- ※ 5551: Has trained 5,551 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 7days 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 8 full-time staff working for VYA and **20-30** 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
- Hondao WorkCamp: Cross-Generation, Cultural and Festival
- Taisi WorkCamp: Arts, Children Education and Renovation
- Goodo WorkCamp: Renovation of heritage houses in Community

(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**

(11) **VYA Contact Info**

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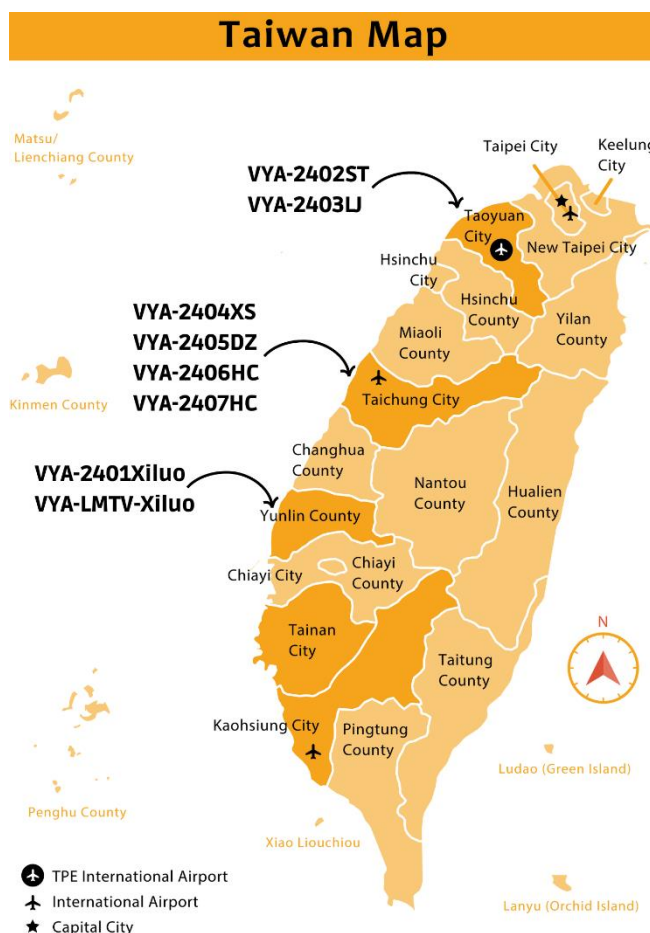
## 2. Project : Taiwan International Workcamp

### (1) Introduction

You're cordially invited to join workcamps in Taiwan! The beauty and diversity of Taiwan await you! Come experience the hospitality of the Taiwanese people. Here you will create 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 1-2 years younger than 18 (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, CCIYS 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奕足**

**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 CCIYS: <http://www.unesco.org/ccivs/> or <http://www.ccivs.org>

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

Members of SCI: <http://www.sciint.org/>

## 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	: NTD7,000 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\$150 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: Boarder Quarantine Policy

Please check the content within bellowed linkage before your application:

[https://www.cdc.gov.tw/ArrivalQuarantine/info\\_en\\_1013.html](https://www.cdc.gov.tw/ArrivalQuarantine/info_en_1013.html)

## F: 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	RENO/COM	VYA-2401Xiluo	Old House Reconstruction	Yunlin	Jul. 9 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup>	10	18+
2	ENVI/AGRI	VYA-2402ST	Embark on Agro-Living	Taoyuan	Jul.5 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>	5	18+
3	CULT/COM	VYA-2403LJ	Represent Face of Old Town	Taoyuan	Jul.16 <sup>th</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup>	6	18+
4	CULT/ELD	VYA-2404XS	Explore the Treasure of Folk Culture	Taichung	Jul.9 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup>	10	18+
5	CULT/FEST	VYA-2405DZ	Experience Taiwan Halloween	Taichung	Aug.14 <sup>th</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup>	10	18+
6	CULT/KIDS	VYA-2306HC	Puppet Show with Kids!	Taichung	Aug.10 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup>	8	18+
7	ENVI/RENO	VYA-2307HC	Let River and Old Houses Smile Again	Taichung	Aug.22 <sup>nd</sup> -31 <sup>st</sup>	8	18+

