



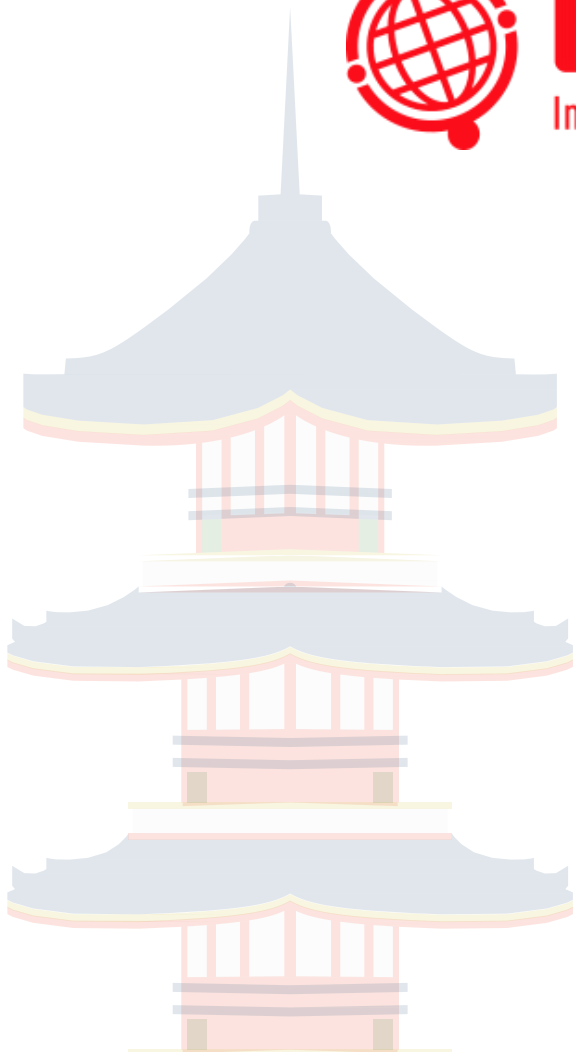
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# Volunteering Profile



**ICYE JAPAN**  
International Cultural Youth Exchange





## Kusunoki Nursery and Kindergarden

<b>LOCATION</b>	Hiroshima, Japan
<b>DURATION</b>	6 Months/ 12Months
<b>ICYE PROJECT CATEGORY</b>	Education
<b>PROJECT'S ACTIVITIES</b>	9:00-13:00 Support morning activities Accompanying children on walks, helping them eat, playing with them, etc.) 13:00 to 15:00 Break time 15:00-18:00 Afternoon activity support Playing together, support snack time/ cleaning up, etc. and room cleaning, etc.
<b>COMMUNITY CONTEXT</b>	They have 5 nursery school in Asaminamiku Hiroshima, close to the station where you can get the train to get to the city area in 20 min. Its located Relatively big city, you can access to most of the things.
<b>VOLUNTEER'S REQUIREMENTS</b>	In Japan, it is very important to maintain a harmonious facial expression and atmosphere. Especially when interacting with children and their parents, it is necessary to have the communication skills to greet and talk with a smile.
<b>VOLUNTEER'S TASKS</b>	Volunteer will : <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Assist taking care of children from 0 years old to 6 years old, such as taking them to the park, preparing snacks, read picture books and so on. We will divide the class you will be assigned to according to your Japanese level. If you have a basic level of Japanese, you will be in charge of the 0-2 year old class.</li><li>● If you can hold a simple conversation, we will ask you to be in charge of a class for 3 years old and up.</li><li>● Teach English and introduce your own culture.</li><li>● Prepare and join some seasonal activities (summer festival etc...)</li></ul>
<b>NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS IN PROJECT</b>	2
<b>ACCOMODATION</b>	Host family



## Esperanza

<b>LOCATION</b>	Esperanza, Japan
<b>DURATION</b>	6 Months
<b>ICYE PROJECT CATEGORY</b>	Education
<b>PROJECT'S ACTIVITIES</b>	For middle and high school students, we provide learning opportunities with a small group to practice education suited for learning ability of each individual student. For elementary students, the free space is prepared to make it possible for children to find their own space. We offer outside activities and cooking experience on regular bases.
<b>COMMUNITY CONTEXT</b>	Fukuoka prefecture is located in the north of Kyusyu island and is the main hub city to connect Kyusyu island and the main island. The project is in the town called Hakozaki, which is close to Hakata station (biggest station in Fukuoka prefecture) and there are some shops and residences.
<b>VOLUNTEER'S REQUIREMENTS</b>	Volunteers who are interested in youth education, who like working with kids, who have some experience in outside activities
<b>VOLUNTEER'S TASKS</b>	Communication with students, support to study English and outside activities
<b>NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS IN PROJECT</b>	1
<b>ACCOMODATION</b>	Host family



