

Best way to discover Mongolia

MCE's Workcamps for 2022

International workCamps

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What is MCE?

- **NGO/ NPO to organize workcamps and other voluntary projects in Mongolia**
- **Full member of NVDA (Network for Voluntary Development in Asia)**
- **Partner of ALLIANCE, SCI**

1) Brief History

When: MCE was established on January 11th, 2001 by an individual who had participated in the 3rd Training & Networking Workcamp of NVDA in Vietnam.

Why: Before 2000, there were no workcamp organizations or international voluntary service in Mongolia. However, there was much need for international voluntary projects to improve a Mongolian society. Through practical work projects, MCE hopes to encourage public awareness of Mongolia's social problems and promote local actions.

2) Aims

a) To create/ develop/ revive ecological, self sufficient and warm-hearted civilization.

We promote exciting voluntary actions by fresh ideas and mobility as a youth NPO, to shift the world with too much competition and expansion into more healthy one for both nature and people.

b) To encourage activities of NGO/NPOs and activation of local communities

We create opportunities to meet new people and to start new actions by involving many locals. We make bridges between isolated NPOs and local people, and invite youth to depopulated areas.

c) To promote global friendship, understanding and solidarity

We grow exchange naturally among world youth and local people through living, working, talking and laughing together. They can improve global views/ sensitivity and language/ planning skills.

3) Activities

- To organize international workcamps in Mongolia with local partners and people
- To send volunteers from Mongolia to workcamps
- To develop various networks of NGO/NPOs
- Promotion of NVDA common actions in the national and international level

4) workCamps & volunteers

In **2015**: 22 projects- 266 International vols & 24 Mongolian vols

In **2016**: 20 projects- 251 International vols & 15 Mongolian vols

In **2017**: 20 projects- 268 International vols & 23 Mongolian vols

In **2018**: 22 projects- 283 International vols & 19 Mongolian vols

In **2019**: 22 projects- 272 International vols & 26 Mongolian vols

In **2020**: 1 project - 9 International vols & 2 Mongolian vols

In **2021**: 0 project - 0 International vols & 0 Mongolian vols

5) Finance

a) We don't have any support from Mongolian Government and other International organizations. Running cost of MCE (staffs, offices, transportation, communication etc.) is managed by the participation fees of volunteers who join workCamps in Mongolia.

b) Project cost (food, accommodation, transportation etc.) of international workcamps in Mongolia is prepared by the fees from volunteers too.

Mongolian workCamps Exchange is always looking for good relations between youth organizations in the international and regional level

International workcamps by MCE

1) Introduction

We welcome you to join our workcamps, **sharing happy time and creating fresh new age together!** All campsites have nice nature, **blue sky** and warm people, so you will discover **nomadic life & culture** of Mongolia.

The common points of all workcamps are such as follows;

- a) Age limit** : From **18** (No maximum)
- b) Language** : **English** (Mongolian is not necessary, but we welcome your trying!)
- c) Insurance** : Vols should have their own insurance before arrive to the workcamp.
- d) Accommodations:** Mostly, we use GER (Mongolian traditional tent) or Summer cottage.
For all the projects in Ulaanbaatar volunteers will stay at apartment.
There're kitchen and toilet. For the all workcamps in Mongolia volunteers need to bring Sleeping bag.
- e) Study Part** : All workcamps have it to learn, discuss and plan better local/ global future!

2) How to apply and join the projects!?

A: Applying through the partners!!

Volunteers have to apply **not directly to us, but through our partner Workcamp Organizations (WOs)** of their own countries **unless you live in Mongolia or in countries that have no partners.**

In this exceptional case, they need to send the application form to MCE.

B: How much should volunteers pay?

Volunteers have to pay the travel cost to/ from workcamps & the following **registration & participation fee** to partners & to MCE.

- a)** Partner WO's charging some registration fee from sending volunteers : **This depends of each partner ***
 - b)** Participation fee to MCE
(2 weeks project) : **250 USD** per a workcamp (or equivalent of MNT or Euro)
- For all the workcamps in Mongolia, we will manage pick up service by request of volunteers from/to airport or train station.**
Also we will provide free transportation to/from workcamp site for the first and last day of the workcamp.

* Most of Asian/ European/ North American partners are

C: The detailed information of the project

By **1-2 months before** the projects, volunteers will receive **"Information Sheets"** (details of the project, what to bring, the meeting point, how to get there, etc.) together with **"Acceptance Letter"** and **"MCE Volunteers' Guide"**, through the partner organizations.