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

NO	Code	Dates	Vols.
M1	VYA-LMTV-Xiluo-2401	MAR 24th- at least 3-6 months	2
M2	VYA-LMTV-Xiluo-2402	JUN 24th- at least 3-6 months	2
M3	VYA-LMTV-Xiluo-2403	Sep. 24th- at least 3-6 months	2
M4	VYA-LMTV-Xiluo-2404	Dec. 24th- at least 3-6 months	2

(4) **General Qualification**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>※ Strong motivation for voluntary work (special skills and power are not necessary)</li> <li>※ Responsibility to follow rules of VYA &amp; its partners and full cooperation to run the workcamp</li> <li>※ Great efforts to understand and respect cultures of the hosts and other volunteers</li> <li>※ An open mind to make friends, speak English (in the groups) and the local language</li> <li>※ To adapt to and enjoy simple living conditions</li> </ul>
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Fun and refreshing as the workcamps may be, **if you seek pure entertainment on vacation, please don't apply and instead of traveling on your own.** If you are here to enjoy **voluntary service**, to make a better world and to make friends and with the local people and other volunteers, you are **very welcome** to join!!

(5) **WorkCamp Detail Information**

General info of project description

**Abbreviation List**

<b>W</b> : Type of voluntary work <b>S</b> : Study theme <b>A</b> : Accommodation <b>L</b> : Location	<b>T</b> : Terminal (The closest big international airport) <b>LA</b> : Leisure Activities <b>SR</b> : Special Remarks <b>PF</b> : Participation Fees
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\* For Accommodation, **CV** = Cooked by Volunteers    **MP** = Meals are provided  
**SB!** = Sleeping Bag is necessary/ **SBN** = Sleeping Bag is Not necessary



## 5-1 Workcamps

### Old House Reconstruction

**VYA-2401Xiluo; Jul. 9th-20th; Xiluo, Yunlin County; RENO+ARGI+CUL+COM; 10 Vols**



This project is inviting volunteers to deeply involve themselves in the renovation of the historic Yenping town street, and to experience the local atmosphere by repairing old houses and participating in agricultural life within 12 days in Xiluo Township.

Xiluo Township, located in the middle of Taiwan, has a 360-year history and is the most northern district of Yunlin County. It is situated closest to the Zhuo Shui River, the longest river in Taiwan, and is known for its production of rice, fruits, and vegetables. The nearby river was used for transportation of people and goods for over 100 years.

During the Japanese colonial era, Xiluo was planned to be a modern and role model town. In order to cooperate with the street-widening process, architectural facades were removed and buildings' heights were altered. From 1925 to 1945, many stylish buildings were constructed on Yenping Street, with various unique architectural styles. In just a few years, an 840-meter stretch of the street saw the construction of hundreds of Art Deco houses that contain the essence of Xiluo's history and culture.

Today, walking along Yenping Historical Street, visitors can see 142 decorated historical houses, most of which were built over 90 years ago. A century ago, Yenping Street was the "downtown" area and shops were busy with visitors, but now many of the houses are empty and old. The residents have moved with their families to other cities away from Xiluo, and Yenping Street has become quiet.

Thanks to the "Community Renaissance" movement conducted by the Louyoung Foundation and the local government, the street has become fabulous. Over the past 7 years, the Foundation has invited many cultural groups and artists to stay in Xiluo for an extended period and host different performances. They have also hosted 7 international work camps that focused on renovating heritage houses.

In 2022, Liao Jih-chou and Liao Jih-kang, overseas hometown acquaintances, donated two old houses (No. 110 and No. 112) on Yanping Road to the Louyoung Education and Culture Foundation in accordance with their parents' wishes. No. 110 was the former Te-Chun Dental Clinic, and the Foundation has gradually entered the dilapidated house for cleaning and restoration. At the same time, the history of the Liao family was researched and artifacts collected. Invitations were also extended to resident artists to use their art to enter the old house.