## Koen Gakuin

<b>LOCATION</b>	Yamaguchi, Japan
<b>DURATION</b>	6 Months
<b>ICYE PROJECT CATEGORY</b>	Education
<b>PROJECT'S ACTIVITIES</b>	Teaching assistant, Join the school activity
<b>COMMUNITY CONTEXT</b>	Yamaguchi prefecture is located in the most west side of the main island of Japan and Hagi city is one of the main cities of Yamaguchi prefecture. Many important figures from Hagi city played essential roles in the movement to build the modern Japanese society. The town is surrounded by beautiful nature and preserves the historical buildings. Koen Gakuin is located in the center of Hagi city.
<b>VOLUNTEER'S REQUIREMENTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Volunteers need to be actively involved in communications with the students and teaches to encourage them to be interested in their culture.</li><li>● It is important for volunteers to share things they like and have interests with.</li></ul>
<b>VOLUNTEER'S TASKS</b>	Assistant teacher in the English class working in school activities, especially in time of international activities. Club activities after school if interested.
<b>NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS IN PROJECT</b>	1
<b>ACCOMODATION</b>	Individual room at the dormitory accompanied with some students. Breakfast and dinner included. Volunteers commute to school by bicycle.



## Kodomoen Jubii

<b>LOCATION</b>	Saga, Japan
<b>DURATION</b>	6 Months
<b>ICYE PROJECT CATEGORY</b>	Education
<b>PROJECT'S ACTIVITIES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Mainly look after kids and interact with kids. We sometimes open the afterschool child care center for elementary school students. The volunteer will play with kids and take care of them, and participate some events at the center in each season.</li><li>● Also we would like volunteers to help how we advertising our childcare program. e.g. Organize events, make flyer, shoot small videos and post on SNS.</li></ul>
<b>COMMUNITY CONTEXT</b>	There are not many foreigner in Tosu,Saga pref. where you will be. It would be better to have some Japanese or at least to have passion to communicate with local people. It takes about 50mins to Fukuoka pref. by train. To Saga city,Saga pref. to about 20mins by train.
<b>VOLUNTEER'S REQUIREMENTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Be playful</li><li>- Be creative</li><li>- Be out going</li><li>- Be patient</li></ul>
<b>VOLUNTEER'S TASKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Interact with kids.</li><li>- Try to understand kids.</li><li>- Share about your country and culture with kids</li><li>- Advertising the childcare center</li></ul>
<b>NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS IN PROJECT</b>	1
<b>ACCOMODATION</b>	Homestay or apartment near the project



## MAINICHI-Christmas

<b>LOCATION</b>	MAINICHI-Christmas, Japan
<b>DURATION</b>	6 Months
<b>ICYE PROJECT CATEGORY</b>	Health, Education
<b>PROJECT'S ACTIVITIES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● They create peaceful and lively environment for elderlies, taking care of them for their day time life activity.</li><li>● They are working with many kind of community and provide a welcoming atmosphere to everyone.</li><li>● They also work with after school program with local Elementary school.</li></ul>
<b>COMMUNITY CONTEXT</b>	Nikko is one of the most famous places as a tourist town, surrounded by many temples, shrines and nature. Mainichi-Christmas (meaning everyday christmas: keeping the Christmas spirits alive all-year-round) is day care service center for elderlies surrounded by nature so that everyone can feel comfortable and feel home. They have a motto, "getting old is natural for everyone, embrace the life they lived and respect their individuality"
<b>VOLUNTEER'S REQUIREMENTS</b>	Japanese language skill (they welcome anybody who is willing to learn Japanese)-no alcohol(except for parties which are of voluntary participation)-no smoking,-being punctual- being tolerant with them and answer the questions kindly even though they may ask same questions several times- Please bring something from your own country that you can use to introduce yourself with.
<b>VOLUNTEER'S TASKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Work with Elderly : Taking care of Elderlies and visiting the patients in hospital to help with different recreation activities.</li><li>● Cleaning and help the cooking in the facility.</li><li>● Work with Children : taking care of elementary school children (1st~6th grades)at the after school programs like cooking, playing in the river and support them doing activities safe.</li><li>● There are also many events such as festivals hosted by volunteers, cultural exchange events, and Christmas parties . Volunteers will have many opportunities for international cultural exchange</li></ul>
<b>NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS IN PROJECT</b>	1
<b>ACCOMODATION</b>	Volunteers will be accommodated in the project, and live with the project manager's family.



