



Sekolah Gunung Merapi

Environmental 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: Environmental education officer

Main objective: The role of the environmental education officer is to improve awareness of environmental challenges and environmentally friendly behaviour to our students and local community, and to develop and maintain the school garden and other green spaces at SGM.

Volunteer responsibilities:

- To prepare and deliver a weekly environmental awareness activity for our young students such as through short film and documentary screenings, fun and interactive talks and workshops, litter picking challenges, recycled craft activities, guided nature walks and treasure hunts, plant/flower/vegetable growing competitions, mini-beast hunts.
- To maintain and develop the school's recycling activities and create new environmentally friendly school projects such as compost area, worm bin, insect hotel, rainwater harvesting.
- To create new displays to promote environmental awareness either individually or as a group project with the students and volunteers.
- To create and maintain an interactive school garden and nature garden with focus on organic farming techniques and/or permaculture and to encourage student and volunteer involvement in its development and maintenance.
- To develop new ideas on how to engage and interest older members of the local community in environmental issues.
- To communicate with other staff members and volunteers about the environmental education activities and promote their support.





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- To welcome and engage any member of the community who comes to SGM, particularly young users.
- 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 a passion for nature and some experience of engaging young people with environmental issues.
- Have experience in using or be willing to learn how to use library software (Senayan).

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.