During the first week of the volunteer project, participants will repair the old houses (No. 110 and No. 112) on Yanping Road. Afterwards, they will clean the nearby garden of the local museum, experience agricultural life in Xiluo, and participate in a handicraft workshop.

International friends are welcome to join this project, which is not just about voluntary work, but also about learning Taiwanese culture and having a unique life experience.

## **W:**

1. We will be repairing the old houses at No. 110 and No. 112 to revitalize the old community and prepare for the creation of a Learning Commons in the future.
2. Participants will have the opportunity to learn about various types of organic vegetables and their production process, as well as experience working as farmers.
3. We will collaborate with local residents to create public artwork and improve the community environment.

## **AD:**

We will stay in Xiluo Backpacker House (No.81). The house is near Xiluo Cultural Museum, there are comfortable beds, air conditioner, toilet, hot shower and kitchen in the House . Volunteer will have a great time here for sure.The backpacker house belongs to Rotary Club of Xiluo. They always welcome the volunteers and because of their kindness, we have to keep good management (to always keep clean, no smoking inside building, etc.).

During the project, we will mainly use bicycles for transportation, so please ensure that you are comfortable with bike riding. 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 Luoyoung Foundation office, the backpacker house, and the Volunteer House.

## **L:**

Xiluo Township, a historical place in Yun-Lin County, located in central Taiwan. 50 minutes to Taichung City by bus, 2.5-3.5 hrs by bus from Taipei City.

## **Google Map:**

Louyoung Cultural & Education Foundation 財團法人雲林縣螺陽文教基金會

## **T: Tao-Yuan international airport**

## **LA:**

We have a variety of activities planned, including excursions, exchange parties with locals, Kung Fu exercises, puppet shows, bike rides, and the option to visit the night market on your free day.

## **SR:**

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.

## PF

NO participation fee.(host organization will provide meals & accommodations).

Volunteers have to cover the transportation and living expenses by themselves during free time.

## More info about Community

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

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

Youtube: [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLp1FCq\\_iLuHYejB\\_o50FoKbMDwIKPX-P](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLp1FCq_iLuHYejB_o50FoKbMDwIKPX-P)



## Embark on Agro-Living

VYA-2402ST; Jul. 5th-12th; Taoyuan City; ENVI+AGRI+CONS; 5 Vols.



### Background

This project is located in the countryside of Zhongli District, Taoyuan, Taiwan. This village is close to the international airport and Chingpu New Town. It is the only surviving community next to the urban area yet still retains a complete traditional Hakka rural life.

Community Features:

- The rural population is aging, but fortunately, the traditional agriculture handicrafts and life skills have remained.
- Due to urbanization and proximity to the international airport, the community has a lot of new residents and immigrants from other countries. These new residents from different countries are rich in food, living and various cultures in the communities, but they also bring a lot of collisions and disputes in the lives of the aboriginal Hakka people

The Hakka people are the second largest ethnic group in Taiwan. Their characteristics are respect for nature, love for the earth, diligence, and thrift.

This project will assist local organizations to promote habitat agriculture, let natural ecology and agriculture coexist, and implement the Satoyama Initiative. We will Inherit the craftsmanship of craftsmen, with learning and field exercises of using the natural construction methods of earth, bamboo and stone. We will also conduct cultural exchanges with new immigrants through foreign food exchanges to enhance mutual understanding, reduce conflicts, and have harmonious life together.

### Aims:

With Agro-living Wellness, we aim to achieve 3 Growths & 2 Gives:

1. **Growth** in awareness of the importance of sustainable habitats (“SATOYAMA”)
2. **Growth** in local work force participation rate of the community
3. **Growth** in volunteers’ wellness of body, mind and spirit
4. **Give** a sense of pride to the people of the community
5. **Give** the emphasis to the people and culture more than the construction development

### Achievements over the past year:

- 1) 2023, learned and cleaned an eco-park with 5 volunteers from France, Netherlands, Spain, Hong

Kong and Myanmar.