## Swiss-Mura

<b>LOCATION</b>	Hiroshima, Japan
<b>DURATION</b>	6 Months
<b>ICYE PROJECT CATEGORY</b>	Education, Agriculture
<b>PROJECT'S ACTIVITIES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Accepting students who have a different background, for example students can't go to the public school with some problems, want to live in nature etc. and giving classes including a lot of activities additional to the public curriculum, for example go fishing, playing music, harvesting, taking care of animals, building, sometime helping cafe run by them.</li></ul>
<b>COMMUNITY CONTEXT</b>	<p>"Free School Swiss-Mura" is a boys boarding school that provides an alternative education to the students with various difficulties. The phrase "Free School" is used in Japan to describe an "alternative school." The surroundings of the school are rich in nature, and offers unique educational experience to the students through sharing the life together.</p> <p>The motto of the project is "Work well, Eat well, Sleep-well."</p>
<b>VOLUNTEER'S REQUIREMENTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Volunteers are expected to bring something to introduce their country, such as a map, photos, songs, plays and recipes. The students are all of different ages and developmental stages, and so it is requested that Volunteers take this in to consideration in regards to what they bring.</li><li>● Video games are prohibited, since some students are addicted to those, you can use internet with shared PC with other staff, phone connection is not good.</li></ul>
<b>VOLUNTEER'S TASKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● The main activities are living with students and help each other.</li><li>● Volunteers will help an English class, and some classes you want to help.</li><li>● Volunteers also take part in the outdoor activities, and some agricultural work with students.</li></ul>
<b>NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS IN PROJECT</b>	1 (only male)
<b>ACCOMODATION</b>	Volunteers will stay in the dormitory of this school. They will sleep in the accommodation provided and will have access to a bath, a kitchen and a washing machine.



## Nagi Community

<b>LOCATION</b>	Okayama, Japan
<b>DURATION</b>	6 Months
<b>ICYE PROJECT CATEGORY</b>	Education, Environmental/ Green projects
<b>PROJECT'S ACTIVITIES</b>	It supports many different projects in the Nagi Town community. Cultural exchange events with foreign people living in the town through cooking and music. Organizing farmers' markets with organic farmers. Traditional food culture promotion and preservation activities. After-school support for children and cultural activities. Support for local traditional events, etc.
<b>COMMUNITY CONTEXT</b>	<p>Nagi is a town located in northern Okayama Prefecture, with Mimasaka to its east, Tsuyama to its west, Sho-o to its south, and quasi-national park Mount Nagi and Mount Taki connecting it with Chizu in Tottori Prefecture to its north. With the Nagi Museum of Contemporary Art and Yokozen Kabuki, Nagi has developed a unique charm. It is a town that breathes art and culture as if blended with nature.</p> <p>In 2012, the Nagi Town Declaration for Child-rearing Support was announced, leading to unique measures for child-rearing and settlement for young people, resulting in a Total Fertility Rate of 2.95 in 2019, one of the highest in Japan.</p>
<b>VOLUNTEER'S REQUIREMENTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Open to all kinds of work and willing to expand your possibilities by being actively involved rather than passively.</li><li>● Have a spirit of challenge and volunteerism, and be able to positively engage in a variety of activities.</li><li>● Be willing to introduce the culture and language of yours, and learn about Japan deeply.</li><li>● Love to live in the Japanese countryside</li><li>● Love to interact with people, to talk, and to teach children.</li><li>● Be willing to do physical work such as farming.</li><li>● Able to ride a bicycle, as we sometimes use bicycles for transportation.</li><li>● Have a willingness to learn Japanese, although language is not a major issue as there are supporting person who can speak English.</li><li>● Not be allergic to animals, most of the host families sometimes have pets.</li></ul>
<b>VOLUNTEER'S TASKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● After-school programs for children</li><li>● Assistance with farming work at local farmer, support for farmers' market vendors</li><li>● Support work at temples (visit each household, support for Buddhist memorial services, administrative support)</li><li>● Support for the operation of local festivals and traditional events.</li><li>● The first month will be quite busy with visiting all of the above activities and helping out at many places. During this time, you will be able to explore and find out which activities you want to deepen that match your interests (need the adjustment depending on the availability of the host family and project).</li></ul>
<b>NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS IN PROJECT</b>	1
<b>ACCOMODATION</b>	Host Family in the community



