

Indocita Foundation in Malang, East Java

The main purpose of this non-profit organization is to educate Indonesians future and to introduce English language to as many students as possible. Even though each student is learning English at school, almost no one is confident enough to use it, particularly because their lessons concentrate on grammar and reciting the same old stuff over and over again. The Indocita Foundation focuses on different teaching methods than the ones used in public schools that are with games and fun. The students don't have to pay any fee and the participation is voluntarily.

The CSP-participants tasks cover many different working fields: Besides teaching, the participants take over responsibility in fundraising and advertisement. They accompany the trainers to schools holding presentations about the Foundation and promoting their Program.

During public school holidays, Indocita provides English camps where the CSP-participants take over an active role by organizing, preparing and carrying out the camps.



The participants

The participants of the Community Service Program in Indonesia should be:

- Aged between 18 and 28 years
- Able to communicate with Basic English
- Open to a very different culture
- Willing to adapt to a totally new environment
- Willing to help and contribute

How will the Participants benefit?

- They gain practical skills and knowledge
- Intercultural, personal and professional competences
- They have the chance to make a direct contribution to a truly needed environment
- Unique insight into Indonesian culture
- Participants will learn "Bahasa Indonesia", the official language of Indonesia
- They will meet many new people from different cultural heritage
- Making new friendships and gain a new perspective towards foreign cultures, religions and traditions

"I have learned so many things, gained priceless experiences and had lots of fun!"

-Stefan, CSP participant from Germany, Bogor, 2009/2010

Program periods and lengths

Participants have the choice between different lengths of stay:

- Year Program (11 months)
- Trimester (3 months)

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AFS Community Service in Indonesia



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About Bina Antarbudaya

Yayasan Bina Antarbudaya is a non-governmental, non-profit, volunteer based organization founded on May 2nd 1985. As a partner of AFS Intercultural Programs, Bina Antarbudaya is committed in building a better world through international exchange program on Intercultural Learning and global education. Its goal is to prepare future leaders who are more sensitive, understanding, and care on the environments.

Currently, Bina Antarbudaya is represented by 18 chapters throughout Indonesia. Its partner, AFS Intercultural Programs, is one of the largest cross-cultural exchange organizations worldwide with operations in more than 60 countries on five continents.

About the Community Service Program

The AFS Community Service Program is open to participants over the age of 18. This program addresses particularly recent High School graduates, students taking a gap year or any young adults who want to make a positive impact on society as well as learn about another culture.

Participants gain practical skills and knowledge while doing volunteer at local organizations in more than 20 countries around the world.

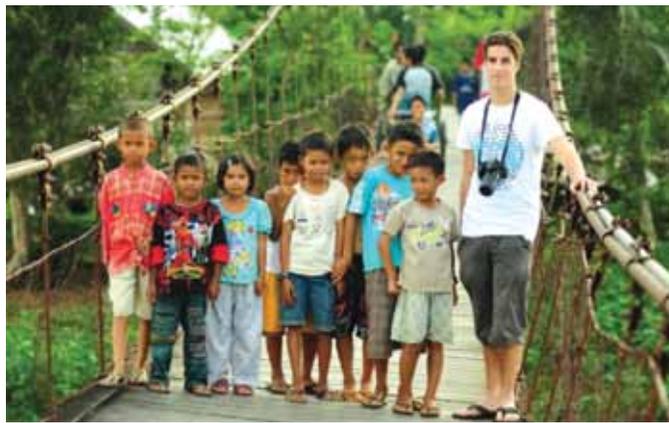
These service opportunities include, for example, teaching English to children, developing training programs with human right workers, aiding homeless children and working at orphanages.

Hereby, participants not only acquire intercultural, personal and professional competences, but also make direct contribution to a truly needed environment. They are given the unique chance to broaden their horizon and to explore another culture first hand. In exchange, the respective CPOs benefit of the volunteer's international background, motivation and voluntary engagement.

The AFS Community Service Program (CSP) in Indonesia provides young people from all over the world an insight into Indonesian culture while working in a Community Project Organization (CPO).

Bina Antarbudaya, the partner of AFS Intercultural Programs in Indonesia, takes over all the organizational and administrative part, including travel arrangements, visa procedure and orientation.

As volunteers the participants will be placed in social projects contributing to the local community and facing the challenges and problems in our society.



Working fields

The Community Service Program in Indonesia provides a variety of placement opportunities such as:

- Teaching English to children or adults
- Developing training programs with human right workers
- Aiding people with disabilities or socially disadvantaged people
- Working with small children in nurseries
- Assisting in after-school care institutions
- Promoting culture in all its variety
- Protecting the environment or working with animals
- Enhancing public health



Living arrangements & activities

Participants are placed in host families where they can explore the Indonesian culture first hand and participate in many traditional ceremonies.

Currently, most of the CSP-placements are located on Java. However, in some cases it's possible being hosted outside Java, for instance in Sumatra, Sulawesi or Kalimantan.

Participants will be supported by the local chapter that is also arranging social events where participants meet other volunteers, exchange students and host families.

Examples of hosting projects

Griya Imut, East Malang

Griya Imut is a child day care for children aged between 3 and 7 years. A few kids still go to school before coming to Griya Imut, others are very young and not old enough to go to school or kindergarden. They need special care during the whole day. That is why currently there are only 12 kids and 5 carer at Griya Imut. The participants daily tasks are basically everything from bathing and feeding the children to just cleaning the room or making the dishes.



YCM – Yayasan Cipta Mandiri in Bogor, West Java

YCM is for children between 10 and 24 years old who come from poor families but really want to learn and 'go a step further'. The students learn about English language, computers, general knowledge, sewing skills, mathematics, housekeeping tasks, cooking, and other character building skills. YCM helps some families to pay the regular school fees at the public schools. YCM also pays for transport and provides food for those who cannot afford to buy some food. At the same time, the students are taught to live in a self-reliant and independent manner.

The volunteer's task is teaching English and sharing their culture in order to provide the students an insight into other cultures. In addition to that, they assist in organizing trips and after-school activities.