- 2) 2023, widened the ridges of 2700 square feet field and cleared foreign weeds with 5 volunteers.
- 3) 2023, preserved old farm tools and furniture for the community educational purpose with 5 volunteers.

*Before 2022*

- Advocated traditional natural architecture and hired local traditional craftsmen to lead volunteers to build natural architecture rest pavilions for the community, 2 bamboo huts with 20 volunteers
- Tree trimming in mountainous areas, tidying up trails and stacking stone ridges (to prevent earth and rock collapse), etc
- Accompaniment and meal sharing with seniors in the community, education and counseling for rural children

**W:**

We will focus on sustainable living and natural building, inherit the craftsmanship of craftsmen, with learning and field exercises of using the natural construction methods of earth, bamboo and stone. We will also conduct cultural exchanges with new immigrants through farm to table and foreign food exchanges to enhance mutual understanding, reduce conflicts, and have harmonious life together.

**S:**

Capitalism brings excessive materials, participants will learn how to use local materials, waste utilization, and recycle resources to gradually move towards carbon reduction or zero carbon life. Industrialized agriculture has squeezed the living space of many animals and plants, and produced many impure agricultural products. The participants will be stationed at the Habitat Agriculture Farm to experience how Habitat Agriculture achieves both ecology and the satisfaction of human beings to produce healthy food

**AD:**

At a hundred year old village house. **Sleeping bag** is required! Food will be offered by local people but volunteers still have a chance to cook in some cultural exchange events.

**L:**

A small Hakka village in Zhongli District, locating on the north side of Taiwan, near the international airport.

**GM :** <https://goo.gl/maps/Z7nh1NRQWXVfjYnx6>

**T:**

**Tao-Yuan international airport.** 20min drive away from the airport, or an hour MRT ride with shuttle bus

**LA:** Play big drums with community residents, learn Hakka folk song, and mediation

**SR:** Motivational letter + CGC + Application Form.

- Min age 18
- High school graduate
- Able to work in heat (sunlight), nature with insects
- Good physical fitness
- Love a good sweat
- Police clearance form
- Immunizations (please consult your doctor)
- Have the desire and skill to motivate and encourage youngsters

**PF**

USD120 is collected for the cultural workshops' materials, however, volunteers should cover the transportation and living expenses by themselves during free schedule.

**Number of Volunteers:**

Up to 5 international volunteers



## Represent Face of Old Town

VYA-2403LJ; July. 16<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> ; CUL+KIDS+COM; 6 Vols.



Zhongli District in Taoyuan City was originally settled by the Hakka people. The valley formed by a stream was called "Li" in the Hakka language, and the location surrounded by Laojie River and Xinjie River was named "Jianzai". During the Japanese colonial period, the area was renamed "Zhongli Street", which became the main road connecting the north and south.

The area near the Laojie River(老街溪) is known as the "Laojie District", and it is home to Japanese-style buildings, century-old shops, Hakka culture, and the Laojie River which has greatly influenced the local way of life. Unfortunately, with the passing of time, many local youths and immigrants are no longer familiar with the historical context of this area. In order to preserve this unique cultural heritage, we hope to raise awareness and interest in the history of Zhongli Laojie District and achieve the goal of cultural preservation.

### Host Organization

Chung Yuan Christian University(中原大學) is built upon the principles of Christian love for the world. With unwavering faith, hope, and love, we strive to advance higher education. To encourage our teachers and students to engage with society through "Love and Professionalism", and to empower our students to integrate their knowledge into action through "Learning by Doing", the University established the "Office of Service Learning Project" in March 2007. This project was later renamed the "Service Learning Center" in March 2008, with the purpose of promoting service-learning courses and projects in a systematic and ongoing manner. The Center also encourages our students to participate in social services, fulfill their civic responsibilities, and develop their core competencies for future employment.