Iwakuni Kawashimo kindergarden	
<b>LOCATION</b>	Yamaguchi , Japan
<b>DURATION</b>	6 Months/ 12 Months
<b>ICYE PROJECT CATEGORY</b>	Education
<b>PROJECT'S ACTIVITIES</b>	The IB curriculum provides childcare for children aged 0 to 5 years old. Taking into consideration the children's age-appropriate growth stages, We provide childcare that values the independence of the child and the involvement of the teachers and staff with the child.
<b>COMMUNITY CONTEXT</b>	Iwakuni City is dotted with a variety of unique regional characteristics and resources, including some of the prefecture's most prominent mountains, clear streams, beautiful seas, world-class history and culture, and tourism resources. The seaside area has developed as an industrial city, and after the construction of Iwakuni Airfield, the U.S. military base Iwakuni Air Base was established after the war, and the city has become a base town
<b>VOLUNTEER'S REQUIREMENTS</b>	Through these tasks, overseas students are expected to provide an international perspective to the children while learning about Japanese education and culture. Flexibility and a positive attitude are also often required.
<b>VOLUNTEER'S TASKS</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Watch and support children <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assist children with their play and activities.</li> <li>- Providing a safe and secure environment for the children.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Support for educational activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introduction of simple English and other languages.</li> <li>- Support for activities such as songs, games, crafts, etc.</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Support for daily activities**: Prepare meals and clean up. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assist with meal and snack preparation and clean-up.</li> <li>- Assistance with toileting.</li> </ul> </li> <li>4. Event Support: Assistance with special events such as field trips and sports events. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assistance with preparation and execution of special events such as field trips and field day.</li> <li>- Assistance with seasonal events (Christmas, Dolls' Festival, etc.).</li> </ul> </li> <li>5. Communication <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Daily communication with children and staff.</li> <li>- Interaction to deepen cross-cultural understanding.</li> </ul> </li> <li>6. Environmental Maintenance: Cleaning of classrooms and yard. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assistance in cleaning and organizing classrooms and yard.</li> </ul> </li> <li>7. Other <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tasks specific to the particular needs of each kindergarden.</li> <li>- Other tasks as assigned by the staff.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
<b>NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS IN PROJECT</b>	1 (preferably female)
<b>ACCOMODATION</b>	Kindergarden staffs's house/ Host family



## Minna no Manabikan

<b>LOCATION</b>	Fukuoka, Japan
<b>DURATION</b>	6 Months/ 12 Months
<b>ICYE PROJECT CATEGORY</b>	Education
<b>PROJECT'S ACTIVITIES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● In the morning class, students study the school subject like literature, mathematics, English, chemistry, etc.</li><li>● In the afternoon class, the school prepares more practical activities including arts, music, play, physical education and sometimes outside class.</li><li>● Through the year, there are various events at school for students and local communities.</li></ul>
<b>COMMUNITY CONTEXT</b>	Fukuoka is the central prefecture of Kyushu island and there are people with various cultural background living since it is the city with the seaside port and open to influence from foreign countries. Josei, the district where Minna no Manabikan is located, is close to the center of Fukuoka-city and it is easy to access all different kinds of spot.
<b>VOLUNTEER'S REQUIREMENTS</b>	<p>*Intermediate Japanese language skill required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Be willing to interact and talk with others</li><li>● Listen to others and be open to opinions even if they are different from yours</li><li>● Be supportive with each student, treat all students equally</li><li>● Be positive under the challenging situations</li></ul>
<b>VOLUNTEER'S TASKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Assistant of school teachers</li><li>● Support the regular class and outside events in communication with teachers and parents</li><li>● Management of class activity</li></ul>
<b>NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS IN PROJECT</b>	1
<b>ACCOMODATION</b>	Host family



<b>NPO Aozora Kenbun Juku</b>	
<b>LOCATION</b>	Gifu, Japan
<b>DURATION</b>	6 Months
<b>ICYE PROJECT CATEGORY</b>	Education, Environmental/ Green projects
<b>PROJECT'S ACTIVITIES</b>	Nature camping, agricultural program for kids and young people, English camp, rafting
<b>COMMUNITY CONTEXT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● The project is located in Higashi-shirakawa village population is roughly 2000 people.</li><li>● This village is famous as one of the most beautiful village in Japan surrounded in rich primitive nature</li><li>● There is only 1 of each Elementary school and junior high school in the village.</li></ul>
<b>VOLUNTEER'S REQUIREMENTS</b>	<p>This project require "more than basic level of Japanese" since the people in this community rarely speak English. If you have basic skill of Japanese it is good pace to practice it here.</p> <p>And also the volunteer require to be Open-minded , enthusiastic and creative, Active and Enjoy spending time with people in the community.</p>
<b>VOLUNTEER'S TASKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● To help their various activities.</li><li>● To teach English or the language and culture of your own to children and people in the village.</li><li>● To participate and help local community event.</li><li>● To help to build and cultivate the traditional rice field</li><li>● To help to create Web page or SNS page for promotion</li></ul>
<b>NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS IN PROJECT</b>	1
<b>ACCOMODATION</b>	Live in volunteers' apartment, private room. Occasionally live with host family if available.