D: Book the flights as soon as being accepted!

Don't wait for the Information Sheets, otherwise you may miss economical flights!
Workcamps start **in the morning of the first day**. And they finish **in the afternoon of the last day**.

So, we advise volunteers to arrive / leave Mongolia **at least a day before/ after** the projects because volunteers should not expect so much sightseeing during the projects.

(if you want to do it, please do it before/ after the workcamps!)

And it is **possible to stay in the cheap guest houses** (around 10\$ per night) together with volunteers in the same workcamp before/ after the workcamps! (For the details, please wait for the info.sheets!)

15) LIST OF INTERNATIONAL WORKCAMPS FOR 2021

Code	Name	Location	Dates	Type	Vols.
MCE/01	Orphanage's & Eco farming-1	Buhug river	14/Jun – 27/Jun	AGR/CULT/ENVI	10
MCE/02	Orphanage's & Eco farming-2	Buhug river	27/Jun – 10/Jul	AGR/CULT/ENVI	10
MCE/03	Orphanage's & Eco farming-3	Buhug river	10/Jul – 23/Jul	AGR/CULT/ENVI	10
MCE/04	Orphanage's & Eco farming-4	Buhug river	23/Jul – 05/Aug	AGR/CULT/ENVI	10
MCE/05	Orphanage's & Eco farming-5	Buhug river	05/Aug – 18/Aug	AGR/CULT/ENVI	10
MCE/06	Orphanage's & Eco farming-6	Buhug river	18/Aug – 31/Aug	AGR/CULT/ENVI	10

ENVI = Environment	CULT = Cultural projects	PHYS = Work with physically disadvantaged
ARGI = Agriculture	SOCI = Social work (*)	MENT = Work with mentally disadvantaged
CONS = Construction	ELDE = Work with elderly	KIDS = Work with children/ orphans
PEACE = Peace	RENO = Renovation	NASS = North and South Solidarity

* "Social work" means work with other types of people besides ELDE, PHYS, MENT and KIDS (e.g. Refugee, Homeless) OR work with various types of such people with special needs.

4) General Qualification

- a) **Best motivation for the voluntary work** (special good skills and power are not necessary)
- b) **Responsibility to keep rules** of MCE & the partners and **cooperation** to run the workcamps
- c) **Best efforts to understand and respect cultures** both of the hosts and other volunteers
- d) **Open mind to make friends** with trying to speak English (in the groups) and the local language
- e) **To adapt and enjoy simple conditions** of the living such as food and accommodation

Though it'd be very funny and dramatic time for you, if your motivation is **only for enjoying holidays, please don't apply** and do just travel. If it is more **for voluntary service** to make a better world and **friendship** with local people and other volunteers, you are **super welcome!!**

5) Detailed Workcamps Information

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

W: Voluntary Work

S: Study Themes

P: Program of the Activities

A: Accommodation

L: Location of the Workcamps

T: Terminal (The closest big international airport)

Q: Additional Qualifications

X: Other Useful Information including Additional Fee

* For Accommodation, **CV** = Cooked by Volunteers **MP** = Meals are Provided.

SB! = Sleeping Bag is necessary **SBN** = Sleeping Bag is Not necessary

MCE/01 Orphanage's & Eco farming-1 (Buhug river) 14/Jun-27/Jun AGRI/KIDS Vol-10

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S: Eco farming methods/know how of other countries. The future plan of international workcamps etc.

P: Cultural exchange program, excursions, etc.

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T: Ulaanbaatar, Chinggis Khaan International airport or International train station of Ulaanbaatar

Q: **All volunteers should have 2nd doze of Covid-19 vaccine 14 days in advance before arrive in Mongolia**

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X: The additional fee of **250 USD** (or equivalent amount of MNT or Euro by current rate of Mongolian bank) should be paid on your arrival directly.



MCE/02 Orphanage's & Eco farming-2 (Buhug river) 27/Jun-10/Jul AGRI/KIDS
Vol-10

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MCE/03 Orphanage's & Eco farming-3 (Buhug river) 10/Jul-23/Jul AGRI/KIDS
Vol-10

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MCE/05 Orphanage's & Eco farming-5 (Buhug river) 05/Aug-18/Aug AGRI/KIDS Vol-10

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MCE/06 Orphanage's & Eco farming-6 (Buhug river) 18/Aug-31/Aug AGRI/KIDS Vol-10

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