In 2019, we expanded our efforts by taking over the "Taolien Youth Volunteer Service Center" from the Youth Development Administration, Ministry of Education. Our goal is to create a youth-friendly volunteer service platform in Taoyuan and collaborate with schools, associations, and organizations to encourage the youth to participate in volunteer services and elevate the energy of youth volunteerism in Taoyuan.

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

### **Aims:**

1. To foster cultural exchange between local and international youth, and promote an appreciation for the history and culture of Zhongli Laojie District.
2. To facilitate the sharing of diverse international cultures and broaden children's global perspectives.

### **Achievements over the past year:**

1. Since 2017, Chung Yuan University Service-Learning Center has been organizing a number of one-day local cultural experience workshops for young volunteers to learn more about the local culture.
2. 2022, To focus on Zhongli Laojie District, we organize three-day, two-night Local International Work Camp around three themes: "Laojie River", "Historical Shops" and "Historical Buildings". To Let foreign students communicate with local youths, so as to understand the history and characteristics of Zhongli. The reference link is as follows

- Laojie River [https://youtu.be/yTLu\\_7XObXs](https://youtu.be/yTLu_7XObXs)
- Historical Shops <https://youtu.be/F-EnNRDPeS0>
- Historical Buildings <https://youtu.be/aSylPyxDWtw>

**W:** Assist in renovation of old houses and culture exchange activities for the elementary school children of Taiwanese new immigrants

**S:** The Culture of Zhongli Laojie District

### **AD:**

1. Please note that the accommodation provided will have floor beds. As such, volunteers will be required to bring their own sleeping bags.
2. Meal will be provided by the CYCU Service-learning Center, but there may also be cultural exchange events where volunteers will have the opportunity to cook.
3. For any first aid needs, there is a local clinic located just a 10-minute walk away from the accommodation.

**L:** Zhongli District, Taoyuan City.

**GM :** 中原大學 <https://goo.gl/maps/BsqLpfBAavbzsdsP8>

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



## LA:

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

## SR:

Strong motivation for learning and respects for local culture, as well as other international volunteers' cultures.

## PF:

1. There is no participation fee for this program. We will cover the cost of accommodation, food, and all activity materials. However, please note that transportation to the meeting point is not included.
2. Basic insurance will be provided, but we strongly suggest that you obtain comprehensive insurance that covers the entirety of your journey.
3. You will have a free day with a budget of your own to spend as you wish.



## Explore the Treasure of Folk Culture

VYA-2404XS; Jul. 9<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>; TaichungCity, Taiwan; ART+ELD+COM; 10 Vols



Xiushan Community is located in the center of Taichung, near the foothills across the mountain and overlooking the Taiwan Strait. Sixty percent of its residents engage in agriculture, planting wheat, rice, red barley, and other grains. The presence of the Precision Science Park six years ago encouraged the community to seek the return of its young population. However, the majority of the elderly lack vitality and creativity, which contributes to a lack of motivation to create a vibrant community. The community hopes that international volunteers will encourage residents to engage in community affairs and introduce diverse cultural experiences.

### Aims:

1. Encourage international volunteers to create their own lion head and painting, which is a significant part of the community's folk culture. By producing traditional lion head and painting, Xiushan hopes to become a hub for folk arts and crafts outside of the village.
2. Partner with the Community Service Center for the Elderly to lead weekly health promotion activities for the elderly, led by international volunteers. This program aims to encourage the elders to be more active and engage in their senior life.
3. Through international volunteers, Xiushan aims to foster young people's interest in community activities and introduce the community's unique characteristics to the volunteers while encouraging them to participate in community activities.

### W:

1. Organize care programs for the elderly to participate in community activities, which are led by volunteers and provide different cultural experiences to stimulate curiosity and mobility.
2. Introduce the international volunteers to the traditional Chinese Ghost Festival ceremony by creating their lion head and painting. This program aims to promote community culture and provide a unique experience for residents to enjoy the international volunteer ideas.
3. Combine the martial arts teachers and craftsmen of the community to create an experience for international volunteers and residents. The program involves making the lion's head and painting, training lion skills, and experiencing the community Song Jiangzhen, the official will be the first. This program also promotes painting folk art, and the results are presented back to the

community to showcase an important part of its culture.

