



Sekolah Gunung Merapi

Creative education officer: job description

About the school: *Sekolah Gunung Merapi is an independent community learning centre serving vulnerable communities living on Indonesia's most active volcano, Mount Merapi. It was founded in 2015 by a group of individuals concerned with the long term recovery of the communities worst affected by the major volcanic eruptions of 2010. Asides from our work in disaster recovery and mitigation, we are committed to providing the tools required to help the local community address and adapt to urgent global challenges; rapid environmental change and increasing social and economic instability.*

We have two teaching spaces, a library and various indoor and outdoor social and collaborative spaces where students can come and play, read books, make creative projects or simply socialise. Any children or adults from the local community are welcome to use the facilities whenever we are open. The school also offers a variety of more formal activities and classes open to the community such as English language and dance classes, environmental awareness activities, film screenings, IT and creative workshops.

Volunteer Title: Creative education officer

Main objective: The role of the creative education officer is to encourage both creativity and the appreciation of art amongst our students and also to create projects that can engage the wider community. Creativity should be explored so as to help our young students and other library users to develop their abilities and confidence in self expression and to be confident to bring their own creativity into all aspects of their life and learning.

Volunteer responsibilities:

- To prepare and deliver a weekly creative activity for our young students which can be enjoyed by all participants regardless of age and ability such as a hands-on crafts workshop, recycled craft workshop, speed life-drawing both indoors and outdoors, making puppets, vegetable stamps, masks, costumes and so on.
- To maintain and develop the school's art displays and create new ways to display students work both inside and outside the school.
- To create new themed art displays that can be an ongoing project with volunteers and students such as a craft nature garden, a group indoor/outdoor sculpture using recycled or natural materials.
- To teach new art techniques and introduce students to different artists and concepts in art.
- To develop new ideas on how to engage and interest older members of the local community with art and the appreciation of art, such as producing a simple installation in another part of the village.
- To welcome and engage any member of the community who comes to SGM, particularly young users.

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- To motivate any of the students to take part in the activities on offer such as classes, workshops, games, reading or borrowing books.
 - To build a rapport with young people and listen to their concerns
 - To supervise young people and ensure general health & safety and abiding to SGM's code of conduct.
 - To support other volunteers and staff members with their activities as needed.

Essential qualities:

- Be enthusiastic, friendly, a good listener, communicator and a team player.
- Be proficient in Indonesian and/or Javanese language.
- Have enthusiasm for working with young people and for community outreach.
- Be prompt, flexible, have good initiative. Be confident to work independently or in a team.
- Have understanding and respect for local culture and customs.
- Have for passion for art and some experience of engaging young people in creative activities.

Training:

- Be able to attend an initial volunteer orientation session
- Participate in support/information meetings and one-to-one supervision meetings
- Attend relevant training courses/workshops.

Time commitment: 8 – 32 hours per week.

Volunteer hours: 10am - 5pm.

Days: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday.

Benefits: Development of team and leadership skills, taking part in fun activities, assessing training to further personal development, meeting a challenge.

How to apply: Interested volunteers should send a recent CV and short cover letter detailing why you would like to become a volunteer at Sekolah Gunung Merapi, any relevant experience and details of availability to sekolah.gunung@gmail.com.