4. Practice the lions and showcase the final performance to the community's elders.
5. Share experiences with international volunteers from Japanese and Aboriginal schools in the community to explore different cultural and folk life experiences.
6. Invite international volunteers to experience farming and learn about vegetable and fruit harvesting during the summer season in Taiwan. Volunteers can also serve food to the volunteers during their stay.
7. Invite international volunteers to participate in the 13th Liao Social Park, organize grass pulling, and learn about vegetables and fruit trees.

**S:** NO.

**AD:**

The activity center is equipped with bathroom facilities, kitchen utensils, and self-cooking fire. Meals can be self-prepared using food purchased at nearby markets.

**L:**

The community is situated in Taoya District, Taichung City, close to the Chingchuankang International Airport, and is approximately a 15-minute drive away. The community is also about a 20-minute drive away from Taichung City.

Google Map: [428 Taichung District, Taichung City Xiushanli Activity Center](#)

**T:**

1. Fly to Taoyuan International Airport, then take a bus or train to Taichung City, and then take CityBus to Taichung City Xiushan Community.
2. Take a bus from Taichung Chingchuankang International Airport to Taichung City Daya District Xiushan Community (CityBus takes approximately 10-15 minutes).

**LA:**

1. Close to the Taichung Metropolitan Park
2. Commuter tramway linking to Tanzi District, approximately 10 km in length
3. Fengjia sightseeing night market

**SR:**

1. People with special skills or interests in folk art, performing, and experiencing new business are welcome to volunteer.
2. Volunteers are encouraged to bring home small traditional folk

**PF:** NO

Volunteers are responsible for their own expenses, including transportation from the airport to the campsite, meals on free days, and any costs incurred during personal time. Accommodation costs during the camp will be provided by the organizers. Please note that during the camp, expenses related to room and board will be covered by the organizers. However, please be reminded that during the months of July and August, Taiwan experiences hot summers and bugs, so please bring insect repellent and sunscreen.



## Experience Taiwan Halloween

VYA-2405DZ; Aug. 14<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> ; Taichung City; CULT+FEST+COM; 10 Vols



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.

### Aims:

1. Learn about the culture of Chinese Halloween 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 the younger generation in the community can introduce our features to international volunteers, making them more interested in participating in activities in our community during and after the work camp.

### W:

1. Elders company: The community facility 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. Local ceremony participation: Stuff preparation for annual Chinese Halloween event.
3. Culture sharing: Share authentic country's festive culture with elders and children.

### AD:

1. All volunteers will stay in the community facility and work together while doing activities.
2. Wash machine and dry machine provided.

**Location:**

Dazhuang Community of Taichung City, Taiwan

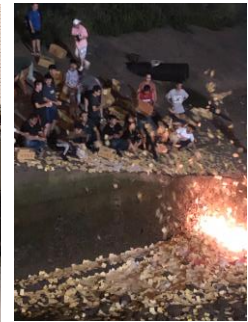
No.1, Ln. 168, Wenhua St., Wuqi Dist., Taichung City 435, Taiwan

**Google Map:** [台中市梧棲區大庄社區發展協會](#)

**SR:**

1. Please note that the schedule is subject to change due to potential inclement weather or geographical limitations. It's essential to remain flexible to deal with unexpected modifications.
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:** NO



## Puppet Show with Kids!

VYA-2406HC; AUG.10<sup>th</sup>–19<sup>th</sup>; Taichung Taiwan, KID+CULT+COM; 8 Vols



Wuqi District is a plain situated between the Dajia and Dadut rivers, with Qingshui District to the north, Shalu District to the east, Longjing District to the south, and the Taiwan Strait to the west. The current coastline is formed by Taichung Port, and as a coastal town, its history is closely tied to the prosperity of the harbor. Formerly known as "Bamboo Raft Cave" and "Wuqi Port," Wuqi is located to the west of Qingshui Mountain, in Qingshui District, and is also referred to as "Aoxin."

According to regional scholars, "the Chinese Phoenix does not live without the Phoenix Tree, nor consume without holy spring water and bamboo," which led to the name "Wuqi." When visiting Wuqi and speaking with locals, visitors can hear its Taiwanese pronunciation, which is similar to "Wuqi."

After the merger of Taichung County and City into a single municipality on December 25, 2010, Wuqi Town was reorganized into Wuqi District. Although the administrative area is not extensive, it possesses significant cultural tourism potential due to its abundant cultural properties, including municipal historic sites, historic buildings, and municipal folk culture. There are numerous prosperous years and temples throughout the district, reflecting the piety and expectations of Wuqi's ancestors. During the northeast monsoon season, visitors can witness the mullet migration, and there are various seafood restaurants where people can savor local delicacies and experience the living culture of this land.

### Aims:

The Taichung Coast region is a vibrant hub of folk activities. This event aims to provide participants with the opportunity to learn and experience puppetry and traditional cultural activities. Participants will complete puppet making and traditional cultural experience through tasks such as accompanying children and cultural tours. The event will also allow participants to experience the local customs and traditional cultural festivals of Wuqi Town, and gain a deeper understanding of the history and culture of the region.

### W:

- 1- To learn the art of handmade puppetry and performance.
- 2- Connect with children and teenagers to delve into local history, then bring it to life through a

puppet show.

3- Collaborate with a local group to orchestrate the festivities of the Ghost Festival.

**AD:**

Accommodations for the event are in an accommodation owned by the community, with shared rooms and wooden beds. Participants need to bring their own sleeping bags and mosquito repellent. The community will provide meals every day, If you have special needs, you can ask. Participants can also try delicious food in Wuqi, especially seafood, during their free time.

**SR:**

We are looking for participants who are interested in puppetry, traditional culture, working with children, and traveling. We especially welcome those with experience in visual arts, design, local customs, and child development.

**PF:** NO





## Make River and Old Houses Smile

VYA-2407HC; AUG. 22nd–31st; Taichung, ENVI+RENO+COM; 8 Vols



Wuqi District is located in a plain between the Da'an River and the Dadu River. It is bordered by Qingshui District to the north, Shalu District to the east, Longjing District to the south, and the Taiwan Strait to the west. Today, the coastline of Wuqi is connected to the Port of Taichung. As a coastal town, the development history of Wuqi is inextricably linked to the prosperity of the port.

Wuqi was formerly known as "Zhuofa Xie" and "Wucha Gang". In 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, taking the elegant meaning of "Phoenix does not rest on a non-Wuchi, does not drink from a non-spiritual 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, and various seafood restaurants can be seen in Wuqi. These restaurants not only satisfy the appetite, but also allow visitors to experience the daily life on this land.

### Aims:

The Taichung Coast has many traditional buildings and is a place where the migration of settlements and folk activities are thriving. The purpose of this event is to understand the importance of maintaining the environmental conditions of the port area, and to learn about the old buildings in the port area of Taichung City, such as the traditional residences in Wuqi Old Street. Participants will learn about traditional architecture and how to reuse it. This event also allows participants to experience the local customs, industry, and life of Taichung Harbor.

**W:**

**1. Cleaning the river in the port area**

We will clean up the river in the port area to improve the environmental conditions and make it a more pleasant place for everyone to enjoy. This task will require physical labor and a commitment to working as a team.

**2. Restoring old buildings and creating spaces**

We will work to restore old buildings in the port area and create new spaces for community use. This task will require creativity and a passion for preserving local history and culture.

We are especially looking for participants with backgrounds in visual arts, architecture design, landscape, and space planning. These skills will be essential for the success of these projects.

We believe that these projects have the potential to make a real difference in the community. We are excited to see what we can accomplish together! We hope you will join us this summer!

**AD:**

Accommodations for the event are in an accommodation owned by the community, with shared rooms and wooden beds. Participants need to bring their own sleeping bags and mosquito repellent. The community will provide meals every day, If you have special needs, you can ask. Participants can also try delicious food in Wuqi, especially seafood, during their free time.

**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



## 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, EDU, KIDS, 2 vols.

**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-2401	Start from MAR. ~ at least 3months	2
M2	VYA-LMTV-Xiluo-2402	Start from JUN. ~ at least 3 months	2
M3	VYA-LMTV-Xiluo-2403	Start from SEP. ~ at least 3 months	2
M4	VYA-LMTV-Xiluo-2404	Start from DEC. ~ at least 3 months	2

<b>W</b> : Type of voluntary work <b>S</b> : Study theme <b>AD</b> : Accommodation and food <b>L</b> : Location <b>GM</b> : Google Map	<b>T</b> : Terminal (The closest big international airport) <b>LA</b> : Leisure Activities <b>SR</b> : Special Remarks <b>PF</b> : Participation Fees <b>SBN</b> :Sleeping Bag is Not necessary
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\* For Accommodation , **CV** = Cooked by Volunteers **MP** = Meals are provided.

#### **【Project Background】 Xiluo Township**

Xiluo is a township located in the northeast of Yunlin County, in the middle of Taiwan. Situated in the Zhuoshui River alluvial fan valley, it gradually decreases from the east to the south. One of the most famous landmarks in Taiwan, the impressive Xiluo Bridge has stood on the river for 68 years, providing visitors with stunning views of the sunset.

For those looking to experience typical Taiwanese culture and history, Xiluo's old street is a must-visit destination. Between 1925 and 1940, almost 200 western-style street-houses were built on Xiluo Old Street. The historical buildings on Yanping Road have witnessed the cultural development and business prosperity of Xiluo throughout the years. The Louyoung Culture and Education Foundation aims to protect these historical buildings and promote Xiluo's culture and art, ultimately improving the quality of life in the area.

Visitors to Xiluo can learn Mandarin Chinese speaking and traditional Chinese Kung Fu, experience the Taiwanese Puppet show, learn handcraft skills, and even make friends with the local people. There is also an opportunity to visit the primary school for a culture exchange or to teach English, as well as attend the community college.

To further enhance the dynamic of the city, international visitors are invited to join the social work. This opportunity provides not only voluntary work but also a fantastic chance for cultural exchange and learning about Taiwanese culture. Additionally, visitors can explore the area by visiting local artists, participating in local activities, experiencing ecotourism during their free time, and interacting with the friendly locals.

Overall, Xiluo is an excellent destination for those looking to learn about Taiwanese culture,

history, and art while contributing to the local community.



Night view of the Xiluo Bridge



The traditional Puppet show & musical



Chinese Kung Fu



handcraft experiencing

### 【About the Xiluo street】

Yenping old street underwent significant improvements to increase the comfort of its residents. The street was widened by 15.5 meters, with brick sidewalks on both sides, trees were planted, and power lines were installed. During the period of 1925-1940, many different styles of houses were visible on Yenping street. Today, there are 142 elegant houses remaining from that time, most of which were built a century ago.

At that time, Yenping Historical Street served as the town center, a bustling street filled with various traditional shops. However, 15 years ago, many of the houses became vacant, resulting in a gradual decline in the economic activity of Yenping Street and its identity over the years.



### 【About the foundation】

Louyoung Foundation was founded in 1995, by a group of enthusiastic local cultural figures, who first organized 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 Culture Museum】

Xiluo Cultural 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 Cultural 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 Cultural 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 & 72ART】

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 72ART 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 Louyoung 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, 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 Cultural Museum (Louyoung foundation). Volunteer need to do the daily house cleaning in Xiluo Culture 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 Louyoung foundation. (Something may be change, depend on your ability to arrange the work)



- **English Exchange in high 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 Souvenirs shop. 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)	
Date/time	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 72ART House. The address is: 2F, No.72 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 (R.O.C.)

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

**PF:** NO.



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

